



CTC Travel Reimbursement Guidelines NVC MEETING, April 27-28, 2016

Pre-approved NVC meeting attendees may be eligible for travel reimbursement. Please review the following information **prior** to making travel arrangements. You are personally responsible for following the guidelines below.

Questions or concerns should be directed to Mark Dempsey (972.377.1582, mdempsey@collin.edu).

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for reimbursement, you must live one or more hours away from Collin College's Preston Ridge campus in Frisco, Texas.

Covered Expenses

Your travel reimbursement can cover the following seven categories, all of which are listed on the "Request for Travel Reimbursement" form:

TRAVEL CATEGORY	WHAT YOU SUBMIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Car" (from your home to your home airport) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GoogleMaps printout showing mileage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Airfare" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt with passenger name, total amount paid, form of payment, and itinerary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Shuttle/taxi/other transportation" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original receipts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Parking" (at your home airport) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original receipts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Lodging" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Itemized paid invoice showing payee, method of payment, and zero balance (<u>not needed</u> if you used the pre-arranged room at the Marriott Springhill Suites.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Meals" (for any not provided by the event) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Excel "Per Diem Worksheet"
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Baggage Check" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original receipts

Expenses Not Covered

The following expenses are NOT reimbursable. Please see the detailed travel categories below for specific exclusions.

- Shuttle/taxi services between hotel and campus will not be covered as they are provided free by the Marriott Springhill Suites.
- Toll fees and gasoline purchases
- Travel agent fees/commissions or travel insurance (includes fees charged by on-line travel sites)
- Airline upgrades and extra fees
- Hotel room upgrades, valet parking, and personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities

Please note also that Collin College **will not reimburse for airline and hotel bundles** purchased through online travel sites (e.g. Travelocity Orbitz, Priceline, Hotwire, etc.) if an itemized airfare or hotel receipt cannot be obtained by the traveler. Many of these sites charge one rate for both airfare and hotel and often the hotel cannot provide the sort of itemized paid invoice that Collin requires for reimbursement. In general, Collin College urges you to **avoid these on-line travel websites** even if you're not buying a bundled package. If the travel website or the vendor (hotel, airline) cannot provide you an itemized receipt of payment, your expenses will not be reimbursed.

Driving Instead of Flying

Pre-approval is required from the National Convergence Technology Center (CTC) if you plan to drive instead of fly. If you do not get this approved in advance, these expenses *will not* be reimbursed. See more information about driving vs. flying at the bottom of this document.

Important Info

- Reimbursement requests will not be processed until after the event ends and after you have provided all required paperwork and original receipts as described above.
- That paperwork is due no later than **Friday, May 27, 2016**. If you are not able to provide all required documentation by this date, you waive your right to reimbursement.
- The National CTC follows Collin College's policy on travel reimbursements. All decisions of the Collin College Business Office regarding travel reimbursements will be final.
- All reimbursement submissions are subject to review and approval and may not be guaranteed.
- **An important rule of thumb:** always select the mode of travel that provides the lowest total cost to Collin College. To do otherwise risks the denial of your reimbursement request.
- The reimbursement process can take 4-6 weeks.

Checklist

- Complete and sign the "Request for Travel Reimbursement" form – a paper copy with an ink signature is required. (Please note that at the top, "Travel START Date & Time" refers to the day and time that you left your house and "Travel END Date & Time" refers to the day and time that you returned home.)

- Complete the Excel “Per Diem Worksheet” spreadsheet. (Please note that at the top, “Time Left” refers to the day and time that you left your house and “Time Returned” refers to the day and time that you returned home.)
- Provide original receipts – no copies, no faxes. Please tape all receipts to 8 ½ x 11 paper. DO NOT use staples. These will be attached to the “Request for Travel Reimbursement” form.
- If you are requesting mileage, provide a GoogleMaps print-out documenting miles.

Completed travel reimbursement forms along with backup documentation is due Friday, May 27, 2016 at:

National Convergence Technology Center / Collin College
 attn Mark Dempsey
 9700 Wade Blvd. #J130
 Frisco TX 75035

Questions?

All questions should be directed to Mark Dempsey, 972.377.1582 mdempsey@collin.edu.

Reimbursable Expenditures Details

Car: You must submit a print-out of your route documenting miles traveled, using GoogleMaps.

The allowable mileage between two points is the shortest route between those two points. Mileage is currently reimbursed at 54c/mile and paid to the driver only.

Driving instead of flying must be pre-approved. In the event you choose to drive rather than fly to North Texas and are approved to do so, you will only be reimbursed the cost of the less expensive mode of travel. For instance, if it costs \$150 to fly round trip to North Texas and \$250 for mileage, you would only be reimbursed the \$150. More information about driving vs. flying can be found below.

Toll fees will not be reimbursed. Gasoline purchases will not be reimbursed.

Local mileage, including mileage between the event venue and your Dallas/Frisco hotel, will not be reimbursed. It is expected that you will pick a hotel that is either within walking distance to the event venue or offers complimentary transportation to the event venue. The Marriott Springhill Suites, for example, will offer free shuttle service back and forth to campus.

Airfare: You must submit a receipt with passenger name, total amount paid, form of payment, and itinerary. A "confirmation" or "reservation" email is not enough.

The National CTC will pay for a basic coach seat and one checked bag each direction. A 21-day advance purchase is required for all airline tickets. Specifically, if you buy a ticket **after Tuesday, April 5**, you will only be reimbursed for the amount the ticket would have been had it been purchased 21 days in advance. For instance, if you buy a ticket on April 6 for \$500 and Collin College determines that the ticket would have cost \$300 on April 5, you will only be reimbursed the \$300.

Flight insurance, seat upgrades, early check-in or early boarding, preferred seating (unless there is proof no other seating category is available), or extra-leg room (unless a medical necessity as described by a doctor), and similar fees will not be reimbursed.

If you're forced to buy a more expensive seat because there was no other seats available on your flight, to be reimbursed for that extra cost, please submit a screen shot or printout proving that no other seats were available to you at the time of purchase.

Again, if you want to drive rather than fly to a destination, you must be pre-approved by the National CTC. You will only be reimbursed for the less expensive mode of travel. More information about driving vs. flying can be found below.

Shuttle/taxi: You must submit original receipts of expenditures. Blank taxi receipts will not be accepted – the receipt must include taxi company name, service date, and pick-up/drop-off locations.

Mode of transportation from DFW airport to your Dallas/Frisco hotel (via taxi or shuttle) should be the mode most economical to Collin College.

Tips and gratuity will not be reimbursed.

Local transportation (via taxi or shuttle) from your Dallas/Frisco hotel to the event venue will not be reimbursed. It is expected that you will pick a hotel that is either within walking distance to the event venue or offers complimentary transportation to the event venue. The Marriott Springhill Suites, for example, will offer free shuttle service back and forth to campus.

Car rental reimbursement may be allowed for NVC members, but prior authorization from the CTC is required.

Parking: You must submit original receipts of expenditures at your home city airport. Only reasonable, economical parking fees will be reimbursed. No valet parking accepted.

Lodging: Arrangements have been made at the hotel below to have Collin College pay directly for your room and taxes on Wednesday night, April 27.

*Marriott Springhill Suites Dallas/Plano/Frisco
8401 Angels Drive , Plano, TX 75024 (south of McDermott Rd.)
469.362.7773*

If you want to stay at the Marriott Springhill Suites, you must e-mail Mark Dempsey (mdempsey@collin.edu) by **Friday, April 1** your name and your arrival/departure days and times.

Note that at check-in you will need to provide a credit card to the Marriott Springhill Suites to cover incidental charges. But your room will be paid for by Collin College.

Please note also that for those staying at the Marriott Springhill Suites, if you cancel your room less than 24 hours before check-in, you (and not Collin College) will be responsible for paying any penalties.

If you choose to stay elsewhere, you will need to make your own reservation.

Collin College will not reimburse a room costing more than \$140/night including taxes. To be reimbursed for a hotel other than the Marriott Springhill Suites you must submit an itemized paid invoice showing payee, check-in/check-out times, method of payment, and zero balance. A "confirmation" or "reservation" email is not enough.

Valet parking, room upgrades, movies, alcohol, or any other similar personal expenses will not be reimbursed.

Meals: You must submit a completed Excel "Per Diem Worksheet" spreadsheet.

Meals are reimbursed on a per diem basis and do not require receipts.

For this event, the rates are set at \$11 for breakfast, \$16 for lunch, and \$24 for dinner.

Per diem for meals will be paid based on Collin College’s standard workday of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm:

- Breakfast will be reimbursed if you leave home for the trip prior to 7:00am or return home prior to 1:00pm.
- Lunch will be reimbursed if you are away from home anytime between 11:00am and 1:00pm.
- Dinner will be reimbursed if you leave home for the trip after 5:00pm or return home after 6:00pm.

You are not eligible for per diem reimbursement for any meals provided as a part of the National CTC event you’re attending. If you elect not to eat event-provided meals, you will not be reimbursed for your meal expense unless you provide documentation that shows you were not medically allowed to eat the food provided at the event.

If your hotel provides a complimentary “hot breakfast” in the morning, you cannot request a breakfast per diem. Continental breakfasts of fruits and breads do not count as a “hot breakfast.”

Baggage Check: You must submit an original receipt. Only one bag fee per trip leg will be reimbursed. Tips and gratuity will not be reimbursed.

Driving vs. flying

Driving instead of flying must be **pre-approved**. Should you choose to drive rather than fly, you will only be eligible for reimbursement of the less expensive mode of travel: either mileage from your home to the Dallas/Frisco hotel or the cost of a round-trip airline ticket purchased on Tuesday, April 5.

REIMBURSEMENTS IF YOU FLY	REIMBURSEMENTS IF YOU DRIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mileage round-trip home to airport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <u>cheaper</u> of: airfare purchased Tue Apr 5 vs. mileage round-trip home to Dallas/Frisco hotel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home airport parking fees 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airfare and one checked bag each direction 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shuttle/taxi round-trip airport to hotel 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per diem (for meals not provided at the event) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per diem (for meals not provided at the event)