



National Association for
College Admission Counseling

Presidents Council FAQ

1. *What is the Presidents Council?*

The Presidents Council, led by the Council coordinator, consists of the Presidents and the Presidents Elect from each of the 23 NACAC affiliates. They meet to discuss common issues and serve as the liaison between their affiliate and the NACAC Board of Directors and staff.

Members of the Council serve on the committees (7 per committee) who select recipients and advise on policy for the Imagine Grant and the Rising Star awards.

2. *When does the Presidents Council meet?*

The Council meets in person 3 times/year-at the mid-summer Leadership Development Institute (LDI); at the NACAC conference, usually the day before the conference starts; and at the Winter Leadership meeting, usually the first weekend in March.

3. *What happens at Council meetings?*

Council meetings are a combination of educational sessions designed to help you govern and manage your affiliate business; updates from the NACAC Board of Directors and staff; and "class" meetings to share issues and best practices common to each group. Each in person meeting also includes a Presidents Council business meeting.

4. *Are the meetings mandatory?*

All members of the Council are expected to attend each of the Council meetings.

5. *Who pays for attendance at meetings?*

NACAC covers all transportation costs associated with traveling to and from LDI and the Winter Leadership meetings according to NACAC travel policy. NACAC's costs include airfare, train fare or mileage to the meeting; airport parking; mileage or transportation to/from the airport; and checked baggage fees.

6. *What is my "class?"*

Each group of the Council made up of two classes-the Presidents class and the Presidents elect class. At each Council meeting, there will be opportunities for each class to meet as a group and discuss common issues. NACAC staff and either the Coordinator or Coordinator Elect often attend class meetings to take notes and answer questions that might arise.

Classes will traditionally go to dinner as a group one evening of each meeting. These dinners are usually arranged by the member of the class from the affiliate area where the meeting is held. NACAC staff can offer suggestions for restaurants upon request. These are dinners "on your own" and NACAC does not cover any costs associated with the class dinners

7. What does the Council Coordinator do?

The Coordinator is the leader of the Presidents Council and the liaison between the Council and the Board of Directors and NACAC staff. The Coordinator serves as a voting member of the Board of Directors and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board.

8. How is the Coordinator selected?

The Coordinator is elected from the Presidents class to serve one year as the Coordinator Elect. Nominees are introduced at LDI and the vote is held at the pre-conference Presidents Council meeting. The Coordinator and newly elected Coordinator Elect assume office immediately following the Annual Membership meeting of the conference.

9. What is the Imagine Grant Committee?

The Imagine Grant committee consists of 3 from the President Elect class and 3 from the Presidents class and a chair. Each member of the committee serves both years they are members of the Council. The Imagine Grant Committee reviews grant applications and awards the Imagine Grant funds. They also advise on policy regarding grant application, disbursement and reporting.

10. What is the Rising Star committee?

The Rising Star Committee consists of 3 from the President Elect class and 3 from the Presidents class and a chair. Each member of the committee serves both years that they are members of the Council. The Rising Star Committee solicits and reviews nominations for the Rising Star Award. They also advise on policy regarding award criteria

LDI FAQs

1. What is LDI?

The Leadership Development Institute (LDI) is a two-day training and meeting attended by the President, President Elect and Past President from each affiliate.

2. Is it always at the same time?

LDI is typically held during the middle of the third week of July. The location changes each year. (LDI this year is in Louisville, KY on July 19-20, 2018)

3. Who attends LDI?

The presidential team from each affiliate, the nominees for NACAC office and members of the NACAC Board of Directors attend LDI. NACAC standing committee chairs and staff liaison will have a training planning session at the same time and will participate in some of the LDI meeting and activities.

4. What happens at LDI?

Participants will attend workshops intended to help them manage and govern their affiliates; learn of new NACAC initiatives; preview Assembly and Annual Membership meeting issues; meet and spend time with the nominees for NACAC office; and meet with their presidential classes.

5. What are the costs associated with LDI?

Participants are responsible for a small registration fee as well as hotel and some meals.

6. *Who covers the costs?*

NACAC will cover all transportation costs to and from the meeting. Breakfast both mornings, lunch the first day and dinner the last evening and all breaks are included in the registration fee. Typically the affiliate budget will cover any costs not covered by NACAC but travel policies vary by affiliate.

Winter Leadership Meeting FAQ

1. *What is the Winter Leadership meeting?*

The Winter Leadership meeting is similar to LDI. It is a weekend meeting that covers NACAC updates, a Presidents Council meeting and sessions on managing and governing your affiliate.

2. *Where is it held?*

The Winter Leadership meeting is held using meeting space at a Washington DC hotel.

3. *When is the Winter Leadership meeting?*

The Winter Leadership meeting is typically the first Saturday and Sunday in March. Sometimes the meeting is around February 28/March 1. The meeting begins with breakfast on Saturday morning and ends by noon on Sunday. (2019 Winter Leadership Meeting is scheduled for March 3-4, 2019 in Washington, DC)

4. *What happens at the Winter Leadership meeting?*

In addition to a Presidents Council meeting and class meetings, the Winter Meeting includes NACAC updates from the CEO and the Board of Directors and breakout sessions to help you work with your affiliates. There are often outside speakers to talk about topics such as legal issues, financial planning and other subjects of interest. The Imagine Grant and Rising Star committees meet in the late afternoon on the Friday prior to the meeting.

In addition to the Winter Leadership meeting, the Government Relations Committee hosts an advocacy program. Members of the Presidents Council are invited to stay for this and many do join the group on Sunday at noon. The advocacy activities generally finish by late Monday afternoon.

5. *What does the meeting cost?*

There is a small registration fee to help defray the cost of the meeting as well as lodging and some food costs

6. *Who pays for the Winter Leadership meeting?*

Like LDI, NACAC will cover transportation to and from the meeting. Also like LDI, it is usually the affiliate that covers the rest of the cost of attendance including registration, hotel, and food not included as part of the registration fee.