

ABOUT THE TESOL ANNUAL CONVENTION

1) What are the convention location and dates?

The 45th Annual TESOL Convention and Exhibit will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana in the United States. The convention will take place March 17–19, 2011; with the opening plenary taking place on the evening of March 16, in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center & the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel.

2) How can I get a copy of the Advance Program?

Electronic copies of the Advance Program will be available as of November 17, 2010. Visit www.tesolconvention.org to download a copy.

3) What are the registration rates and how can I register?

Registration opens on November 17, 2010 for members and on December 1, 2010 for non-members.

Full pre-registration is \$320 for members and \$535 for non-members until February 1, 2011. Prices will increase on February 2.

Please visit www.tesolconvention.org to register or to download registration forms.

4) What are the registration hours in New Orleans?

Tuesday, March 15, 3 pm–6 pm
Wednesday, March 16, 7 am–7 pm
Thursday, March 17, 6:30 am–5 pm
Friday, March 18, 7 am–5 pm
Saturday, March 19, 7 am–3 pm

Preregistration is highly recommended to avoid long lines at on-site registration; it is also less expensive than registering on site. TESOL convention badges must be worn at all times in the exhibit hall and while attending sessions. The fee to replace a lost badge is \$25. Pick-up hours are the same as registration hours.

5) How can I reserve a hotel room and what are the rates?

Hotel reservations will be available beginning November 17 for members and on December 1, 2010 for non-members. You will need to register for the convention prior to obtaining a room reservation.

Visit www.tesolconvention.org to book a hotel room or download reservation forms.

Rates in TESOL's official hotels range from \$189-\$249 plus tax, depending on which hotel you choose to stay in.

6) When is the TESOL Job MarketPlace held?

Thursday, March 17, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, March 18, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

7) Can I attend the Job MarketPlace without registering for the convention?

You must be registered for the convention to have access to the Job MarketPlace. Admission is free with your paid registration. For more information visit www.tesol.org/jmp

For more information about posting your resume, call customer service at 410-891-2400, ext. 2420

If you cannot attend the Job MarketPlace but would still like to recruit through TESOL, email careers@tesol.org for information about TESOL's job board.

8) How can I reserve booth space at the exhibit or contact the Exhibits Manager?

Visit the exhibitor page at www.tesolconvention.org for more details; or contact Janet Kowall by phone at (703) 518-2517 or jkowall@tesol.org

9) Where is the exhibit hall located and what are the hours?

The exhibit hall is located in Hall A of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center and is open the following hours:

Thursday, March 17, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday, March 18, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

10) Interpreter Services/Special Needs and Requests

Please contact Convention Services at conventions@tesol.org by February 14, 2011 to request ASL interpreter services or other special needs. Those requesting ASL interpreter services must provide their anticipated schedule when submitting their request.

11) What is the policy for children at TESOL?

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult during the convention. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior during the convention. As a courtesy to all attendees, presenters, and exhibitors; disruptive children, as well as adults, may be asked to leave the convention.

“Clara's Sitting Service” a well-known childcare provider in the New Orleans area, will provide childcare upon request to individual families while they are at the convention. For more information or to make reservations, please call 504-827-5434.

12) Where can I purchase food while at the convention?

Food can be purchased in the exhibit hall or at stands located throughout the center. Additional restaurants are in the food court in the Riverwalk marketplace (attached to the center), at the Hilton and outside the center.

13) Is there parking available at the convention center?

Yes, there are multiple public lots in and around the convention center. Prices start at \$10 per day.

14) I would like information regarding airport transportation

The Louis Armstrong International Airport is convenient; just 15 miles from the Central Business District and French Quarter, it is a quick ride away, whether you go by bus, shuttle, taxi or limousine. For more information visit <http://www.flymsy.com/>

15) Will there be handouts available?

TESOL presenters are not required to provide handouts for their sessions. If handouts are provided, they are the sole responsibility of the presenter.

16) Can I earn academic credit for attending the convention?

Continuing education units (CEUs) and graduate credits can be earned by attending TESOL's 2011 convention. For information, contact TESOL's Education Programs Department at edprograms@tesol.org.

17) How do I get my certificate of attendance?

Certificates of attendance are given with the rest of the registration materials on site. You must attend to receive a certificate.

18) Does TESOL provide awards and grants for attendees?

TESOL-sponsored awards and grants are made possible by the generous support of TESOL members. For more information about the program or to apply, visit www.tesol.org/awards. The proceeds from raffle ticket sales at the convention greatly benefit the awards and grants program. To learn more about this program, plan to attend the workshop "TESOL Awards Are for You" on Friday of the convention. Time and location can be found on the convention Web site or in the Program Book.

19) How can I apply to volunteer at the convention?

Please apply as a convention volunteer at www.tesolconvention.org