

KSMA FORUM



Kentucky Society of
Medical Assistants
Holds 63rd Annual
Conference at the
Clarion Hotel, Lex-
ington, Kentucky,
April 17-19, 2026

This issue of the Forum will
include an overview of this
upcoming conference.

GREAT NEWS!

Through a generous donation, this year all meals are included with your registration at no additional cost! This is the first year we have been able to have this. So once in the hotel, you do not have to leave unless you need to. Also, the registration fee is lower this year!!!!

We have a good line-up of speakers on various topics to enhance your medical knowledge. Tell you boss you will be expanding your knowledge by attending and maybe they will pay your registration since you will be a greater asset to their practice.

Conference Chair and Co-Chair



Terri Slinker

Tracy Phillips



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Special points of interest

- All meals included with registration fee this year
- Help Needed with Goody Bags
- Check out Archive pictures as keepsakes
- Welcome Party attire



Photo from President's Banquet

Kentucky Society of Medical Assistants sends 3 delegates to the 69th AAMA Conference in Arlington, VA

The delegates representing Kentucky in the AAMA House of Delegates were Rina Weekley, President, Jessica Moore, President-Elect, and Tammy Yates, delegate elected at the annual meeting.

The Kentucky Society of Medical Assistants were awarded with the 2025 Membership Recruitment Award.

The KSMA delegates not only attended the House of Delegates but were afforded the opportunity to attend CEU sessions to further their professional knowledge base.

President Rina Weekley walked in the President's march at the AAMA President's Banquet.

WELCOME PARTY, FRIDAY, APRIL 17 @ 7PM

The Welcome Party always invites attendees to be a part of all the fun. With this year's theme being Past, Present, and Future CMAs, you are invited to come dressed from your favorite time, period: Past, Present, or how fashion will change in the future. The past begins in the 50s since that is when AAMA began. Put your outfit together and come prepared to have a great time.



“Don't bring the past into the present and don't project the present into the future.”

— Brittany Burgunder

KSMA BOT has digitized our archives so we don't need the hard copies of photos from over the years.

The totes of Archive pictures will be available at this conference. Perhaps you might want to peruse the photos for keepsake photos of your past or present or maybe you know someone not in attendance who might like the memory. After this conference, the archives will be destroyed so take a moment to look through them some time during the conference.

Budget Report	2026-2027	2025-2026
Proposed		
Revenue		
Membership Dues	5000	5300
Cindy Comley Scholarship		475
Conference Registration	7300	6750
Conference Ways and Means	500	600
Total	2800	13125
Expenses		
Business & Operating: Supplies		
Zoom	500	480
FORUM printing	0	200
FORUM postage	0	275
Conference printing	250	350
Conference supplies	350	170
Conference hotel rooms	100	6000
Conference hotel meals		4200
Conference meeting rooms		1300
Conference speakers	525	525
Installation	100	75
National conference delegates	4800	4500
Professional audit	100	100
Website	575	450
Total	12800	13125

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Yates, CMA (AAMA)
Chairperson
2/21/2026

The 70th AAMA Conference will be September 14-17, 2026 (Monday-Thursday). The conference is being held at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada.

Delegate to be elected from the membership at the KSMA Annual meeting on Friday, April 17, 3:45 pm. to attend the 70th AAMA Conference.

Conference Schedule to date

-Friday, April 17, 2026-

8:00 am.....Registration.....Conference Area
8:15 am – 9:15 am -Speaker yet to be assigned open
9:30 am – 10:30 pm Dr. Govindarajan - Neuro Unbranded, Understanding gMG
10:45 am – 11:45 am Rachel Norris - Neurology Research
11:45 am – 1:30 pm Lunch provided Speaker yet to be assigned open
Pre-conference Executive BOT meeting
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm LaTonya Vaughn - From Burnout to Balance
3:45 pm – 5:45 pm63rd Annual KSMA Meeting
Everyone is Welcome!
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm.....Free Time
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.....Welcome Party
Welcome Party: Past, Present and the Future!

-Saturday, April 18, 2026-

8:00 am.....Registration.....Conference Area
8:15am – 9:15 am Sharon Runyon - When Grief visits the Medical Office
9:30 am – 10:30 am Maggie Schaefer - A Medical Assistants Guide to Medication Management of Solid Organ Transplant Recipients
10:45 am – 11:45 am Michelle Eastham - Professionalism and Current Trends in Healthcare
11:45 pm – 1:15 pm Dr. Bryant 2026 Pediatric Immunization Updates (Lunch provided)
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Kristi Middleton - Listening Skills
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm Mariah Holmes – How Medical Assistants deal with Cancer Patients
4:45 pm – 6:30.....Free Time
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.....Installation Banquet

-Sunday, April 19, 2026-

8:15 am – 9:15 am Caylie Blair - Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine
9:30 am – 10:30 am Speaker to be assigned Open
10:45 am – 11:45 pm...Post Conference Board of Trustees Meeting

We Need Your Help with Goody Bags

KSMA is in need of items for Goody Bags. The excess materials from last year were destroyed in a flooded basement. We are making a plea to KSMA members to check with your practices and pharmaceutical reps to ask for items for Goody Bags to be given out at conference. If you can help with this, please contact Conference Chair, Terri Slinker by phone: 270/789-7713 or by e-mail—tslinker@outlook.com. Any help you can give in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

All officers and committee chairs should send a **copy of your annual report to Terri Slinker, tslinker@outlook.com by April 10** so that she can make copies for the Delegates' packets. If reports are not received by the deadline, you will need to bring 35-40 copies to the conference.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2026-27.

President	Jessica Moore, CMA (AAMA)
Vice President	Stacey Smith, CMA (AAMA)
President Elect	Tracy Phillips, CMA (AAMA)
Secretary	Joni Magness, CMA (AAMA)
Treasurer	Terri Slinker, CMA (AAMA)

CINDY COMLEY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

CINDY COMLEY, CMA (AAMA) SCHOLARSHIP

The Kentucky Society of Medical Assistant (KSMA) Board of Trustees and the family of Cindy Comley allow you the opportunity to apply for the Cindy Comley, CMA (AAMA) Scholarship. The recipients of these scholarships will have their registration fee waived or partial waived for the 2026 KSMA State Conference. We would like to encourage as many KSMA members as possible including students pursuing a medical assisting career to attend our annual meeting in which you can potentially participate on the state level after having observed the KSMA structure and function in the conference setting.

GUIDELINES FOR RECIPIENT SELECTION

- 1) Recipient must be in good standing with the KSMA/AAMA (dues paid by 12/31/2025) and currently working as a medical assistant, an educator teaching in a medical assistant program, if you are enrolled in an accredited medical assisting program pursuing a medical career (must be an AAMA student member), or a medical assistant who is obtaining an Assessment based Certificate (through the AAMA) Program in Allied Health Education.
- 2) Applicants should be highly motivated and profess a desire to become active on the state level which can include as an officer or committee chair.
- 3) Each applicant must write a short essay explaining why they want to attend the state conference and why they want to learn more about KSMA.
- 4) It will be mandatory that the recipients

attend a full schedule of the CEU sessions, the Annual House of Delegates meeting, and all meal functions or forfeit the scholarship.

5) A mentor will be available to answer any questions and serve as your guide through the conference experience.

6) Each recipient must submit a written report of their conference experience within 14 days concluding the conference which will be printed in The Forum.

7) The KSMA will pay for two rooms on Friday and Saturday night to the recipients of the 2 full scholarships. The recipients will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference.

8) A scholarship winner can only win the scholarship every 5 years. The application form can be found on the next page of this guideline sheet or on the KSMA website.

Please send your essay along with a completed application form NO LATER THAN April 1st, 2026.

Applications must be submitted to Stacey Smith, RN, BSN, CMA (AAMA) at:

staceylsmith2010@yahoo.com or 2452 Bryant Ridge Road, Liberty, KY 42539

Feel free to call or text at 859-583-2761 .

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Email: _____

AAMA Member ID Number (if applicable): _____ Expiration Date: _____

Place of Employment (Name, Address, & Phone Number) _____

Place of School and Major (if current student): _____

Full Scholarship Requirements: Attendance of ALL scheduled CEU sessions, the annual meeting, and all meal functions or forfeit the scholarship.

Student applicants must attend no less than 90% of all functions or forfeit of the scholarship. Recipients must allow use of any photos or essay material by the KSMA for online and/or print.

By signing, I agree with the terms of the FULL scholarship requirements.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please send your essay along with a completed application to Stacey Smith, RN, BSN, CMA (AAMA) at staceylsmith2010@yahoo.com or 2452 Bryant Ridge Road, Liberty, KY 42539 by April 1, 2026

Registration Form

KSMA REGISTRATION FORM			
EVENT:	63rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE	MEETING DATE:	April 17-19, 2026
WEBSITE:	www.kentuckymedicalassistants.com	LOCATION:	Clarion Hotel, Lexington KY

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CHAPTER _____

AAMA Member # _____ Email: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE –April 3, 2026

Members (AAMA)	Fee	√	Non Member (AAMA)	Fee	√
Full Registration (includes meals)	\$100.00		Full Registration (includes meals)	\$150.00	
Friday only (includes meals)	\$60.00		Friday only (includes meals)	\$90.00	
Saturday only (includes meals)	\$75.00		Saturday only (includes meals)	\$100.00	
Sunday only	\$30.00		Sunday only	\$40.00	
Guest tickets (meals)			Students		
Friday lunch	\$25.00		No charge (includes meals)	0.00	
Friday Welcome	\$35.00				
Saturday lunch	\$25.00				
Saturday Banquet	\$40.00				
			Pay Pal fee	\$10.00	
			Total of all checked items	\$	

\$25.00 late fee should be added for all full registrations received after the deadline.

NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 10, 2026

Meals are included, but we need a head count so meals aren't left over, please mark below.

Will you be attending the Friday lunch? Circle Yes No

Will you be attending the Friday Welcome party? Circle Yes No

Will you be attending the Saturday lunch? Circle Yes No

Will you be attending the Saturday Banquet? Circle Yes No

Guest tickets may be purchased. (see above)

Make checks **payable to KSMA** and mail to: Terri Slinker, CMA, (AAMA) 396 Spring Hill Drive Campbellsville, KY 42718

Fax 270-789-2641

For Pay Pal use www.kentuckymedicalassistants.com

DOOR PRIZES AND GIFT

BASKETS

- Each local chapter is expected to bring 10 wrapped door prizes to the conference.
- Each local chapter is expected to bring at least one gift basket to be raffled

We would like to have your opinion:

KSMA has been approached by the Indiana Medical Assistants group to see if we could have a joint annual conference in the future. They have proposed it be in Edinburg, Indiana . This is an outlet mall town a couple of hours from Louisville. What do you think about a joint annual conference in the future? Would you attend if in Indiana ? We can propose a Louisville location as well. Would you prefer Louisville? Contact Rina Weekley, at iiigirls@hotmail.com with your opinion or speak to any officer at the April conference.

