



Know Before You Go

Your Ultimate Guide to All Things National Urban League Conference and Nashville

The 2026 National Urban League Conference is almost here—and Nashville is ready to welcome you! Get set for four powerful days of inspiration, connection, and impact. Whether you're an attendee, speaker, or partner, this essential guide will help you pack, plan, and prepare so you can make the most of every moment. We can't wait to see you there. Let's make it unforgettable—together.

Travel Reminder: REAL ID Required

Heads up! If you're flying to Nashville, all air travelers 18 and older will need a **REAL ID-compliant driver's license** or another acceptable form of ID—like a **U.S. passport**—to fly domestically.

Download the Mobile App & Stay Connected

Whether you're joining us online or in person, the [National Urban League Conference App](#) is your all-access pass to this year's event. Use it to get real-time updates, build your personal schedule, track sessions, and connect with fellow attendees.

For full event listings, speaker bios, and more, be sure to visit the [2026 Conference website](#)—your one-stop guide to navigating our dynamic, four-day experience.

Follow the Conference on Social – #NULCONF26

Let the world know you're headed to Nashville! Use our [Social Media Toolkit](#) for sample posts, tips, and best practices—and download [Shareable Graphics](#) to help spread the word.

During the Conference, post photos, videos, and insights, and be sure to tag your content with **#NULCONF26** across Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Threads, and more.

NEW! Digital Tickets

Attending a luncheon or the Gala? Your event tickets are loaded directly to the unique QR code on your attendee badge. Simply have your QR code scanned at the door for entry.

Need to transfer a ticket to another attendee? Visit the Digital Ticket Help Desk located near Registration, and our team will be happy to assist.



What to Pack

The official attire for the Conference is **business casual**. Suit jackets are not required unless noted. You'll have the opportunity to meet top leaders and influencers, celebrities, prospective employers, and more. Remember to dress the part and leave the best impression! However, there are exceptions:

Thursday is HBCU, College & Divine Nine Day!

Rep your school, sorority, or fraternity by wearing your colors, letters, pins, scarves, or other paraphernalia. Whether you're an HBCU or college alum, a member of the Divine Nine, or both, come ready to show your pride and celebrate US!

Urban League Live: Bowling, Boots & Southern Roots

Join us Thursday, July 30 for a fun-filled Nashville experience featuring music, entertainment, bowling, and Southern hospitality. **Come dressed in your best denim and bling, put on your cowboy boots**, and get ready to hit the floor!

Whitney M. Young, Jr. Awards Gala

Join us Friday, July 31 for an inspiring evening honoring leaders who champion Black empowerment. **Black tie/formal attire is required** for this signature celebration of service and impact.

Power Walk with Marc

Start your Saturday with purpose! Join National Urban League President and CEO Marc H. Morial for the annual Power Walk with Marc—a morning of movement, connection, and community. **Don't forget to pack your sneakers, sportswear, and water bottle** and meet us Saturday, August 1 at 6AM for a refreshing walk-through downtown Nashville.

State of Black America® Official Release

Be part of a milestone moment as the 50th edition of the acclaimed *State of Black America®* report is unveiled during Thursday's Opening Plenary. Titled *America at 250: Is the American Dream Dead?*, the 2026 report examines whether the nation has fulfilled its promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—and explores what it will take to ensure opportunity remains within reach for future generations.



Summer in Nashville: What to Expect & How to Stay Comfortable

Nashville in late July and early August is hot, sunny, and humid, with temperatures often reaching the upper 80s and 90s. Afternoon thunderstorms can pop up with little warning, so it's best to come prepared. Here are a few tips to help you stay cool and comfortable during the conference:

- Stay hydrated throughout the day
- Pack a small umbrella or light rain jacket for occasional summer showers
- Wear sunscreen if you'll be spending time outdoors
- Choose light, breathable clothing for daytime activities
- Bring a portable fan or cooling towel to help beat the heat
- Dress in layers—meeting rooms and convention spaces can be heavily air-conditioned
- Wear comfortable shoes—you may be walking between conference events and exploring downtown Nashville
- Enjoy Music City and make the most of your conference experience!

Explore Nashville

Make the most of your time in Nashville. Click [HERE](#) to explore local restaurants, attractions, experiences, and special offers curated for conference attendees.

Visit the Frist Art Museum

Conference attendees receive 50% off admission to Nashville's renowned Frist Art Museum from July 26–August 2, 2026. Simply show your conference badge at admission to receive the discount.

Special Offer from the National Museum of African American Music

Explore the nation's only museum dedicated to preserving and celebrating the music genres created, influenced, and inspired by African Americans. Show your Conference badge and receive 10% off general admission.

Shop NULStore.org

Stock up on Urban League swag before the Conference! Visit NULStore.org to shop apparel, accessories, and more that celebrate the spirit of the Movement.

While there won't be an official conference bag this year, you can choose from a variety of Urban League totes and bags available online or at the on-site e-store.

See you soon in Nashville!