

# KPhA Annual Meeting FAQs

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**Don't see your question listed here?**

**Please send an email to [jen@ksrx.org](mailto:jen@ksrx.org) so that we can add it!**

## ***Section 1 - Conference Overview & What to Expect***

### ***What should I expect for each day of the conference this year?***

Please read below for a detailed explanation of each day of the KPhA Annual Meeting & Trade Show. This is good for first timers and seasoned convention attendees alike!

### ***Tuesday – Kick-off Zoom for First-time Attendees***

**Student/First-time Attendee Q&A:** This pre-conference virtual event will give a high-level overview of this year’s KPhA Annual Meeting & Trade Show and introduce you to the various networking activities at the conference. Students will get tips on meeting their sponsor and how to connect with other mentors throughout the weekend. It’s your chance to ask any questions of the KPhA staff and/or board leadership.

### ***Thursday: Celebrating Our President***

We encourage those attending the **PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION** to wear business-professional attire. The event generally starts 6:45 p.m. and celebrates the outgoing KPhA President.

**Highlights:** Here are details of a few other events:

- **KPF Annual Meeting:** Past KPhA Presidents (who make up the KPF membership) gather for their yearly business meeting.
- **KPF Wine Tasting Fundraiser:** A casual event to raise money for Kansas Pharmacy Foundation. \$100 per person, space is limited.

### ***Friday: Learning and Networking Activities***

Friday is our first full day of the conference, which features separate “breakout sessions” to deliver the most value to all our attendees! Dress in casual business attire for most of the day. Stop at the registration desk to pick up your name tag and other materials. The day will fly by with programming developed by the Education Committee but be sure to take in the trade show over the lunch break and get to know some of the vendors who serve Kansas pharmacies. You also will get a nice break from 5-6 p.m. to change into more comfortable clothing (jeans, shorts, leggings, sneakers, etc., are all perfectly appropriate!) and get ready for the Student-Sponsor Dinner, followed by KNP Game Night!

**Highlights:** Here are details of a few can’t-miss events:

- **Trade Show:** vendors will showcase their businesses over the lunch hour.
- **Poster Presentations:** students and residents will highlight their finished research projects.

- **Silent Auction & Raffle:** get your bids in or place your tickets for items up for grabs in this year's auction benefiting the Kansas Pharmacy Foundation. Drawing takes place Saturday night.
- **PAC Bourbon Tasting Fundraiser:** A casual event to raise money for the KPhA PAC. \$100 per person, space is limited.
- **Student-Sponsor Dinner:** Students/Sponsors get to know each other over dinner and can form teams for Game Night.
- **KNPN Game Night:** Game Night can be indoors or outdoors depending on the location of the conference and what the Engagement Committee (Party Planners) have come up with.
- **After Hours Social:** TBD – the Engagement Committee is working on ideas for this.

### **Saturday: Learning and Networking Activities and Awards**

**Educational sessions highlight a busy Saturday morning and afternoon but will lead to an exciting evening as we celebrate the Best of Kansas Pharmacy.** Attendees will meet in the conference center wearing business-casual attire. The day will fly by with some amazing programming tracks (developed by the Education Committee) specifically for students, technicians, and pharmacists. The KPhA Annual Business Meeting takes place over the lunch hour. The conference keynote will wrap up the day's educational programming. CPESN Kansas hosts a Happy Hour recruitment for Kansas pharmacy owners. A short break allows time to refresh and change clothes for evening events, including the awards banquet.

**Highlights:** Here are details of a few can't-miss events:

- **Annual Business Meeting:** this is your chance to vote on yearly business before the Board of Directors and features installation of newly elected officers.
- **Silent Auction Cocktail Hour:** place your final bids or get those last-minute tickets for items up for grabs in their year's auction benefiting the Kansas Pharmacy Foundation.
- **Awards Banquet:** get dressed up in cocktail attire and celebrate the best of Kansas Pharmacy.
- **After Party:** TBD - the Engagement Committee is working on ideas for this.

### **Sunday: Final Day**

**Sunday is our last day together.** Everyone will meet at the conference center in business-casual attire for our final three general-session CEs before heading home.

**Highlights:** Here are details of a few can't-miss events:

- **Self-Care Challenge:** APhA-ASP and NCPA student chapters from the KU School of Pharmacy go head-to-head to see who has superior knowledge of OTC products in a Jeopardy-style contest. Each team of three can recruit one pharmacist to be on their team.

## **Section 2 – General Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***What is covered in the price of registration? Why is it so much?***

This is a question that we get often. It is expensive to attend conferences, but we want you to know what the money is going toward. First, the cost of registration includes four meals plus snacks served by the conference hotel. Meals cost anywhere from \$18 to \$50 and have a 30% industry markup added on top for the service and preparation of that meal. We do our best to keep the meal costs as low as possible. Next, the fee covers CE program certification/collection, printed materials, meeting space rentals, and more that you see throughout the conference. The actual cost of conference attendance is around \$650/person, but with the help of volunteers, sponsorships, and donations, we can save attendees anywhere from \$115 to \$215 per person off their registration cost.

### ***This is my first Conference! Anything I should know?***

We are dedicated to making it a warm and welcoming environment for all our attendees – first-time or otherwise! Please read Section 1 for a detailed outline of what to expect each day this year.

### ***What do I need to bring with me?***

A willingness to have fun and try new things!

KPhA Annual Meeting Packing List:

- Sweater/jacket (meeting rooms can get chilly with the summer AC cranked!)
- Business cards (optional)
- Laptop/tablet/phone to access slides
- Notebook/notepad
- Water bottle
- Questions/notes for mentors/mentees
- Questions/notes for academy chat
- Extra cash for various fundraisers

### ***What kind of things can my company sponsor to put in the tote bags?***

Any kind of small token or goodie works for tote bag giveaways! To sponsor something, you must have at least 300 of each item to have enough for everyone. In the past, cookies, candy, stickers, soap, lotion, coffee mugs, sticky notes, pens, and koozies have been very popular. Event sponsors are asked to email a description of their item to [jen@ksrx.org](mailto:jen@ksrx.org) and send them to the KPhA office by July 31, 2026. Thank you for your interest!

### ***What can we donate for the Silent Auction/Raffle or Wine/Spirits Pull?***

Please see Section 5.

### **Section 3 - Student Frequently Asked Questions**

#### ***How much money is reimbursed through student sponsorships?***

There are no reimbursements. To encourage the attendance of our future pharmacists, KPhA only charges a nominal fee of \$25 to attend the conference. We ask our generous pharmacists to sponsor the other \$75 for the student to attend the conference. The sponsorship fee we collect helps offset food/beverage costs associated with lunches/dinners that students attend during the weekend and isn't returned to students. Additionally, pharmacists can choose to sponsor hotel room nights for students.

### **Section 4 - Hotel Frequently Asked Questions**

#### ***Where are we this year?***

The 2026 KPhA Annual Meeting and Trade Show will take place at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, 400 W. Douglas, Wichita, KS. Call 800-325-0720 to make reservations or visit <https://bit.ly/kpha26-hotel>. **Reservations must be made by Saturday, July 25!**

#### ***Do we get a special rate?***

Yes. Be sure to ask for the Kansas Pharmacists Association rate if you make reservations over the phone. There are several room options:

- 1 King Bed Deluxe – \$129/night
- 2 Queen Beds Deluxe – \$129/night
- 2 Room, 1 King Bed Suite – \$149/night
- 2 Room, 2 Queen Beds Suite – \$149/night
- 1 King Bed Lofted Suite – \$199/night

Please note: The parking garage across the street from the hotel has a fee of \$12/day.

#### ***What is the best way to get to the hotel from the airport?***

Uber and Lyft are both available from Eisenhower National Airport to the conference hotel. You also can ask the hotel for suggestions on local drivers who might have more competitive pricing than typical ride-share companies.

## Section 5 –Silent Auction Frequently Asked Questions

### **How do I donate an item to the KPF Silent Auction/Raffle?**

We are currently seeking generous donations for the KPF Silent Auction/Raffle. This event plays a crucial role in supporting scholarships and educational opportunities for our members. If you or your pharmacy are interested in donating to the silent auction, please follow these instructions:



1. Please click the image to fill out the donation form for a monetary donation.
2. If donating an item, please email [jen@ksrx.org](mailto:jen@ksrx.org) to describe the item and give an approximate value. Also provide a photo of the item.
3. You may bring the item to the registration table at the conference; or, by Aug. 1, 2026:
  - coordinate with KPhA staff to arrange a pick-up
  - drop it off at the KPhA office in Topeka
  - ship it to arrive no later than Aug. 1, 2026, to the following address:  
Kansas Pharmacy Foundation  
Attn: Silent Auction  
700 SW Jackson St., Ste 601.  
Topeka, KS 66603

### **What kind of items should be donated?**

Thank you for your interest in supporting KPF! All donations are appreciated – please see below for suggested donations based on previous years:

- Pharmacy Memorabilia/Collectibles
- Designer Bags/Wallets/Apparel
- Artwork
- Handmade Crafts (quilts, etc)
- Time Shares/Vacations/Outings
- Sports Memorabilia/Equipment
- Framed Posters/Prints
- Lottery Tickets
- Concert Tickets
- KU/KSU Tickets
- Chiefs/Royals/Sporting Tickets
- Gift Certificates

### **What can be donated for the Wine/Spirits Pull?**

Bottles of wine or liquor at varying price points are accepted. We generally like to have 50 bottles to offer and accept monetary donations to purchase what we need.

## Section 6 – Dress Code Frequently Asked Questions

### What do I wear?

#### Thursday

**Evening Dress Code:** Business professional (dress, suit, etc.)

#### Friday

**Daytime Dress Code:** Business casual (ie. Blouse, polo shirt, slacks, etc)

**Evening Dress Code:** Comfy/casual (shorts, jeans, t-shirts, leggings, tennis shoes, sandals, etc). We suggest wearing your favorite sports team apparel to represent your school/hometown at Game Night and the After Hours event!

#### Saturday

**Daytime Dress Code:** Business casual

**Evening Dress Code:** Business professional or cocktail attire (ex. Cocktail dress, suit, etc)

**After Hours Dress Code:** Comfy/casual

#### Sunday

**Daytime Dress Code:** Business casual

## Section 7 - Convention Food/Menu Frequently Asked Questions

### ***Are meals included in registration?***

During the conference, meals will be provided. Breakfast each morning is available at the hotel restaurant. Please note that the list below is subject to change based on budget and attendance considerations as the event approaches. **Please indicate on your registration form which meals you plan to attend!**

### ***I'm a picky eater (or have a dietary restriction) – what kind of food will be served?***

To the VERY picky eaters (we get it!): If one of the meals is not to your taste (conference food is not for everyone), there are tons of tasty options available near the hotel. You may also want to pack some snacks to have in your room in case you are on a tight budget! For those with dietary restrictions, please note those as part of your online registration so we can ensure your meals are adequately prepared. We will supply cards with your registration packet to use during meals to indicate you get a specialized plate. Give that card the server for the meals you attend. Buffet-style meals will have specially designated items for those with restrictions.

### ***What's on the menu?***

Convention menus are still being finalized, but as soon as we know the specifics on what will be served for each meal, we will provide a list on the conference website so you can plan accordingly!