

# Travel Reimbursement Request Form Guidelines

**January 1, 2025** 

The Texas Court Improvement Program (CIP) is federally funded and thereby governed by the reimbursement policies of the Children's Commission and the Supreme Court of Texas. All travel expenses will be paid in accordance with the following policies.

Reimbursements for personal expenses, alcoholic beverages and gratuities are not allowed.

## **Reimbursement Forms**

Please complete the Children's Commission Travel Reimbursement Request Form in full, sign and date. Forms with the supporting receipts attached may be submitted by email or mail to the following:

E-mail: Willette Sedwick commission.accounting@txcourts.gov

Mail: Supreme Court of Texas Children's Commission

P.O. Box 12248 Austin, TX 78711

### **Match Form**

The Children's Commission Match form MUST also be completed to prevent delay in processing requests for reimbursement.

### **Transportation**

<u>Travelers are required to select the most cost-effective mode of transportation.</u> Original receipts are required for transportation expenses such as parking, airfare, rental car, taxis, and shuttles.

## **Transportation Options**

Mileage Calculation – Travelers may be reimbursed <u>.70</u> cents per mile for travel by personal automobile. In determining route, the traveler must select the most cost-effective, reasonably safe, shortest route; however, may choose an alternative route according to the road conditions and/or the quickest route. To claim mileage reimbursement, requests must include driving directions generated by a mapping service such as MapQuest, Google Maps, etc. The mapping service attachment must include:

- 1. The traveler's headquarters address (start of trip travel) and the meeting destination;
- 2. line by line driving directions;
- 3. Includes the total one-way mileage.

Rental vs. Personal Vehicle - <u>Travelers are responsible for determining the most cost-effective means of ground transportation</u>. The maximum reimbursable amount for ground transportation is <u>determined by using the Comptroller of Public Accounts mileage calculator found here: <u>https://fmx.cpa.texas.gov/fmx/travel/mileage/</u></u>

Rental Car - Reimbursements will be made only for the vehicle type/class with the lowest rate. A copy of the original receipt is required and must include the name of the rental company, the name of the traveler, the start and end date of the rental agreement, itemization of expenses incurred, and proof of payment.

Airfare - Reimbursement may not exceed the cost of the lowest available airfare (Economy seating or similar) between the traveler's headquarters location and duty point. Reimbursement will not made for upgrades or early check-in/boarding. Receipts must include the name of the traveler, airline, ticket number, class of transportation, travel dates, and proof of payment. Itineraries/confirmations that show cost but not payment will not be reimbursed.

#### Incidentals

Original receipts are required for incidental expenses (ie. baggage fees, gasoline, internet access, tolls).

#### Meals

Meals are reimbursed according to the rates set by the General Services Administration. Refer to www.gsa.gov for the daily maximum meals allowance.

- Non-Overnight Travel: Traveling outside of designated headquarters for six consecutive hours or more may be reimbursed for meals not to exceed \$36.
- Overnight Travel: Meal expenses incurred for overnight travel are reimbursable up to the maximum GSA rate for the destination location. The first and last day of travel is calculated at 75 percent of the daily maximum meal allowance set by the GSA.
- Travelers may only claim meals that are not provided as part of an event. For example: at a conference, where lunch is provided to attendees, the traveler may not claim reimbursement for lunch.

#### Lodging

Please refer to www.gsa.gov for daily maximum lodging allowances. If you are traveling outside of your designated headquarters, the single occupancy rate plus applicable taxes for your hotel room will be reimbursed for arrival on the day before the conference or meeting through the night after the conference or meeting ends. Additional room nights, guests and incidental expenses are not reimbursable.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the form, please contact Willette Sedwick at commission.accounting@txcourts.gov.

All reimbursement claims must be submitted within 45 days of travel.



# **CHILDREN'S COMMISSION**

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# REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Please Allow 30 days for processing.

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| Name:   |                               |                 |                |                |                |   |                   | Social Security Number: |                |               |             |  |
| Title:  |                               |                 |                |                |                | _   |                   | Email:                  |                |               |             |  |
| Mailing Address:  |                               |                 |                |                |                | _   |                   | Phone:                  |                |               |             |  |
| City/State/Z  | Lip:                          |                 |                |                |                |   |                   |                         |                |               |             |  |
| BUSINESS  | S PURPOSE: P                  | lease provid    | e brief descri | ntion of cont  | ference or tra | ining attende                                     | d.                |                         |                |               |             |  |
| Note: Refe  | r to travel guid              | elines for ma   | nximum lodgi   | ing and meal   | s allowances.  | Reciepts and                                      | supporting        | documentatio            | on must be att | ached, includ | ing mileage |  |
| calculation between headquarters and conference location. |                               |                 |                |                |                |   | 0 0               |                         |                |               |             |  |
| Date  | Distance                      | Mileage<br>Rate | Cost           | Airfare        | Rental Car     | Taxi/Shuttle                                      | Parking/<br>Tolls | Meals                   | Lodging        | Misc.         | Total       |  |
|   |                               | 0.70            |                |                |                |   |                   |                         |                |               |             |  |
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| I CERTIFY   | Y THAT:                       |                 |                |                |                |   |                   |                         |                |               |             |  |
| 1. The amo  | unts listed are a             | ctual expense   | s paid person  | ally by me for | the purpose s  | tated.  |                   |                         |                |               |             |  |
| 2. I have no  | ot been nor will              | be reimbursed   | d from any otl | her source for | any of the exp | penses listed.                                    |                   |                         |                |               |             |  |
| 3. This requ  | uest is correct to            | the best of m   | ny knowledge   |                |                |   |                   |                         |                |               |             |  |
| Payee Signa   | iture:                        |                 |                |                |                |   |                   | Date:                   |                |               |             |  |
| This form   | ı may be e-sigı<br>in email w |                 |                | eted form an   | d all required | agov. All requ<br>d documentat<br>B, Austin, TX 7 | ion (tape sm      |                         |                |               |             |  |
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| Commission Approval Date COMBJ                            |                               |                 |                |                |                |   |                   |                         |                | COMBJ         |             |  |

# Non-Federal Match

Please sign and return to commission.accounting@txcourts.gov or by mail to P.O. Box 12248, Austin, TX 78711

| Contributor Name:   | Date:  |
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| Title:  |  |
| Location:   |  |
| Brief Description of Contribution   |  |
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| Travel time   |  |
| Total Hours Contributed   |  |
| =   | If you are uncertain of your hourly rate, you may divide your  |
| Hourly rate _   | annual salary by 2080 to get it.   |
| Total Contribution  |  |
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| I certify that the amounts listed:  1. Are not included as contributions for any o  2. Are not paid by the Federal Government unfor | her federally-assisted project or program.<br>der another award, except where authorized by Federal statute to be used |
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| Contributor's Signature   | Date   |