



Chapter & Support Group Leadership Conference

Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan Airport

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The Tourette Association of America will be hosting a Chapter and Support Group Leadership Conference March 4 - 5, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City - Reagan Airport in Arlington, VA. This will be an important opportunity for leaders of Tourette Association affiliates to convene and share ideas on important topics, share best Chapter practices, provide input to the Tourette Association, and work together to set the course for our journey forward.

Attendance includes participation in Chapter & Support Leadership Conference on Monday, March 4, with optional participation in the annual *National Advocacy Day*, scheduled for Tuesday, March 5.

Because this is such an important meeting, **it is critical that at least one delegate per Chapter or affiliated Support Group attend.**

Program: Monday, March 4

Meeting & Greet: 10:00am - Breakfast available

Leadership Conference: 11:00am - 6:00pm

YA/Chapter Leader Luncheon: 12:00pm

Funding

One delegate per Chapter (or affiliated Support Group leader per state without a chapter) may attend at the expense of the Tourette Association of America.

The Association will cover:

- Leadership Conference meals
- Transportation to & from Capitol Hill for *National Advocacy Day*, Tuesday, March 5
- **Hotel stay for one night (March 3 or March 4):**
 - **Arrive Monday, March 4:** Arrive Monday, March 4 for Leadership Conference (Meet & Greet 10am, program starting 11am ET), followed by National Advocacy Day on Tuesday, March 5. Those looking to arrive earlier will be responsible for their own hotel stay on Sunday, March 3.
 - **Arrive Sunday, March 3:** For those who wish to arrive the night before and are not planning to attend Advocacy Day, the TAA will cover the night of March 3 *in lieu of* March 4th. Those arriving on March 3 can additionally attend the informal YA Meet & Greet that evening.

At attendee's own expense (Costs NOT covered by the Tourette Association):

- Travel to & from Arlington, VA
- Any additional hotel nights
- Additional delegates to the Leadership Conference:
 - Any additional delegates may attend at **the chapter's and/or the individual's expense**. A \$375.00 registration fee covers all Leadership Conference meals as well as transportation for the *National Advocacy Day*.
 - **Travel and Hotel are also at the attendee's/Chapter's expense** - hotel cost at the Hyatt Regency is \$235 a night plus tax. Follow the link to book your stay: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WASRC/G-RETT>

National Advocacy Day - Tuesday, March 5

Chapter and Support Group Leaders who opt to stay for Advocacy Day will spend Tuesday, March 5 in meetings with their House Representative and two Senators. Appointments will be made in coordination with Tourette Association's Public Policy Department.

National Advocacy Day advances the legislative priorities of the Tourette Association through in person meetings with Members of Congress and their staffs.

Preceding Advocacy Day, all delegates will need to attend mandatory National Webinar Trainings. During the Webinar, Diana Felner, VP of Public Policy, will provide instructions on how to prepare and conduct your meetings with your Members of Congress.

Schedule/Deadlines

Monday, January 14: RSVP deadline

TBD: Mandatory *National Advocacy Day* Webinar for all those attending Advocacy Day

Sunday, March 3 or Monday, March 4: Arrive at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City for Leadership Conference

Tuesday, March 5: Chapter & Support Group leaders, as well as our Youth Ambassador Training participants, attend *National Advocacy Day* on Capitol Hill for educational meetings with our elected leaders in Congress. Participants will break on their own for lunch. Transportation back to the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Reagan Airport leaves Capitol Hill at approximately 5pm.



2019 Chapter & Support Group Leadership Conference Response Form

*Please complete and return this form to Joseph Grappone at
joseph.grappone @tourette.org or by fax (718) 279-9596 **by Monday, January 14**

Chapter/State: _____

Name: _____

Position/Role at Chapter or Support Group: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I am attending as a: Funded delegate - or - Additional delegate

Arrival Date: 3/3/19 - or - 3/4/19

I will be attending Advocacy Day: YES - or - NO

I will be taking the bus BACK to the hotel from Capitol Hill: YES - or - NO

Dietary Requirements: _____

Meals:

- | March 3 | March 4 | March 5 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Evening YA Reception (7pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast (8:15 - 9:00am) | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy Day Breakfast (7am) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Meet & Greet (10-11am) | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucus Briefing Luncheon (12pm) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch (12pm) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy Day Dinner (6pm) | |

Signature: _____ Date: _____