

# NCSA 2025 – “Great Lakes Leadership” CALL FOR PRESENTERS!

The 2025 National Conference on Student Activities (NCSA) will be held at the Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport in Grand Rapids, Michigan on December 5-7, 2025. This year’s conference theme is “**Great Lakes Leadership**”, and the focus of the conference is to prepare all attendees for the road ahead as they prepare for the challenges of today and tomorrow as Advisors, Administrators, Advocates, and Allies of Student Activities. Never before have Student Activities been more important to ensure that the next generation of leaders – our current students – becomes “the heart and soul” of our schools today and is prepared to provide the outstanding leadership our nation will need in the coming decades.

An essential element of the National Conference on Student Activities is the provision of over 30 engaging, empowering, and cutting-edge **Breakout Workshops** that are presented by Student Activity Professionals – just like YOU – from around the nation!



**LINK TO WORKSHOP PRESENTER APPLICATION FORM:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/ncsa-workshops-2025>  
**Application deadline – October 15, 2025**

**Our NCSA 2025 Workshop Presenter application is OPEN!** A link to this online Google Form is provided above and also posted on the NCSA 2025 page of our website at <https://na4sa.org/ncsa/next>. While the deadline for submission of all Workshop Presenter Applications is not until October, we encourage you to complete and submit your application as soon as possible! To ensure a wide variety of Breakout Workshop offerings and in keeping with our theme of “Great Lakes Leadership”, our Michigan hosting team has developed the following five **Workshop Strands** for this year’s National Conference on Student Activities. These strands are provided below, along with ideas for possible sample topic ideas to get you thinking:

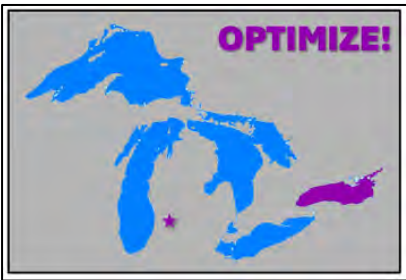
## HEIGHTEN your student activity programs with expanded opportunities for involvement and leadership!



- Possible topics might include:
- Building Trust Through Transparency and Integrity in Leadership
  - Group Dynamics and Leadership
  - Accountability for Student Leaders
  - Events that Boost School Climate and Culture
  - Fostering a Positive Relationship with Building and District Administration
  - Leadership Class Curriculum and Ideas
  - Projects and Ideas to Cultivate Student Involvement and Belonging

We also welcome **YOUR IDEAS** for workshops that would fall under this strand...

## OPTIMIZE your projects and processes by working smarter not harder as you improve the climate and culture of your school!



- Possible topics might include:
- Using AI as a Tool to Enhance Your Activity Programs
  - Strengthening the Bonds Among Officers and Organization Members
  - Personal and Team Success Driven by Embracing Challenges and Continual Improvement
  - Strategic Planning – Mission, Vision, and Goal Setting
  - Improving Club/Activity Structure and Event Planning for Increased Engagement
  - Working Smarter, Not Harder, as an Activity Advisor
  - Celebrating Faculty, Administration, and Staff

We also welcome **YOUR IDEAS** for workshops that would fall under this strand...

## MARKET your activity programs with new and exciting ways to increase visibility, excitement, and participation!



- Possible topics might include:
- Turning Strategic Planning into Tangible Results
  - Engaging Beyond the Campus by Connecting Parents, Community, and Peers
  - Expanding Opportunities for Student Involvement and Leadership
  - Connecting Parents, Community, and the Student Body
  - Increasing Program Visibility and Excitement Through Promotions and Outreach
  - Projects and Events for School and Community Service
  - Marketing Activity Programs to the Student Body, Faculty, and Community

We also welcome **YOUR IDEAS** for workshops that would fall under this strand...



**EMPOWER** your students and yourself with new skills and the confidence to lead!



- Possible topics might include:
- Training and Team Building for Officers and Organization Members
  - Utilizing Student Voice for Positive Change
  - Fostering Authentic School Spirit
  - Understanding Diverse Perspectives and Leading with Compassion
  - The Changing Role of an Activity Advisor within the School and Community
  - Equipping Students with the Skills and Confidence to Lead
  - Strategies to Encourage ALL Student Ideas and Engagement

We also welcome **YOUR IDEAS** for workshops that would fall under this strand...

**SUPPORT** your students, your programs, and yourself with resources and encouragement for success!



- Possible topics might include:
- Advisor Wellness and Self-Care
  - Understanding Inclusion – What Does it Mean and What Does it Look Like?
  - Orienting New Students (or incoming Classes) to Your School and its Culture
  - Guiding Teams Through Transitions to Effectively Manage Change
  - Increasing Retention of Advisors Through Resources, Mentoring, and Encouragement
  - Creating a School of Belonging for all Students
  - Fostering Student Mental Health and Awareness

We also welcome **YOUR IDEAS** for workshops that would fall under this strand...

Once again, we encourage everyone who will be attending our National Conference on Student Activities (NCSA) in Grand Rapids this December to consider applying to present a **Breakout Workshop**. We welcome applications from experienced presenters as well as those of you who have new ideas, programs, and perspectives to share. All of our attendees will benefit from a wide variety of Breakout Workshop opportunities for which the five conference strands above provide a sound structural framework.

**But Wait, There’s More...**  
**We need TABLE TALKS Presenters, too!**

Each year at the National Conference on Student Activities (NCSA), we provide our attendees the opportunity to actively participate in **Table Talks (roundtable) Sessions**, presented by fellow attendees and which relate to one of the focus areas listed below:

- Camps, Leadership Workshops, Retreats, & Conferences
- Tips for Being a Successful Activities Advisor
- Leadership Classes, Lessons, & Resources
- Best Activity, Service Project, Recognition Idea, or Fundraiser
- Creating a Positive School Culture & Climate



Tables for presentations related to each theme will be in the same area of the meeting room to allow participants to easily move among tables within their area of interest. The option to move to a table in another interest area will also be possible. Resources to take home that can be shared with others within their school, state, or other community organizations will be provided. Presenters will be asked to prepare copies of a one-page handout with contact information to share with those attending their sessions.



Once again, we will have **TWO SESSIONS** of Table Talks at this year’s National Conference on Student Activities, providing attendees with multiple opportunities to engage their colleagues in these valuable discussions. However, this means that we’ll need close to **FORTY Table Talks Presenters** to step up to share great ideas and facilitate discussion on a variety of topics! Therefore, we encourage **EVERYONE** who will be joining us in Grand Rapids to consider applying to present a Table Talk! Because there will be two sessions, all Table Talks Presenters will still have the opportunity to attend other Table Talks in the session they are not a presenter for.



LINK TO TABLE TALKS PRESENTER APPLICATION FORM:

<https://tinyurl.com/ncsa-tabletalks-2025>

Application deadline – November 5, 2025

While the deadline to submit your application for presenting a Table Talk is not until Wednesday November 5, we encourage everyone to complete and submit their application as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this opportunity!