

GOTA Annual Conference 2026
October 9-11, 2026
UGA Continuing Education Center & Hotel
Athens, GA
Student Volunteer Nomination Form

Overview

Student volunteers provide an invaluable service to the GOTA Annual Conference Planning Committee through their enthusiasm and skilled service to the profession. This year the Conference Planning Committee is seeking fifteen student volunteers from the entry level occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant programs in Georgia to serve as active members of the Planning Committee. These student members of the Planning Committee will work closely with other committee members in the planning and execution of the Annual Conference. Student members of the Conference Planning Committee will have responsibilities during the Annual Conference but will also have reduced cost for registration for the conference.

Benefits of serving as a member of the Conference Planning Committee

- Reduced registration cost to attend the 2026 GOTA Annual Conference
- Opportunity to network with leaders and members within GOTA and with other OT and OTA students
- Opportunity to further develop leadership skills within the profession
- Contribute to the success of the conference
- Looks great on your resume!

Potential roles for student volunteers

See attached Student Volunteer Job Descriptions document

Nomination Process

This student will collaborate with the Program Director or designee to complete this nomination form and return it to the planning committee. In the event that more than fifteen students submit a volunteer nomination form, committee placements will be determined on a first come/first serve basis. Any students nominated who are not placed into a role will have first opportunity to assume any additional roles that arise as we plan for the 2026 conference.

Student Instructions

1. Ensure your GOTA Membership is up to date. You must be a member of GOTA to volunteer.
2. Complete Section A & B of this form
3. Have Program Director or designee complete Section C
4. Return nomination form, with all signatures, no later than **September 15th:**
pwatford@augusta.edu

Section A (to be completed by student nominee)

Student Name:

Academic Program/Institution:

Student email:

Cell phone/preferred phone:

T-Shirt size:

Signature: _____

Section B (to be completed by student nominee)

The following roles are available for student volunteers. See attached Student Volunteer Job Description document for more details about each role. Please rank the following list in order of preference, with 1 being your most preferred role and 6 being your least preferred role.

_____ Registration

_____ Exhibitor/Poster Coordinator/T-Shirt Distribution

_____ Room Set-Up/Navigation

_____ Technology

_____ CEU Support

_____ Photographer

Section C (to be completed by Program Director or designee)

I support the nomination of _____
(student name) for consideration as a member of the 2026 GOTA Annual
Conference Planning Committee.

Print Name

Signature