

2026 Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest Travel Reimbursement Stipend
CDPEC Finance Committee

Travel re-imbursement for a CDPEC team will consist of a coach & four students from one university. A university team for travel purposes is usually considered to be four undergraduate students. A college can include one graduate student for travel stipends; however, the total reimbursement for any school will not be greater than four total students. If a school cannot sponsor a complete team partial team reimbursement will be determined by the CDPEC finance committee on a prorated system.

If a second university team is coming from the same location as another university team then their travel reimbursement will be determined by the CDPEC finance committee on a prorated system.

Recognizing the rising costs of travel, the Board in 2026 has approved an **additional \$1,000 per team** to be added to each travel plan specifically to help cover lodging expenses. Please find the updated travel stipend policy below:

Each team will be provided with a \$1800.00 flat rate stipend in addition to one of the following reimbursement plans to put toward travel expenses.

- ***Mileage Plan***
 - Travel: \$1.00 per mile for round-trip travel to the contest site (not to exceed \$1,600)
- ***Air Travel Plan A (Over 650 miles)***
 - Travel: \$360 per person for up to 4 students and 1 coach per team. Note: Copies of airline ticket stubs are required for reimbursement
- ***Air Travel Plan B (Over 1,000 miles)***
 - Travel: \$430 per person for up to 4 students and 1 coach per team. Note: Copies of airline ticket stubs are required for reimbursement

Example: With the contest in Milwaukee, WI, if the following teams attend then these calculations will apply. The vehicle mileage payments are calculated for round trip travel using the Rand McNally Atlas mileage calculator.

<i>Driving Option Reimbursement</i>			
<i>University Team</i>	<i>1 Way Mileage</i>	<i>Round Trip</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
Univ. Wis-Madison	78	156	\$156+1800=\$1956
Univ. Wis-River Falls	310	620	\$620 +1800=\$2420
Michigan State	314	628	\$628 +1800=\$2428
Iowa State	358	716	\$716 +1800=\$2516
Minnesota	328	656	\$656 + 1800=\$2456
Missouri	488	976	\$976 +1800=\$2776
South Dakota State	552	1104	\$1104 +1800=\$2904
Tennessee	638	1276	\$1276 +1800=\$3076
Penn State (*can fly)	656	1312	\$1312 +1800=\$3112

Flight Option Reimbursement

Teams Over 650 Miles

<i>University Team</i>	<i>Mileage</i>	<i>Air Travel</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
Cornell	764	Option A	\$1800+1800= \$3600
Clemson	829	Option A	\$1800+1800= \$3600
Aims College	1060	Option A	\$1800+1800= \$3600

Teams over 1000 Miles

Idaho/ Washington State	1811	Option B	\$2150+1800= \$3950
Cal Poly, SLO	2209	Option B	\$2150+1800= \$3950

For a coach in the process of learning about the contest or in the process of building a team that would like to attend the contest without a team, please contact the Contest Coordinator, Chad Galer chad.galer@dairy.org.