



ACHCA Convention Central

Your guide to everything you need for our [Annual Convention & Exposition at Renaissance Orlando SeaWorld, April 20–23, 2026](#). Whether you're an attendee, exhibitor, sponsor, or speaker, this newsletter is your one-stop shop for the latest event updates, registration details, key deadlines, spotlighted programming, and insider tips to make the most of your convention experience.

Upcoming deadlines to note!

W. Phillip McConnell Scholarship Application: January 12, 2026

Early Bird Registration: January 16, 2026

Research Poster Submissions: January 22, 2026

Award Nominations: January 24, 2026

Hollander Scholarship Application: February 3, 2026

Register Today & Save!

Take advantage of early-bird pricing available to all registration types **before January 16, 2026**. This is the **ONLY** opportunity to register at a discount. We are excited to welcome you to Orlando!

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Submit Your Award Nomination

Do you know a colleague, Administrator, Executive Director, partner, or someone who has made notable contributions to post-acute and aging services leadership? Nominate them for an award, presented during the Annual Convention! Nominations are **due January 24, 2026**.

[See categories, guidelines, & nomination forms.](#)



Plan your trip today!

Hotel: The room block at [Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld](#) is filling up. You can reserve your spot with the information shared in the conference registration email confirmation.

Flights: The Closest Airport is [Orlando International Airport](#).

Car Rental: Don't forget that ACHCA members save 25% off base rates at [Budget](#) and [Avis](#) through the Affinity Program!



Programming Sneak Peek

Registrater for ACHCA's 2026 [Summit for Aspiring Health Leaders](#) (formerly known as the National Emerging Leadership Summit, NELS)! **Tailored for individuals with under ten years of experience**, the Summit features intimate, interactive learning, essential industry insights, and rich opportunities for collaboration—helping shape the future generation of aging services leaders.

Session 1: Emerging Leadership in Action

Panel Discussion + Q&A

Hear from dynamic young leaders in the field as they share their journeys, leadership challenges, and strategies for success. Incorporate information from pre-conference survey.

Session 2: Advocacy & Policy Impact

Interactive Workshop with Guest Legislators and Advocates

Learn how emerging leaders can influence aging policy at the local, state, and national levels. Provide practical advocacy information.

Lunch & Themed Discussion Tables

Join a table based on your interests (e.g., Innovation, Workforce Development, Technology, DEI, Mentoring) to share ideas and build connections.

Session 3: Designing the Future of Leadership

Facilitated Small Group Work

Collaboratively develop a vision for leadership in aging services. Groups will share ideas for what they need to lead successfully in the next decade.

Session 4: Leadership Lab – Real-World Challenges

Case-Based Learning & Peer Coaching

Attendees will work through real scenarios, offering solutions and feedback in a peer coaching format.

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[Submit Your Research!](#)

The Poster Exposition at Convention gives undergraduate, graduate students, academics, and healthcare professionals from across the country an opportunity to present their scholarly work on a wide variety of topics from applied research with a faculty member or an innovative project with an ACHCA member. Throughout the two days, participants have the opportunity to interact with other students, faculty, and ACHCA members from across the country.

[Submit your application before January 22, 2026!](#)



Reserve your booth at the Exposition!

The 2026 Expo Hall is shaping up to be our biggest yet! Don't miss the opportunity to get your products and services in front of top decision-makers in long-term care, including healthcare administrators, CEO's and C-Suite Executives, and assisted living professionals. Enhance your visibility and engage directly with leaders in the long-term care industry.

[View the list of current exhibitors.](#)



Scholarships

ACHCA strongly encourages early career Administrators to apply for the [George & Leah Hollander Memorial Scholarship](#). Four individuals will be selected for scholarships. The recipients of this award will receive *up to* \$2,500 in reimbursement towards attending the Annual Convention Meeting including registration, travel, and lodging.

[Learn More & Apply by February 3, 2026.](#)



The [ACHCA-OH Chapter](#) invites students to apply for the [Phillip McConnell Student Scholarship](#) established in memory of Phil McConnell, a past president of the Ohio Chapter who devoted his life to the advancement of long-term care administration and the efforts of ACHCA. Two scholarship recipients will receive up to \$2,000 towards one full conference registration, travel, and lodging to the ACHCA Annual Convention & Expo.

[Learn More & Apply by February 12, 2026.](#)

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