

# **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)**

## **FAQ's**

**May 27 - May 30, 2026 College Park, MD**

[Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#)

### **Travel: How can I prepare for a relaxed flight?**

Put all important items in your personal item: wallet, phone, phone charger, keys, any medicine, any jewelry, iPad or laptops, all batteries and chargers. (Note: if your carry-on is allowed on the plane, bulky chargers and laptop can be stored there).

A personal item must fit under the seat in front of you.

Be aware of Gate check/planeside check of your carry-on. If this happens, keep keys, wallet, phone charger, power banks, and batteries with you. Keep laptop/iPad with you as well. No batteries can be in the checked carry-on.

Plan to pack light since you need to move your luggage from the hotel (if you stay the night of May 26) to the conference site.

Bring a sweater, jacket or hoodie for the plane. They can be chilly.

Get to airport 2 hours before departure

Remember to empty your water bottle before security. You can refill it after security.

Bring your Real ID or passport

Double check gate and later the gate for connecting flight

Travel from airport to hotels at the University of Maryland, College Park can take one hour

Look at the airport for the appropriate location for taxis or ride shares.

The conference starts early the next day, May 27. (Note: If you are flying on May 27, contact Asha' so she can share information or handouts from workshops that day.)

### **May 27 Conference Begins**

#### **Where and when do I go the conference site?**

Wear comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing (business casual, but jeans and blouse are fine).

Check out of the hotel and take all your belongings with you. Remember to take your phone and other chargers with you. Check the room twice for any forgotten items.

Check in is between 7:15 and 9:30 AM at the **Adele Stamp Student Union**; you will leave luggage in a secure room at check-in and later you will be assigned a room in the Johnson-Whittle Residence Hall in the Heritage Community. The Dining Hall in the Heritage Community.

### **May 30 Conference Ends**

Have luggage ready to go before you head to the conference. Consult with your travel friends to arrange your transportation back to the airport. Remember there may be traffic and you should arrive at the airport 2 hours before takeoff.

### **Suggestions to Make the Most of the Conference**

#### **What tips are there to help me take advantage of this opportunity?**

- Meet new students, not only the ones you travel with.
- Pick 1–3 focus themes (for example: leadership, career skills, advocacy) and use them to choose sessions if there are multiple sessions at the same time.
- If sessions conflict, split up with a friend and compare notes afterward (top takeaways + any resources mentioned).
- At each session, write down one question you want answered—then ask it during Q&A (or follow up after).
- After a session or workshop, introduce yourself to the speaker and ask if they're willing to share a resource list or contact information for follow-up questions.
- Use a quick note format: Big idea • 3 takeaways • 1 quote • 1 action you'll try • 1 person/resource to follow up with.
- Get out of your comfort zone: introduce yourself, join a conversation, and attend at least one session outside your major or usual interests.
- What session was the most meaningful for you and why?
- Within 48 hours, send 1–2 follow-up messages (to a new contact, mentor, or speaker) and choose one action item to try in the next week.
- To build a network for job opportunities, consider connecting with a speaker if a relevant for your career, internship, etc. through Linked-In. State you heard her speak at NCCWSL.
- Take photos, meet new people, and have fun

**Back at Home-** Be sure to thank the AAUW branch that sponsored this opportunity