

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR PARTICIPANTS: 2024 SPRING WORKSHOPS

Teachers participating in Humanities Texas spring professional development workshops are qualified to receive a travel reimbursement of up to \$300 for eligible expenses. Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to and from the program. *Please note that Humanities Texas's maximum reimbursement for total travel expenses is \$300, even if the teacher's actual expenses exceed \$300.*

For teachers who do not stay for the entire workshop, Humanities Texas reserves the right to adjust CPE hours and reimbursements to reflect actual attendance. Please allow up to 8 weeks following a program to receive reimbursement. Any questions or exceptions must be addressed in advance with Humanities Texas staff.

RECEIPTS

Scanned copies of itemized receipts are required for all costs. Credit card statements are not acceptable. Participants should keep original receipts for their records.

FORMS AND PROCEDURES

Teachers must submit reimbursement requests through an online form on the Humanities Texas website no more than two weeks following the program. A link to this form will be emailed directly to teachers.

REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Reimbursement rates are set by the State of Texas. For further information regarding rates, please review the [website of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts](#).

ELIGIBLE TRAVEL EXPENSES

- **Automobile:** Use of a personal automobile will be reimbursed at the current rate set by the State of Texas. Humanities Texas will reimburse mileage between the participant's home and institute venues only. Humanities Texas will not reimburse the cost of in-town travel. The cost of gas is figured into the reimbursement rate, so gas receipts are not necessary. If participants are carpooling, mileage reimbursement goes to the participant whose personal vehicle was used. Rental vehicles are eligible for reimbursement.
- **Air travel:** Travelers are expected to book the lowest-priced coach-class airfare available. Business-class and first-class travel will not be reimbursed. Fees for one checked piece of luggage will be reimbursed.
- **Lodging:** For teachers traveling to the workshop from out of town, Humanities Texas will reimburse lodging for one night at the current per diem rate set by the State of Texas. If actual costs exceed the state's current per diem rate, Humanities Texas will reimburse only up to the current per diem rate. If participants choose to share the cost of lodging, proof of their individual share of the cost must be submitted.
- **Airport parking:** Airport parking is reimbursable at the long-term rate only.
- **Ride share, taxi, and shuttle:** Humanities Texas will reimburse ride share, taxi, and shuttle expenses to and from the airport and the workshop location or lodging only. If you share transportation with other workshop participants, have only one person pay for and submit a receipt.
- **For teachers traveling together:** Reimbursement requests for any participants travelling together must be submitted separately.

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The following expenses are NOT reimbursable:

- **Any and all meals**
- Mileage if traveling only within the city where the workshop takes place
- Reward or travel points used toward airfare, lodging, or rental vehicle
- Tips and gratuities
- Valet parking if self-parking is available
- Traffic and/or parking violations
- Tolls
- Travel expenses for spouse or other personal guests
- Lost, stolen, or damaged personal property
- Avoidable failure to cancel transportation reservations
- Laundry, dry cleaning, or personal toiletries
- Childcare costs, housesitting, and/or pet-sitting/kennel charges
- Any other expenses not directly related to traveling to/from the workshop site
- Alcoholic beverages

All final reimbursement expenses are subject to Humanities Texas's final determination.