

# NRF FOUNDATION®

## 2026 Networking Passport Raffle

### Official Rules

1. **Description.** NRF Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization affiliated with the National Retail Federation. NRF Foundation supports the retail industry by building awareness, developing talent through education and scholarships, and fostering career growth for individuals working in retail.

As part of NRF Foundation's 2026 Student Program in New York City, NRF Foundation is conducting the **2026 Networking Passport Raffle** ("Raffle") to encourage networking and engagement among student attendees.

2. **No Purchase Necessary.**

**NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.** A purchase or payment of any kind will not increase an entrant's chances of winning.

3. **Eligibility.** To be eligible to enter the Raffle, an individual must:
  - a. **Age Requirement:** Be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of entry (or nineteen (19) years of age in Alabama, Delaware, and Nebraska; or twenty-one (21) years of age in Mississippi).
  - b. **Student Status:** Be currently enrolled at an accredited college or university in the United States at the time of entry.
  - c. **Residency:** Be a legal resident of one of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia. Void where prohibited by law.
  - d. **Excluded Persons:** Employees and board members of the National Retail Federation or NRF Foundation, and their immediate family members (spouse, parents, children, siblings, and their respective spouses) and household members (whether related or not), are not eligible to enter or win.
4. **How to Enter.** Eligible individuals may enter the Raffle using one (1) of the following methods. Limit one (1) entry per person, regardless of method.
  - a. **Method 1: In-Person Entry (Student Program Attendees)**
    - i. **Obtain a Networking Passport.** Participants must obtain a physical Networking Passport ("Passport") from the NRF Foundation Information Table located on the 6th floor of the Marriott Marquis, outside the Broadway Ballroom, on Friday, January 9, 2026.

- ii. **Complete the Passport.** Participants must complete all twenty-five (25) squares on the Passport by networking with other Student Program attendees. Each square must be completed by a different individual.
- iii. **Submit the Passport.** Completed Passports must be returned to the NRF Foundation Information Table. Incomplete Passports will not be accepted. Upon verification, NRF Foundation staff will place one raffle ticket bearing the participant's name and contact information into the official raffle box.
- iv. **Submission Deadline.** All completed Passports must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, January 9, 2026.

**b. Method 2: Alternative Method of Entry (AMOE)**

- i. **Mail-In Entry.** Eligible students who do not wish to register for or attend the Student Program may enter by mail.
- ii. **Entry Information.** Entrants must handprint their full name, complete mailing address (including city, state, and zip code), email address, phone number, date of birth, and the name and location of their current college or university on a standard 3" x 5" card or sheet of paper.
- iii. **Mailing Address.** Mail the entry in a hand-addressed, stamped envelope with proper first-class postage to:

**NRF Foundation Networking Passport Raffle – AMOE**  
**Attn: Annalea Soudry-Maurer**  
**1101 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1200**  
**Washington, DC 20005**

- iv. **Mail-In Deadline.** Mail-in entries must be postmarked by January 8, 2026, and received by January 13, 2026, to be eligible.
- v. **Limitations.** Each AMOE must be mailed separately. Mechanically reproduced, photocopied, or facsimile entries are void. NRF Foundation is not responsible for lost, late, illegible, incomplete, damaged, or misdirected mail. All AMOE entries become the property of NRF Foundation and will not be returned.
- vi. **Equal Treatment.** All eligible entries, regardless of entry method, will be combined into a single drawing and will have an equal chance of winning.

**5. Drawing and Odds**

- a. **Drawing Date and Time:** The drawing will occur on Friday, January 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

- b. **Selection Method:** Five (5) winners will be selected at random from all eligible entries by representatives of the NRF Foundation.
- c. **Odds of Winning:** Odds of winning depend on the total number of eligible entries received.

6. **Winner Notification and Verification**

- a. **Announcement:** Winners will be announced from the main stage in the Broadway Ballroom on Saturday, January 10, 2026.
  - b. **Email Notification:** Winners will also receive email notification on January 10, 2026, using the contact information provided.
  - c. **Response Requirement:** Winners must respond within seven (7) days of notification. Failure to respond, comply with these Official Rules, or meet eligibility requirements may result in forfeiture and selection of an alternate winner.
  - d. **Verification:** Winners may be required to provide proof of age and current student enrollment.
7. **Prizes.** Five (5) prizes will be awarded. Each prize consists of one (1) \$100 American Express gift card. The total approximate retail value is \$500.00. Prizes are non-transferable and may not be substituted or redeemed for cash, except at NRF Foundation's sole discretion. Gift cards are subject to issuer terms. Winners are responsible for all applicable taxes and expenses.
8. **Winner List.** To request the names of the winners, email Annalea Soudry-Maurer at [soudry-maurera@nrf.com](mailto:soudry-maurera@nrf.com) by February 10, 2026.
9. **General Conditions.** Participation constitutes agreement to these Official Rules and applicable laws. NRF Foundation reserves the right to disqualify entries for noncompliance, misconduct, or tampering. All decisions of NRF Foundation are final and binding.
10. **Limitation of Liability.** NRF Foundation and its affiliates are not responsible for lost or damaged entries, technical errors, or any injury or damage arising from participation in the Raffle or use of any prize. Entrants release NRF Foundation from all related liability to the extent permitted by law.
11. **Force Majeure.** NRF Foundation may modify, suspend, or terminate the Raffle due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including acts of God, public health emergencies, or government orders.

12. **Privacy.** Personal information collected in connection with this Raffle will be used for administering the Raffle and as otherwise described in the NRF Foundation's privacy policy, available at: <https://nrf.com/privacy-policy>
13. **Publicity Rights.** Except where prohibited by law, participation in the Raffle constitutes each winner's consent to NRF Foundation's use of the winner's name, likeness, voice, photograph, and biographical information for promotional purposes in any media without additional compensation.
14. **Governing Law.** These Official Rules are governed by the laws of the District of Columbia. All disputes shall be resolved exclusively in the state or federal courts located in Washington, D.C.
15. **Severability and Waiver.** If any provision is deemed unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. NRF Foundation's failure to enforce any provision shall not constitute a waiver.
16. **Sponsor.** This Raffle is sponsored by NRF Foundation, 1101 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005.
17. **Contact.** For questions regarding the Raffle, contact [scholarships@nrffoundation.com](mailto:scholarships@nrffoundation.com).