



2026 National Leadership Conference Housing Frequently Asked Questions

Most questions can be answered by viewing the [NLC page](#) of the FCCLA website.

1. What are the housing policies for the 2026 NLC?

The following items are policies for this year, so please make sure you read them carefully:

- Housing reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- A four-night minimum stay is required at one of the official FCCLA conference hotels. The housing reservation system will enforce this policy.
- It is important that anyone staying in our hotel room block is registered for the conference. All registered attendees are required to stay at one of the official FCCLA conference hotels within our hotel block.
- A cancellation fee of \$450 will be charged to the credit card on file per room cancelled after May 14, 2026.
- Attendees not staying within the official conference hotel block will be assessed a \$125 fee per attendee registration. This policy will not be implemented once the hotel block is completely sold out. Lack of availability of a preferred room type will not provide an exemption to this policy.
- Students competing or running for a National Office are required to stay in the FCCLA conference hotel block or they will not be permitted to run or compete. The “Staying outside of the FCCLA hotel block fee” is not an option.

2. When Can I Make Our Hotel Reservations?

Only registered attendees are eligible to stay within the FCCLA hotel block. Once you are registered for the conference, a registration confirmation email with the hotel reservation information will be sent to the email on file. Please make travel arrangements after hotel reservations are confirmed to avoid any travel change fees. Reservations must be made by June 9, 2026, based on availability. Please note reservation cancellations after May 14, 2026 for any reason will incur a non-refundable fee of \$450 charged to the credit card on the reservation per room cancelled.

3. What are the Housing Reservation Deadlines?

- **May 14, 2026** - Cancellations after May 14 will incur a fee of \$450 to the card on file per room cancelled.
- **June 9, 2026** - Reservation deadline. Any reservation requests after June 9 cannot be guaranteed at the FCCLA conference rate, based on availability.
- **June 19, 2026** - If paying the final bill by check, the check must arrive at your assigned hotel by this date. If paying the final bill with a credit card, not in your possession or a credit card without your name, a credit card authorization form must be submitted to your confirmed hotel by this date.

4. What is the FCCLA Conference Room Rate?

The FCCLA conference hotel room rates can be found on the [Attend/NLC/Hotel Information](#) page on the FCCLA website. The room rates range from \$204 - \$289 per room per night plus tax (15.95%). Conference rates will be honored over the peak conference dates (July 6 - 10). A limited number of rooms are available before and after the conference dates. Room rates may vary based on extended arrival/departures. The room rate cannot be guaranteed after the June 9, 2026, housing deadline.

5. How Do I Make Hotel Reservations?

Your registration confirmation email will include the housing reservation information and instructions. If you do not receive it within 24 hours of submitting your conference registration, please check your junk/spam folder. If you still do not see the email, please notify meetings@fclclainc.org for a copy.

When making hotel reservations, use the online booking link (for booking 1 – 25 rooms) or the housing form (for booking 10 or more rooms). The official housing reservation site can be found by selecting the online booking link in the registration



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confirmation email. The housing form can be requested from meetings@fcclainc.org. Keep in mind that there will be a delay in getting your reservations using the housing form until a valid credit card is secured to guarantee the rooms. You are not guaranteed a guestroom until you receive an acknowledgment email from Orchid with an acknowledgment number.

For the safety and security of all guests and attendees, all individuals staying in each room must be listed exactly as they appear in the FCCLA Portal. FCCLA and Orchid will be doing periodic checks between the registration list and the rooming list to ensure everyone listed on the rooming list is registered for the conference and vice versa.

6. Can I Get Early Arrival Reservations around July 4?

With the United States' 250th celebration taking place this year on July 4, hotel rooms in Washington, DC are expected to be in higher demand, especially for the nights of July 3 and July 4. FCCLA has a limited number of rooms available in our hotel block for those dates.

If you need to stay over July 3 and/or July 4, you may still submit a request through the housing site by selecting those nights as "Waitlist." Orchid will then check with the hotel to confirm whether additional rooms are available and will share the prevailing room rate for those nights. Please note that if rooms can be confirmed, rates will likely be significantly higher than the FCCLA block rate due to demand.

If your group plans to participate in July 4 festivities, we strongly recommend placing your waitlist request as early as possible to increase the likelihood of securing rooms for those nights.

7. How Many People are Allowed Per Room?

A standard King room can accommodate up to two people. A standard two-bedded room can accommodate up to four people. Take note of the maximum guest allowance per room on the housing reservation site. Some rooms with a pullout sleeper sofa can accommodate additional people. Rollaway beds can be ordered through some hotels upon request based on hotel's inventory. Rollaway beds will only be permitted in King rooms at the Capital Hilton, Conrad, Hampton Inn, Le Meridien, and The Mayflower Hotel. As noted, it is extremely important that you make sure all attendee's names are listed on the reservation.

8. Do I need a Credit Card to Make Reservations?

Yes, all reservations must be secured by a credit card to hold the room(s). The credit card on file will not be charged unless the hotel does not receive an alternate payment method either via check or credit card authorization form. See information about paying by check in the question below.

Please note: the credit card on file may be charged a non-refundable fee of \$450 if you cancel the confirmed guestroom(s) after the May 14, 2026 deadline.

If paying the final balance at the hotel with a credit card not in your possession or without your name, you will need to request a credit card authorization form for your confirmed hotel. Please refer to the 2026 NLC Hotel Payments Contact Sheet found in the registration confirmation email to reach out to your selected hotel for the secure link. Complete the secure link with the requested information and return it to your confirmed hotel by June 19, 2026.

If the hotel does not receive the authorization form by June 19, 2026, you will need to provide a valid credit card at check-in.

9. Will the Hotel Accept Check Payments?

Yes, all of the conference hotels will accept checks for final payment if they are received at least 14 days before your arrival or by June 19, 2026. If the hotel receives the check less than 14 days before your arrival, a credit card will need to be provided at check-in. Once the check clears, you can initiate a request for reimbursement with the hotel to the credit card charged.

Please include your reservation confirmation numbers, attendee names, and arrival dates with your check payment to ensure the check is applied to the correct reservation(s). Retain a copy of your check for your records.



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Checks should be made payable to and mailed to the address of your confirmed hotel. If your school requires the hotel to be listed as a vendor, you can request a W-9 for your hotel from fccla@orchid.events. Correct check addresses for each hotel can be found in the 2026 NLC Hotel Payments Contact Sheet in the registration confirmation email.

10. Are Purchase Orders an Accepted Form of Payment?

No, the conference hotels do not accept a purchase order as a form of payment for room reservations. A credit card or check must be provided for payment.

11. Can I Reserve Rooms and Later Change the Names on the Reservation?

Yes, you will have the ability to change the names on your reservation or make edits by modifying your reservation through a link in your acknowledgment email, by emailing fccla@orchid.events, or by calling the call center at 1-833-303-4704 (Agents available Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT). You can change your information through Orchid up to June 19, 2026. After that date, any changes must go through your confirmed hotel after you have received a confirmation number from the hotel. Keep in mind that FCCLA will be reviewing the housing list versus the registration list periodically to ensure only registered attendees are in the FCCLA housing block.

12. Who Do I Call if I Have Reservation Questions?

If you have a question about your room reservation, please call the Orchid Call Center at 1-833-303-4704 Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT. Make sure to provide them with your acknowledgment number.

13. What does it mean if some nights say Waitlisted on the Housing Reservation Site?

If some dates are listed as “Waitlisted” at your selected hotel, check other hotels for available rooms over your entire stay. You can continue to book your reservation with “waitlisted” nights. Orchid will check room availability and if rooms become available, you will be notified by Orchid within two weeks.

14. How do I change hotels?

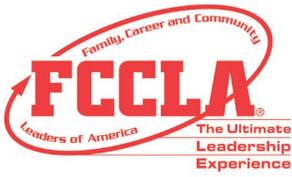
If you made hotel reservations for 1-4 rooms and you would like to change hotels, you can directly change that on the housing website. However, if you made reservations for more than 5 rooms and have a master acknowledgment, you must cancel your reservation in order to change hotels. You can modify reservation names and dates on the housing website but you will not be able to change hotels if you booked 5 or more rooms. Reach out to Orchid at fccla@orchid.events or call 1-833-303-4704 for specific questions.

15. How do I get an invoice for my hotel rooms?

If your school requires an invoice with the exact hotel reservation costs including taxes, please contact Orchid at fccla@orchid.events and they can provide you with a hotel invoice.

16. Does Washington D.C. offer hotel tax exemptions for non-profit organizations?

Certain non-profit organizations and governmental entities that meet specific criteria in the Application for Consumer’s Certificate of Exemption are exempted from Washington D.C. sales and use tax. D.C. law requires that these organizations obtain



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an exemption certificate from the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue. The Department will issue a Consumer's Certificate of Exemption to each organization/entity that qualifies for an exemption. See the application and criteria in the portal under Resources.

If paying in advance, a copy of the certificate should be sent with the check payment or credit card authorization information. Please also bring a copy with you to provide at check-in.

17. What is Porterage and why do I need to pay it?

Porterage fees are fees for handling luggage when there are vehicles with 10 or more people arriving at one time at a hotel. Many Washington, D.C. hotels are unionized and this fee is mandatory for groups of 10 or more arriving at once at those hotels. The fees range from \$9.50 - \$10.60 per person roundtrip. The hotels with this fee are designated with the bus icon on the Hotels at a Glance sheet found on the national website.

Tips to avoid this fee, politely decline help from bellman and handle your own luggage. If arriving by van, mini-bus, or motorcoach with 10 or more guests, vehicles can drop off away from the main entrance of the hotel and guests walk into lobby with their own bags.

QUESTIONS

Have other questions? Reach out to the National FCCLA departments below.

Reservation Questions: For all questions regarding hotel reservations, email FCCLA@orchid.events or call the Orchid Call Center at 1-833-303-4704 Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT.

General Conference Questions: For general conference-related questions contact FCCLA National Headquarters at 703-476-4900 or email meetings@fcclainc.org.