



## CONFERENCE OR MEETING AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FORM

### INSTRUCTIONS

- **Required Approvals-** At least twenty-one business days **PRIOR** to attending a conference the requestor must submit to the President/Superintendent's Office the completed "Conference or Meeting Authorization Request Form". The form must include the approvals of the Department Chair/Manager and Vice President or the request will be rejected.
- **Authorization to Attend** - The authorization to attend a conference or meeting is not considered to be approved until the requestor receives a copy of the "Conference or Meeting Authorization Request Form" with the President/Superintendent's signature and approval. Reimbursements will not be made for conferences or meetings that have not been approved.
- **Documentation-** Original and detailed receipts are **required** for reimbursement. Summary or credit card receipts **are not** acceptable for reimbursement.
- **Cancellation-** If the trip is cancelled for any reason, please notify Accounts Payable. It will be the employee's responsibility to cancel any conference registrations or hotel reservations and to request a refund to the District of any advance payments already issued.
- **Airfare-** Airfare is reimbursed at the Coach Class rate with the exception of international flights of more than 7 hours in duration which are reimbursed at the Business Class rate. Employees may, at their own expense, select a Class higher than what is reimbursable but must provide documentation verifying the rate for the reimbursable fare on the same flight.
- **Private Auto-** The current rate per mile is **\$0.655**. For trips over 600 miles (round trip), the requestor must provide documentation of what the cost of coach airfare would have been for the same trip. If there are no costs other than for personal automobile use associated with the conference or off-campus meeting the proper form required for authorization/reimbursement is the "Mileage Reimbursement Claim" form which can be found at <http://www.smc.edu/BusinessServices/accounts-payable/Pages/For-Faculty--Staff.aspx>
- **Gratuities-** Gratuities will be reimbursed at a maximum rate of 15%. Receipts are required for reimbursement of gratuities.
- **Registration Pre-Payment** – If you request that Accounts Payable send the registration fees directly to the vendor prior to your arrival (otherwise known as a "prepayment"), please select the "YES" box on this form and include all necessary registration documents, including the name and address where the check is to be mailed. Requests for prepayment of the registration fee must be received by Accounts Payable at least twenty-one business days **prior** to the **conference registration due date**. If this deadline is not met or if you do not elect to send a pre-payment, you will pay the registration fees and the District will reimburse you when you submit your Conference Reimbursement Form with proper documentation.
- **Unauthorized Expenses-** Alcohol and entertainment expenses **will not** be reimbursed.
- **Board Policy** - "The Board of Trustees under the provisions of the California Education Code Section 87032 delegate authorization to the Superintendent/President or designee to approve or deny requests for travel, meetings or conferences provided the costs do not exceed the amount previously budgeted for such purpose. Guidelines for conferences and travel expenses shall be set forth in administrative regulations. For reference see BP 6235 Travel Meetings and Conferences."



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Section A - Claimant & Event Information						
Name (Last, First, MI)		Title			Phone	
Dept.		Dates		To		
Event			Sponsoring Agency			
City		Facility			<b>Estimated Total Reimbursement</b>	
Section B - Expenses PLEASE REFER TO FORM INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPLANATION OF REIMBURSEMENT LIMITS.						
Approval only – Reimbursement of expenses not requested				Approval/Reimbursement of expenses requested		
Airfare						
Private Auto Mileage)		(Projected				
Car Rental		# of Days		Daily Rate		
Registration Fees <i>If you wish the District to pay registration on your behalf, please check this box (Submit 21 business days prior to registration due date with supporting documentation.)</i>						
Hotel		# of Nights		Daily Rate		
Meals		# of Days		Daily Rate		
Incidentals	Type of Incidental	Amount		<b>Estimated Grand Total</b>		
You must specify projected incidentals (E.g. Taxi \$25, Baggage \$10, etc.)						
				<b>Incidentals Total</b>		
				<b>Estimated Grand Total</b>		
I hereby certify that this request represents my best estimates of the costs related to attending this conference or meeting and that all funds will be expended in the performance of approved college business.						
<b>Claimant's Signature</b>				<b>Date</b>		
Section C - Approval						
Account #						
Dept. Chair or Manager	Approval	Disapproval				
Vice President	Approval	Disapproval	Signature	Date		
Superintendent/ President	Approval	Disapproval	Signature	Date		
				Signature	Date	
Section D – Accounts Payable Use Only						
Encumbrance #	Date	Amount				
Payments Issued						
Payee	Reason	Amount	Date Paid	Check #	Balance	



Please attach supporting documents of amounts requested  
For Reimbursement Limits, please refer to the form instructions