

STATE OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF RHEUMATOLOGISTS

# EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS

# **2026 ANNUAL MEETING** February 20-22





# **Gaylord Texan Resort**

1501 Gaylord Trail Grapevine, Texas



# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS

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	Non-Profit (\$250 per person per day - 2 max)	Exhibit Space Only (\$5,000)	Level I - Constable (\$20,000)	Level II - Deputy (\$30,000)	Level III - Sheriff (\$40,000)	Level IV - Ranger (\$55,000)	<b>Level V -</b> <b>Marshal</b> (70,000)
Company name listed in onsite program	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
6 foot tabletop display (NO booth allowed)	•	•	•	•			
Two - 6 foot tables or one - 8X10 booth (One exhibit - No sharing)					•	•	•
Sponsor recognition listed in program & Website			•	•	•	•	•
Attendance at the Badge of Honor reception			•	•	•	•	•
Award Pins given at BOH reception			2 Constable	5 Deputy	10 Sheriff	15 Ranger	20 Marshal
Opportunity to hold ONE Sanctioned product theatre					•	•	•
One-week early access to reserve a sanctioned product theatre							•
Opportunity for 2 reps to attend the Friday night board/faculty dinner						•	•
30 minutes with the STAR Board of Directors						٠	•
Complimentary poster(s) at meeting (must reserve by January 12th)						1 Poster	2 Posters
Complimentary Badges (per day)	N/A	2	2	3	4	5	6
Optional Badges that may be <u>purchased</u> (per day)*	N/A	N/A	2 \$100 per p	3 erson per day *	4 Must be purch	5 ased online by .	6 January 12th



# **ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Below is a list of additional sponsorship opportunities. Please note that these opportunities are distinct from the exhibit sponsorship levels and do not impact the level of exhibit sponsorship.

## WIFI - \$7,500

Support complimentary WIFI access in the physician meeting area. WIFI must be reserved by January 12th. WIFI card printing is the responsibility of the sponsor.

# **ONSITE BAG INSERTS - \$5,000**

Place your corporate or brand information in the attendee bags received upon onsite registration. Must be reserved by January 12th. Maximum size of insert is 8X11. All onsite program inserts must be approved by the STAR office and prints received three weeks prior to the conference.

# HOTEL DOOR DROPS - \$5,000

Once approved, supporter will go through the hotel to make the arrangements for distribution and fee. No door drops shall be allowed without first getting the STAR approval. Multiple sponsorships available. Must be reserved by January 12th.

# HOTEL KEY CARDS - \$6,000

Place your company or brand logo on the electronic key cards. The supporter will coordinate the production of the keycards and pay associated fees directly with the hotel for distribution. Must be reserved by January 12th.

# BREAK, BREAKFAST OR LUNCH SPONSOR -\$5,000 (X4)

Companies have the opportunity to sponsor a portion of the breaks, including Saturday Breakfast or Friday and Saturday lunches during the annual meeting. Each sponsoring company will have their name displayed on a sign in the exhibit hall near the break and/or lunch station. There are four available spots for each break/lunch at a cost of \$5,000 each. Full sponsorship for each opportunity is available for \$18,000. Must be reserved by January 12th.

# ADVISORY BOARD - \$10,000 - \$15,000

The sponsoring company will have the opportunity to conduct the advisory board on either Thursday, February 19th, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Saturday, 21st from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm or Sunday, February 22nd, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Each date and time slot accommodates two sponsorship opportunities. STAR will provide the venue; however, all other arrangements and responsibilities associated with the meeting will be managed by the sponsoring company. A list of participants must be submitted to the STAR office at least one week prior to the event.

#### Up to 10 Participants - \$10,000 Up to 15 Participants - \$15,000

# POSTER PRESENTATIONS - \$1,000 EACH

1. To participate your company MUST be one of the exhibiting companies at the meeting.

2. You must email your abstract to the STAR office by January 12th to gain approval from the STAR executive board.

3. You will be required to pay a fee of \$1,000 for each poster submitted. No limit to posters per company. Payment must be made in check, credit card or direct deposit prior to the event.

4. Poster boards are 4' x 6' horizontally. No word limit as long as it fits the above specifications.

5. Posters will be displayed beginning at 8:00 AM on Friday and must be taken down by 2:30 PM on Saturday.

6. Encore or previously published posters are permitted.

7. Presenter must be one of the exhibitors assigned for that day from your company or registered for the meeting as a non-member.

# **NEED AN INVOICE OR LETTER OF AGREEMENT?**

If your company requires an invoice or a Letter of Agreement for an exhibit or sponsorship, please submit your request to the STAR office at star@stardoctors.org. Invoices, Letters of Agreement, and other relevant documents will only be issued upon request. We accept payments via check, credit card, or direct deposit.

Exhibit Application Deadline: January 12th Please complete the **sponsorship form** to reserve your preferred sponsorship options. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. 3

4511 Horizon Hill Blvd #150 San Antonio, TX 78229

# **EXHIBIT APPLICATION**

Company Name		
Main Contact		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	
Do you require an electrical ou	tlet?Yes	No
<b>Competitors</b> please list all competing of	companies - NOT products. Effort will b	e given to keep competitors separate.

## List Complimentary Reps See chart below for maximum allotted per level

(If allowed extra reps they must be purchased online by January 12th. DO NOT list extra reps here - Complimentary reps ONLY)

Name	Email	Fri Sat.
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Name	Email	FriSat.

BADGE CHART	NON-PROFIT (\$250 PP DAY)	EXHIBIT SPACE (\$5,000)	CONSTABLE (\$20,000)	DEPUTY (\$30,000)	SHERIFF (\$40,000)	RANGER (\$55,000)	MARSHAL (70,000)
Complimentary Badges (per day)	N/A	2	2	3	4	5	6
Extra Badges for purchase	N/A	N/A	2	3	4	5	6

I have read and agree to abide by all requirements, restrictions and obligations set forth in the 2026 Agreement, the policies governing exhibitors, and those which may be set forth in the future in connection with the 2026 Annual Meeting. We/I further acknowledge that STAR reserves the right to reject, at its discretion, any application to exhibit. I understand it is my responsibility to distribute the rules and regulations to all representatives attending who will be required to abide by stated rules.

# **Total Exhibit**

Signature

(including all exhibit and sponsorship fees)



# **2026 ANNUAL MEETING** Tentative Schedule

# **THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 19**

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Exhibitor Set-Up
	If you are unable to arrive during this time, you will have the opportunity to complete the setup between 8:00 am - 9:00 am on Friday.

# FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 20

8:00 AM	Exhibitor Sign-In
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	Morning Break in Exhibit Hall
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch in Exhibit Hall
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Afternoon Break in Exhibit Hall
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Cocktail Reception with Badge of Honor participants (only), registrants and guests

# **SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 21**

6:30 AM	Exhibitor Sign-In
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Morning Break in Exhibit Hall
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch in Exhibit Hall
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<b>Exhibit Hall Teardown</b> Out of respect to our registrants - Please <u>DO NOT</u> tear down until 2:00 PM

Food will be available in the exhibit hall for an additional 15-30 minutes beyond the scheduled times to ensure our exhibiting representatives have adequate opportunity to dine. Exhibitors who are scheduled as representatives that day may attend classes, subject to space availability. Please be advised that badge sharing between morning and afternoon sessions is not permitted.

# STAR

# **EXHIBITOR SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT** Meeting Information

The State of Texas Association of Rheumatologists is proud to announce its 2026 Annual Meeting, held at Gaylord Texan Resort, Grapevine, Texas. The three-day meeting will host practicing rheumatologists from Texas.

You are invited to participate in any one of five levels of support as well as the additional sponsorship opportunities. Enclosed is an application form, which should be completed, signed and returned prior to the exhibit cut-off. Payment must be made prior to the cut off date of January 12th. Payment can be made by check, credit card or direct deposit



# REPRESENTATIVES

Representative names and email addresses must be submitted to the Executive Office by January 12th. All rules and regulations will be emailed to each designated representative. It is the responsibility of the individual completing the exhibit application to ensure that all representatives have received the necessary rules, regulations, and exhibit schedule.

A maximum of two representatives per company (excluding those in Levels I–V) are allowed per day. Each level has a specified maximum number of representatives permitted daily (as outlined in the chart below). You may assign different representatives on different days; however, <u>rotating</u> <u>representatives between morning and afternoon sessions on the same day is not permitted.</u>

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*Extra Badges for purchase	N/A	N/A	2	3	4	5	6

\*Extra representative badges are available at a rate of \$100 per person per day. Registration for additional badges must be completed online. All representatives exceeding the allotted number must register for the meeting as non-member attendees.

Any company with multiple exhibits or sponsorships must assign unique representatives to each division and are not permitted to share representatives across divisions. Additionally, if a company has multiple exhibits, each exhibit application must include an additional name to distinguish between them.

All company representatives are required to wear a badge regardless of their title or duration of presence in the exhibit hall. Solicitation activities are restricted to the exhibit hall only; representatives are not permitted in meeting areas, near classrooms, in the foyer, registration area, or other designated spaces unless they are registered for that day.

Meetings with attendees, including dinners, social events, or bar gatherings, are not permitted at any time during the event weekend.



### **EXHIBITOR BADGES**

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Our exhibit badges are color-coded according to the day. Representatives are required to sign in each day to receive their new badge. Please return your previous badge to the registration desk before departing each day. Additionally, per ACCME regulations, company badges are not permitted to be worn at any time.

## **EXHIBITOR HOURS**

Setup will take place from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 19th. Tear-down is scheduled for Saturday, February 21st, from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Access to the exhibit hall will not be permitted prior to 8:00 AM on Friday, February 20th, with the exception of the scheduled setup time on Thursday, February 19th. No exceptions will be made. See tentative schedule for additional information.

#### **PRODUCT THEATERS**

Companies participating as exhibitors or sponsors at the State of Texas Association of Rheumatologists meeting are required, as a condition of their participation, to refrain from scheduling any events or dinners until their sanctioned product theatre application has been approved by the Executive office.

STAR will promote all sanctioned product theatre events multiple times through email communications and printed programs. It is the responsibility of the exhibiting company to provide the following details: the title of the presentation, speaker name(s), venue, date and time, RSVP information, and who can attend. If this information is not provided, all advertisements will list the event as TBA. Additionally, it is the company's responsibility to solicit attendees for their event. Once the product theatre is approved, the STAR office will notify the company of the confirmed date. Prompt submission of event details is essential to maximize exposure.

The sponsoring company is responsible for securing the venue and covering all associated costs, including food, audiovisual equipment, speaker fees, and related expenses. All event information must be submitted to the STAR office by January 12th to be included in printed materials and meeting signage.

Companies sponsoring the Friday breakfast are allowed to have two representatives at the registration area to assist with directions. Each company may display one directional sign outside the registration area and one at their designated venue door. Additional signage outside of the exhibitor's table is not permitted, and all signage must adhere to the space allocation guidelines outlined. STAR reserves the right to remove signs if they exceed the permitted number or if there is insufficient space.

#### **30 MINUTES WITH BOARD**

Sponsors in levels IV and V have the opportunity to have a scheduled 30 minutes with the board, Thursday, February 19th. This is the moment to discuss any topic that is relevant to your company.

### **REGISTRANTS LIST**

A list of registered attendees will be sent to each exhibiting company via email on three occasions: one month prior to the event, two weeks prior, and one week after the event. The list will include only the attendees' names and cities.



# **EXHIBITOR SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT** Meeting Information

# **BOH RECEPTION**

Companies contributing \$20,000 or more are cordially invited to attend a one-hour Badge of Honor reception on Friday evening from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. This event provides an opportunity for registrants to express appreciation to those who have made significant support of STAR. Badge of Honor pins will be distributed to each participating company in the classroom immediately following the final speaker on Friday. Please gather outside the physician classroom prior to the conclusion of the last presentation. Each company will receive a Badge of Honor lapel pin indicating their level of sponsorship. Attendance is limited to individuals visibly wearing Badge of Honor ribbons on their badges.

## **SPACE ASSIGNMENT**

Exhibit assignment is provided by STAR upon arrival at the conference and is strictly enforced unless authorized by STAR staff. No exhibit assignments will be given out prior to the event.

Exhibits must be installed so they do not project beyond the space allotted. No interference with the light or space of other exhibitors will be permitted. **ALL Banners or Posters of any kind must be set on top or behind your exhibit table and must fit in your 6 foot space (no exceptions).** 

Exhibitor is responsible for damage to property (see "Responsibility Agreement"). No signs or other articles shall be posted, nailed or otherwise attached to any of the pillars, walls, doors, etc. No attachments shall be made to the floors by nails, screws or any other device. All space is leased subject to these restrictions.

### **PRIZE DRAWING CARD**

Each registrant will receive a "Registrant Prize Drawing Card," which should be initialed by a representative at each exhibit booth. Please be prepared to sign these cards during your interactions. Prizes awarded may include electronic devices and other items. We invite each participating company to contribute products or other items to be included as prizes. This event is highly popular among attendees and offers excellent exposure for your company.

### **ELECTRICITY**

If electrical service is needed for your booth (excluding personal use), please indicate this by checking the appropriate box on the exhibit application. The standard provision includes one electrical outlet. Should you require any additional electrical capacity, arrangements must be made directly with the hotel.

### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Please make your reservations directly with the Gaylord Texan Resort. The hotel booking link will be provided on the website once it becomes available. Additionally, we will send the link to you via email. Exhibit application must be submitted to the executive office before proceeding with your hotel reservation.

### SHIPPING

Booth material should be shipped to arrive no more than 3 days prior to the meeting. Please make sure you have the Group name (STAR), Company Name (not product), Recipient's name for which they will hold the package. Address: Gaylord Texan Resort, 1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine, TX 76051. Additional information concerning package pick up will be provided within two weeks of the event.



### CANCELLATIONS

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Once a formal application has been submitted, any cancellation must be provided to us in writing no later than one month prior to the opening date of the exhibit. A cancellation fee of \$500 will apply. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations made after this deadline.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT**

Exhibitor assumes entire responsibility and hereby agrees to protect, indemnify, and defend the State of Texas Association of Rheumatologists (STAR), Gaylord Texan Resort, Grapevine, the affiliates, officers, directors, agents, employees and partners of each, ("Indemnified Parties") harmless against all claims, losses and damages, including negligence, to persons or property, governmental charges or fines and attorney's fees arising out of or caused by Exhibitor's installation, removal, maintenance, occupancy or use of the exhibit premises or a part thereof.

In addition, Exhibitor acknowledges that the Indemnified Parties do not maintain insurance covering Exhibitor's property and that it is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to obtain business interruption, property damage and comprehensive general liability insurance.

# **RULES/REGULATIONS**

#### **Display Requirements and Restrictions**

State of Texas Association of Rheumatologists retains the right to deny the exhibition of inappropriate items and products. Please contact the STAR Staff if you have any questions. Drugs, chemicals or other therapeutic agents listed in AMA's New and Non-Official Remedies, National Formulary or U.S. Pharmacopeia, may be displayed.

Proprietary drugs, mixtures and special formulas may be displayed if documentary evidence of their acceptance by ethical medical organizations is on file with the Convention Manager.

New, unlisted and/or initial display items must be submitted for clearance prior to opening of the convention. Clinical and laboratory tests and evaluation on such items must be submitted at least three months prior to opening date of convention.

The same restrictions apply to books, advertisements in medical journals or other publications on display and to all promotional literature.

#### Irregular Canvassing and Distribution of Advertising Matter

Solicitation of business or conferences in the interest of business except by exhibiting firms is prohibited. No solicitation for conferences/meetings other than STAR will be permitted.

#### **Exhibits of Electrical and Radiographic Equipment**

Machines and apparatus operated by electricity must be shown as "still" exhibits. Practical demonstrations of x-ray apparatus and accessories or any noisy apparatus of any kind will not be permitted. No objection will be made to the utilization of electricity for illuminating purposes or for operating smaller diagnostic instruments and electrotherapeutic apparatus, which do not distract or annoy other exhibitors.

#### **Subletting of Space**

No subletting of space is permitted. Each firm represented in the Exhibit Hall must sign the regular Exhibit Application and Agreement. Any person or firm subletting space, as well as the one purchasing space, will be subject to eviction. No refund will be made for space reserved.

#### **Uncontrollable Eventualities**

State of Texas Association of Rheumatologists will take all reasonable precautions against damage or loss by fire, water, storm, theft, strike or any other emergencies of that character but does not guarantee or insure the exhibitor against loss by reason thereof (see "Responsibility Agreement").