

13TH ANNUAL CONVENING

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13th Annual Convening | Memphis, TN | 2026

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WHEN IS CITIES UNITED 13TH ANNUAL CONVENING?

This year's convening will be held **October 20-23, 2026 in Memphis, TN.**

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM CONVENING?

Attendees can expect a dynamic experience that includes plenary sessions, breakout discussions, peer learning opportunities, site visits, One City Basketball game, Sneaker Ball and Awards Gala and meaningful networking designed to highlight what's working across our network.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registration is available through the official [Convening link](#). Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with next steps and event updates.

CAN I TRANSFER MY REGISTRATION TO SOMEONE ELSE?

Some registration transfers may be permitted through October 5, 2026. Sponsored registrations will require approval for transfer. Approval requests should be sent to convening@citiesunited.org

HOW DO I INDICATE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS OR ADA NEEDS?

You will have the opportunity to share dietary restrictions and accessibility needs during registration. Our team is committed to creating an inclusive and supportive experience for all attendees. If you forget to include this information during registration you can email the details to convening@citiesunited.org

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CAN I REQUEST A REFUND?

In our ongoing commitment to satisfaction and excellence, we offer a straightforward refund policy. **We can offer refunds for registrations until September 1st.** Please send inquiries about refunds to convening@citiesunited.org

HOW WILL I RECEIVE UPDATES BEFORE THE EVENT?

All important updates will be shared via email and through the official event app, Whova. Please ensure your registration email is accurate to receive timely communications.

ARE GUESTS ALLOWED TO ATTEND?

This is a curated convening experience. Attendance is limited to registered participants unless otherwise specified.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

For any logistical inquiries regarding the conference not covered in the FAQ, kindly contact convening@citiesunited.org and our team will gladly provide assistance.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This convening is designed for leaders across the Cities United network, including mayors, elected and appointed officials, jurisdiction leaders, young leaders, community-based organizations, nonprofit partners, practitioners, and advocates committed to advancing safe, healthy, and hopeful communities for young Black men and boys.

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WHEN SHOULD I PLAN TO ARRIVE?

We are encouraging attendees to plan to arrive on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 20th and depart on the afternoon of Friday, October 23rd. This will allow you to maximize the learning, experiential, and networking opportunities.

HOW MUCH IS REGISTRATION?

The registration fee for this year's convening is **\$350** for general conference attendees. **Young Leader (attendees under 24 years of age)** registration will cost **\$175**.

This ticket grants access to the complete programming of our 13th Annual Convening to include Plenaries, Breakout Sessions, Exhibition Hall, Site Visits, Networking Events, and Sneaker Ball and Awards Gala.

WHAT COSTS AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR?

Attendees are responsible for arranging and covering their own travel, ground transportation and lodging for the 13th Annual Convening. To support your planning, we will provide a list of recommended lodging at a later date. Attendees are also responsible for the registration fee and any meals not provided at the conference.

WHAT ARE MY PAYMENT OPTIONS?

For registration costs, you may pay via credit/debit card or ACH transfer. Group payment (5 individuals or more) we can produce an invoice. Please submit this [form](#) to request an invoice.

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WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Business casual attire is recommended for all sessions. The Sneaker Ball and Awards Gala is a formal event. Sneakers are preferred, but not required.

WHAT IS THE EVENT APP AND HOW DO I ACCESS IT?

The event app is Whova and it will provide access to the agenda, session sign-ups, and real-time updates. Instructions will be shared prior to the Convening.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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