

LOC 2026 Spring Conference FAQs

Q: Where and when is the conference this year?

A: The conference will be held at the Pendleton Convention Center, Pendleton, OR, April 23-24, 2026.

Q: When does registration open?

A: Registration opens on February 18 at 8 a.m. The early registration rate will be available until April 10, at which point it will increase by \$25.

Q: How do I register?

A: Registration is done online; the link will be posted on our [conference webpage](#) on February 18 at 8 a.m. Additional registration-specific FAQs are below.

Please note: If you cannot use the online registration system, please email loc@orcities.org or call 503-588-6550, and we will assist you in registering.

Q: Can you tell me about scholarship information ?

A: Scholarships are open from January 6, 2026 to January 30, 2026. Scholarships can potentially cover the cost of registration, lodging, and mileage reimbursement. Scholarships do not cover the cost of workshops or tours. Scholarships do not cover guests.

If you have applied for a scholarship, you will be notified via email before registration opens.

For questions, please contact Lisa Trevino – ltrevino@orcities.org.

Q: Can you tell me more about the city awards?

A: The city awards will be distributed during the spring conference. Award nominations open on January 6, 2026, and will close on March 20, 2026.

Please visit our website for more information and to access the nomination forms. For questions, please contact Lisa Trevino – ltrevino@orcities.org.

Q: How much does it cost to attend?

A: There are several different registration types. Below are the different registration types to help you determine your registration fee:

REGISTRATION TYPES

Member Registration - \$350 (\$375 after April 10)

This rate is a benefit of your city's current LOC membership. This includes all city officials for Oregon cities (elected and staff).

Non-Member Government Registration - \$400 (\$425 after April 10)

If you are not with an Oregon city but are an elected official or staff person for another government agency, you should choose this option.

LOC Business Partner & Associate Member Registration - \$450 (\$475 after April 10)

Please use this option only if you are a 2024 LOC Business Partner or Associate Member. If you are unsure if you are an LOC Business Partner, please email Kevin Toon at ktoon@orcities.org.

Non-Member Corporate Registration - \$550 (\$575 after April 10)

If you are not with an Oregon city or other government agency, please choose this option. Alternatively, you may be interested in opportunities to participate through our Sponsorship or Trade Show options. Please contact Kevin Toon at ktoon@orcities.org to learn more about sponsor and vendor opportunities at the LOC Spring conference.

Student Registration FRIDAY ONLY - \$175 (\$200 after April 10)

Please use this option only if you are a student and want to attend Friday only.

Student Registration FULL CONFERENCE - \$350 (\$375 after April 10)

Please use this option only if you are a student and want to attend the full conference.

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Guest Registration (full conference) - \$250

This covers your guest attending the full conference, all meals, and offsite activities. This does not include attending any paid workshops. A guest cannot be another LOC member (elected or staff from a city).

Guest Registration (Thursday only) - \$50

This covers your guest attending the Thursday networking reception. A guest cannot be another LOC member (elected or staff from a city).

Mayors Workshop (OMA) - \$75

This is a two-hour workshop hosted by the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA). This workshop will take place on Thursday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **You must be a current mayor to attend this workshop.**

Workshops are not included in the price of registration, and are based on availability. You will need to register for this in advance to ensure a spot.

Managers Workshop (OCCMA) - \$75

This is a two-hour workshop hosted by the Oregon City/County Managers Association (OCCMA). This workshop will take place on Thursday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Workshops are not included in the price of registration, and are based on availability. You will need to register for this in advance to ensure a spot.

Councilors Workshop - \$75

This is a two-hour workshop hosted by the League of Oregon Cities. This workshop will take place on Thursday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Workshops are not included in the price of registration, and are based on availability. You will need to register for this in advance to ensure a spot.

Tours - \$35

Tours are not included in the price of registration, and are based on availability. You will need to register for this in advance to ensure a spot. Tours will take place on April 23, 2026 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Q: What about hotel rooms?

A: Hotel reservations are not included in the cost of conference registration and must be made separately from this registration system. LOC has secured a block of rooms at various hotels within the city. In order to obtain this list, you must first register for the event.

****Once you've registered, you will receive an email with hotel booking information. Please know that these emails are sent manually and will be sent to you in the order in which the registrations are received. ****

Q: Can you tell me more about cancellations?

A: If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to send a substitute. If you cannot send a substitute, the LOC will refund 100% of your registration fee, less a \$25 cancellation fee if written notice is received between February 18 – March 5, 2026; the cancellation fee will increase to \$50 if written cancellation is received between March 6 – April 2, 2026. You will receive a refund, less the cancellation fee, if your registration was paid. You will be billed for the appropriate cancellation fee if your registration is unpaid. Refunds cannot be issued after April 2, 2026. If your registration was not paid and you cancel after April 2, 2026, you will be billed for the full registration amount.

Cancellations are not accepted by phone. Please send cancellations and substitution notices to loc@orcities.org. For the full cancellation policy, [CLICK HERE](#).

Q: I am unable to attend the full conference but am interested in attending one of the Thursday workshops. Can I just attend one of these without registering for the conference?

A: Yes. You will see fee options that include registering for various workshops only. If you are not attending the full conference but wish to attend one of these events, please select from those options. Events not listed with the option of 'only' are not available for such. Workshops include: Mayors, Managers and Councilors Workshops.

Q: I only want to attend a Thursday workshop and one of the afternoon sessions. Can I do that without registering for the whole conference?

A: No. You may register for ONLY a workshop, but in order to attend any additional conference events, you must register as a full attendee.

Q: Do you have partial or single-day registration fees?

A: This is not an available option. You will need to register for the full conference if you would like to attend any part in addition to a workshop-only event.

Q: I am a speaker at the conference. Do I still need to register?

A: Speakers are invited to attend conference sessions held on the same day of their presentation. Speakers are also invited to attend anything on the day they present that does not require an additional fee. You do not need to register; an LOC staff member will do that for you.

On-line Registration Process – FAQs

If you have not used the LOC registration system, read the [How to Register for LOC Events](#).

Q: How do I know what my username is?

A: Each year, the LOC reaches out to every city to get updated contact information for members. The email address your city provided is the one we used to create your username. If you are unsure which email

address the LOC has on file as your primary address, you can use the City Directory tool to check, or contact us by phone (503-588-6550) or email (loc@orcities.org), and we will be happy to assist you.

Troubleshooting Tips:

Once a username is created, it cannot be used by another person, even if the first user leaves their position with the city – each person must have a unique username. For that reason, persons with generic emails (i.e., mayor@cityxyz.gov; cityrecorder@cityname.gov; etc.) or persons sharing an email address with others (i.e., citycouncil@cityname.gov for all councilors) have not had an automatic account created for them. Those with generic or shared email addresses should call 503-588-6550 or email loc@orcities.org to update their email addresses and create a user account.

If you are having trouble logging in or receiving a message that the user account already exists, you may be newer to your role than our latest round of username assignments has captured. *You will not be able to create your own user account.* If you've been in your position for less than a year and have not registered online for any events, you will likely not have an active account assigned. Please contact the LOC office using the information above, and we will get that fixed!

Q: What about my password?

A: Existing accounts may click the 'forgot password' link to update their passwords. If you are locked out of your account – just call 503-588-6550 or email loc@orcities.org, and we can unlock your account and reset your password.

Q: Where do I go to log in? I don't see a button.

A: Please use the link on the [Spring Conference webpage](#).

Any questions, please contact us at 503-588-6550 or email loc@orcities.org for assistance.