

## ***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.

| <b><i>Driving Option Reimbursement</i></b> |                             |                          |                       |
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| <b><i>University Team</i></b>              | <b><i>1 Way Mileage</i></b> | <b><i>Round Trip</i></b> | <b><i>Stipend</i></b> |
| 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   |

| <i><b>Flight Option Reimbursement</b></i> |                       |                          |                       |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Teams Over 650 Miles</b>               |                       |                          |                       |
| <i><b>University Team</b></i>             | <i><b>Mileage</b></i> | <i><b>Air Travel</b></i> | <i><b>Stipend</b></i> |
| Cornell                                   | 764                   | Option A                 | \$1800+1800= \$3600   |
| Clemson                                   | 829                   | Option A                 | \$1800+1800= \$3600   |
| Aims College                              | 1060                  | Option A                 | \$1800+1800= \$3600   |
| <b>Teams over 1000 Miles</b>              |                       |                          |                       |
| 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](mailto:chad.galer@dairy.org).