SACNAS Press Pass Policy

SACNAS welcomes qualified members of the press to its 2013 National Conference, October 3-6, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 200 East Market Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205: [https://sacnas.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=60](https://sacnas.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=60)

We offer press passes to qualified professional journalists representing media organizations for the express purpose of gathering news and information to produce media coverage of our national conference, to add value for exhibitors and sponsors, and to help promote the mission of SACNAS: to foster the success of Hispanic/Chicano and Native American scientists, from college students to professionals, in attaining advanced degrees, careers and positions of leadership in science.

If you are issued a press pass, we will be happy to work with you to arrange interviews with exhibitors, sponsors, speakers, SACNAS board members and attendees. The conference will have a press room available.

SACNAS reserves the right to offer or restrict press passes on a case-by-case basis.

**PRESS PASS REQUIREMENTS**

Press passes are available to professional journalists affiliated with recognized and relevant media outlets. The press pass application is attached to this policy. If you have questions, please contact Sara Clarenbach, J.D., SACNAS Director of Communications, at sara@sacnas.org or by telephone at (831) 425-1775.

**Non-local media:**

In order to ensure that you qualify for a press pass before you incur travel time and expenses to San Antonio, non-local media must pre-apply for a press pass. We must receive your completed application no later than Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 5:00 pm Pacific time. We will inform you by e-mail whether or not your application has been approved, and if so, where you may pick up your press pass and press kit at the Convention Center.

**Local media:**

Local media may pre-apply for a press pass on or before the above application deadline, or may apply onsite at the Convention Center.

Please provide the following when submitting your application:

- **Professional journalists and editors employed by media organizations:** a recent and substantive bylined article in a print publication, website or blog, which clearly displays authorship.

- **Freelance journalists:** documentation of a specific assignment to cover a conference event for a relevant print publication, website or blog.

- **Television and/or radio crews:** must present valid press credentials from their respective media outlets.
A PRESS PASS DOES NOT COVER MEALS AT THE CONFERENCE

Keynote addresses take place during lunch and dinner in the Convention Center. Registered conference attendees are entitled to eat conference meals at no extra charge. However, non-registered individuals, including press pass holders, must pay $27/lunch and $35/dinner (the actual cost to SACNAS) in order to eat the meal. As a press pass holder you are welcome to attend the lunch and dinner keynotes at no charge provided that you do not consume food or beverages. If you elect to eat lunch or dinner, please inform us during check-in. You must pre-pay for your meal(s) at check-in, by check or credit card. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

ONSITE EXPECTATIONS

Press pass holders must wear their press badges at all times when attending sessions and/or when covering events.

SACNAS strictly adheres to its protocols regarding Media Consents from conference attendees. If an attendee indicates to reporters, camera crews and/or photographers that he or she does not wish to be interviewed or photographed, no interviews may be conducted; no photographs or video footage may be taken of that attendee.

SACNAS staff and volunteers, wearing “SACNAS Press Partner” badges, will be available to accompany reporters, photographers and camera crews, if desired, to make introductions to conference participants and to provide information about SACNAS and the conference. Please let us know at check-in if you would like to be accompanied by a SACNAS Press Partner.

PRESS KITS

Press kits will be available only for members of the press holding press passes. Others are asked to visit the SACNAS website for information: www.sacnas.org

Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you.

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