

2012 E-Monitor: Applying for Convention Housing and Credentials

Countdown to the General Election

January 20, 2012

The presidential nominating conventions are election-year events held by each party to formally select the party's nominee for president.

In 2012, the Republican Party will hold its nominating convention in Tampa, Florida, and the Democratic Party will hold its convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. While the Foreign Press Center plans to operate a filing center for foreign journalists at both events, journalists must apply for credentials and housing on their own.



Press Credentials for Both Conventions

The U.S. Congressional Press Galleries are responsible for credentialing media for both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. The Galleries are also responsible for the allocation of workspace. To apply for credentials or workspace, submit your application to the appropriate gallery:

DAILY PUBLICATIONS (NEWSPAPERS, WIRES, WEBSITES)

<https://ebbs.senate.gov/convention/daily.cfm>

PERIODICALS

<https://ebbs.senate.gov/convention/periodical.cfm>

PHOTOGRAPHERS

<https://ebbs.senate.gov/convention/photo.cfm>

RADIO AND TELEVISION*

<http://radiotv.house.gov/conventions.shtml>

***Note:** There are **THREE** possible applications for broadcasters. Determine your coverage needs and apply accordingly.

APPLICATION A: Credentials only

APPLICATION B: Credentials and workspace

APPLICATION C: Credentials, workspace, and sky box/stand-up position requests

WORKSPACE APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2012

CREDENTIAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2012

Republican National Convention

August 27-30, 2012
St. Pete Times Forum
Tampa, Florida
[RNC Media Walk-Through Guide](#)

Housing

The Republican National Committee has reserved 15,000 rooms in approximately 100 Tampa Bay area hotels for the convention. Rooms will only be released to credentialed and approved media. An application does not guarantee housing in the RNC block.

Application: <http://www.GOPConvention2012.com/media/hotelform>
User: gopconvention
Password: tbhotel

RNC HOUSING APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2012

Democratic National Convention

September 3-5, 2012
Time Warner Cable Arena
Charlotte, North Carolina
[DNC Media Walk-Through Guide](#)

Housing

The Democratic National Committee has reserved 80 percent of the rooms in the greater Charlotte area for the week of September 3, 2012. Media block rooms will only be released to credentialed and approved media. An application does not guarantee housing in the DNC block.

Application: www.myeventsphere.com/DNC2012mediarequest
DNC HOUSING APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 29, 2012

The E-Monitor is also available online at <http://fpc.state.gov/c46087.htm>
Contact the Foreign Press Center at FPCElections2012@state.gov with questions