

## Student Group Registration Guide for NASW-TX Social Work Advocacy Day (SWAD) 2026

[swadtexas.com](http://swadtexas.com)

### **IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE READ!**

**Before registering for Social Work Advocacy Day, all students must check with their university faculty and administration.** Many universities coordinate student attendance and travel plans for SWAD. NASW-TX accepts only one group registration per school, so please confirm whether your program is already organizing a group before taking any action.

If your school is not organizing students, please select one student in your group to serve as the group administrator and complete registration for everyone. Be sure to review this checklist before submitting your [group registration](#). Students attending on their own are also welcome to [register individually](#).

#### **Program Dates:**

- March 27<sup>th</sup>: Submission deadline for [Andrew Marks Student Advocacy Award](#)
  - (Prize: \$150 Visa Gift Card and FREE registration to the 2026 NASW-TX Conference!)
- April 15<sup>th</sup>: SWAD Prep Event [\[Register here!\]](#)
- April 17<sup>th</sup>: Social Work Advocacy Day!

#### **Checklist:**

- Submit your [GROUP REGISTRATION](#) (\$25 per person) before March 27<sup>th</sup>
- Submit your [ADMIN FORM](#) to [tsambrano.naswtx@socialworkers.org](mailto:tsambrano.naswtx@socialworkers.org) by March 27<sup>th</sup>
- [Schedule a group meeting with a legislative office](#) for April 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Preferred timeframe: 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Review NASW-TX Advocacy Resources
  - [NASW-TX 2026 Legislative Priorities](#)
  - [NASW-TX Policy Briefs](#)
  - [NASW-TX Advocacy Guide](#)
  - [89th Legislative Session Summary](#)
  - [NASW-TX Legislative Action Center](#)
  - Download the [NASW-TX SWAD Zoom background](#) for the prep event!
- OPTIONAL: SWAD Rally Speech
  - Students have the opportunity to share a written “speech” on an advocacy topic of their choice during the SWAD Rally (limit one minute per person).



Collaborate with social work student club(s)

- Reach out to your schools social work clubs, Phi Alpha chapter and cohort about their interest in going to SWAD. You can find your schools social work clubs and Phi Alpha Chapter on your schools organization page, containing all of the organizations currently registered on your campus.
- If you need help reaching out to social work clubs and organizations at your school NASW has drawn up an email template that can be used to reach out to organizations [here](#)

Organize group travel plans (carpool recommended)

- Locations: UT Austin (LBJ Auditorium) and Texas State Capitol Austin, TX
- [PARKING INSTRUCTIONS AND MAPS](#)
- Optional: Set up a GroupMe so your group can stay connected and organize: [GroupMe Set Up Guide](#)
- Please Note: folks are encouraged to drive or bus to the Capitol after the morning programming at the LBJ Auditorium has concluded. Walking is not accessible for all groups and therefore not recommended.

Hotel accommodation recommendations (If overnight stay -- not typical):

- [Hampton Inn & Suites Austin @ The University/Capitol](#)
- [Hilton Garden Inn Austin University Capitol District](#)

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