



# Paying for National Convention

National Convention is a wonderful, yearly opportunity for growth and fellowship, not just for Phi Sigma Pi as an organization, but for each Chapter and every Member that attends. Traveling to a different area of the country is definitely exciting, but it can also be a big financial undertaking. This resource provides some ideas for funding National Convention as a Chapter to ensure that your National Delegate and others who wish to attend can get the most out of this opportunity to experience Scholarship, Leadership and Fellowship at the National level.

## Budget Wisely

The right planning and preparation can make the seemingly impossible task of funding registration, travel and other Convention-related expenses possible for your Chapter. Since sending a Delegate to Grand Chapter is a National Constitution requirement, it should be one of the first things you fund using local dues and savings. It might mean making some difficult budgeting decisions, but it will most definitely be worth it in the long run.

## Seek Institutional Support

Many colleges and universities see the developmental value in attending conferences and programs like National Convention and will provide funding to student organizations. Check with the Student Life or Greek Life Offices to find out what funds may be available to supplement available Chapter funds. Remember to ask how and when to apply as funds may be limited.

## Fundraise

Whether partnering with a local business, selling items on campus or seeking donations from Chapter supporters, fundraising efforts should start early. Think creatively as a Chapter about which fundraisers would be most successful and how to get everyone involved.

## Be Smart About Spending

Finding ways to minimize costs for travel and lodging will ensure that you make the most of the funds you have available for National Convention. Take advantage of available cost savings by rooming with another person or shop around for cheaper hotels in the area, and book your flights as early as possible to get the best deals. If driving, consider carpooling or splitting the cost of a rental car with Members from nearby Chapters.



*Members from various Collegiate Chapters at the 2019 National Convention in Orlando, Florida.*