
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS/SPECIALTY CLUBS FUNDING REGULATIONS HANDBOOK

2020-2021

PREFACE

This handbook is designed to explain many of the standards that have been established to provide a consistent documentation of expenditures. This documentation of expenditures is both necessary and appropriate in order to make qualified responses to official inquiries from such offices as the Internal Revenue Service, State of Texas Auditors, Texas Tech System Board of Regents, and TTUHSC Administration. The regulations set forth in this publication are in compliance with the operating policies approved by the Board of Regents.

In addition to the rules applied by the Board of Regents, the Senate Committee on Budget and Finance has prescribed further condition, limitations, rules and procedures for allocated funds. These same regulations are outlined in the Funding Regulations Handbook.

The Budget and Finance Committee recognizes that Lubbock students attending Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center are required to pay a student service fee. A portion of this fee is allocated to qualified organizations through the Student Senate Appropriations Bill and through the funding process. However, this allocation does not provide sufficient funds to support all the activities of every organization. Accordingly, the reallocation of such funds is a judgement process undertaken by the Committee within the framework of an overall philosophy that includes that student service fees are allocated to qualified organizations to supplement their activities, not as sole support for the organizations.

You may contact the Student Government Association office or the Office of Student Life for further information.

- Student Government Association, 806.743.1619, TTUHSC.SGA@ttuhsc.edu, <http://www.ttuhsc.edu/student-government>.
- Office of Student Life, 806.743.2302, Student.Life@ttuhsc.edu, <https://www.ttuhsc.edu/student-life/>

NOTE: The policies and procedures found within this Funding Handbook apply only to the use of funds allocated to your organization by the Student Government Association (Senate Funds).

REGISTRATION WITH HSC OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

- A TTUHSC Student Organization is as a group of students, registered with The Office of Student Life, and may have a national or state affiliation.
- A TTUHSC Specialty Club is a student run group, registered with The Office of Student Life, with a special interest.
- All student organizations and specialty clubs are required to renew their registration with The Office of Student Life each fiscal year.
- Officers and advisors should make sure their organization has completed their registration requirements and attended the required Budget Orientation & Dissemination of Funding workshop.
- All outgoing officers should make sure incoming officers are aware of the registration policies and have all of this information.
- Application for funding from the Student Government Association cannot be accepted if your organization is not registered with The Office of Student Life.
- Funds allocated to your organization/specialty club CANNOT be utilized if your organization/specialty club is not registered with The Office of Student Life or if your organization is not in good standing with Student Life.

Should your advisor or any officers change during the year, please contact The Office of Student Life in Room 2C400 and the Student Government Association, Room 2C440.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FUNDING

The Student Government Association administers the allocation of a portion of Student Service Fees. Student Service Fees are collected by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center as a component of tuition and fees.

The Student Senate administers the allocation of the portion of funds received by the Student Government Association for allocation to student organizations. This allocation takes place through a very strict budget process, where annual amounts are allocated to supplement the budgets of student groups throughout the fiscal year. **Allocation may also occur through the Special Projects Request process, which furnishes emergency funds to organizations for needs not anticipated during the budget process at the discretion of the Student Government Association Budget & Finance Committee.**

The Student Government Association office is available to answer any question, concerns, or problems you may have. Feel free to contact any of the officers at 743-1619 or visit The Office of Student Life, Room 2C400 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ABOUT THE FUNDING REGULATIONS HANDBOOK

PURPOSE OF THE FUNDING REGULATIONS HANDBOOK

This manual is written for the financial officer of the registered student organization or specialty club and their advisors to inform them of the policies and procedures of the TTUHSC SGA so that they can manage their TTUHSC SGA funding efficiently. This handbook covers the basic financial policies of the TTUHSC SGA and outlines the responsibilities, restrictions, and penalties related to the use of TTUHSC SGA funds. The manual will be updated as changes occur.

AUTHORITY AND EFFECT OF THE FUNDING REGULATIONS HANDBOOK

The policies and procedures outlined in this manual are a compilation of the rules and laws that govern the operation of the funds allocated by the TTUHSC SGA. There are rules, policies, procedures, and laws that govern these funds that extend beyond the policies of the TTUHSC SGA to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center policies, state, and federal law. Failure to comply with the procedures and rules laid out in this handbook may result in the permanent refusal of TTUHSC SGA funding to an organization/specialty club. These regulations are in place to prevent the misuse of TTUHSCSGA allocated funds and to provide equal access for all students to the benefits of TTUHSC SGA funding.

DUTIES OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS/SPECIALTY CLUBS

- A. Each organization/specialty club funded through the TTUHSC SGA must obtain a copy of and is responsible for compliance with the TTUHSC SGA Funding Regulations Handbook and the TTUHSC SGA regulations regarding funding allocation and transactions. This handbook can be accessed at www.ttuhs.edu/student-government/documents/Funding-Handbook-2020.pdf.
- B. Financial officers of each organization/specialty club must turn over all financial materials to their successors and make them aware of all policies and procedures at the end of their term in office.
- C. Financial officers are required to participate in financial training, which is arranged by the SGA Vice President of Finance.

- D. Notify the TTUHSC SGA of any officer or advisor changes through HSC Net {Slate of Officer Form - <https://ttuhsc.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/228134>}.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FUNDING GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. The organization must be officially registered with HSC Student Life. Any unregistered organization/specialty club or any organization/specialty club not in good standing with The Office of Student Life may not submit any reimbursement, payment, or travel request.
- B. Organizations must re-register each year to complete eligibility requirements.
- C. Groups must have at least 10 active members on their roster in order to receive Student Service Fee funds.
- D. The President, Treasurer, and Advisor of each organization/specialty club are required to sign the Funding Contract. Signature acknowledges understanding and agrees to comply with TTUHSC SGA funding policies and procedures.
- E. All required forms are included in the Appendix of the Funding Regulations Handbook and may also be found in The Office of Student Life, Room 2C400.
- F. Student organizations/specialty clubs founded at a regional campus or are identified as off-campus will not be eligible for Student Services Fee funding.

DEADLINES

- A. **DEADLINE FOR ALL MAJOR EXPENDITURES - JUNE 4, 2021.**
- B. **DEADLINE FOR REMAINING EXPENDITURES - AUGUST 13, 2021.**

Purchases must be completed by the deadline date. The practice of pre-ordering items will not be permitted.

RESTRICTIONS

- A. Organizations not registered by the last class day of the FALL semester will forfeit 1/3 of their allocation
- B. Organizations not registered by the last class day of the SPRING semester will forfeit an additional 1/3 of their original allocation.

There are no exceptions to these deadlines.

SGA FINANCIAL PROCESS

There will be one (1) Budget Orientation typically held in the fall to instruct the incoming president and treasurer of each organization/specialty club regarding the Funding Regulations Handbook. Future meetings will be determined by the SGA Finance Committee on a need basis only.

BUDGETS

Every student organization/specialty club who meets eligibility requirements may submit a request for Senate funding on an announced date each year. A budget proposal which represents the total funding requests of the student organization within the Health Sciences Center will be submitted by the Vice President of Finance of the HSC SGA to the TTU/TTUHSC Student Service Fee Committee at the appointed time. This form is submitted through the HSC Net.

The budget process is the primary means by which funds are allocated by the TTUHSC SGA to student organizations/specialty clubs. Student organization/specialty clubs typically will be notified of their annual budget

allocations during the fall semester at the Budget Orientation & Dissemination of Funding workshop.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING ELIGIBILITY:

- A. The organization/specialty club must be officially registered with the HSC Office of Student Life, 2C400.
- B. A current copy of the organization's or specialty club's constitution must be on file and must state that membership is open to all HSC students.
- C. The organization/specialty club must have a current and complete "Slate of Officer" form, Constitution and/or By-Laws, and a Membership Roster on file.
 - a. A Slate of Officers MUST be submitted, even if electing officers after the deadline. If 2021-2022 officers are not yet elected, submit a Slate of Officers with your current officers listed.
- D. Budget deadlines are strictly enforced.
- E. Organizations/Specialty Clubs are not eligible for more than a 10% increase from one funding year to the next.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statements for registered student organization/specialty clubs are available through the HSC Net portal.

SENATE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS GUIDELINES

- A. The Student Senate Finance Committee shall review all financial statements from the applying Organizations/Specialty Clubs in making allocations. The following things should be considered for allocation purposes:
 - 1. Bringing recognition to and enhancing the image of TTUHSC
 - 2. Community Service and Involvement
 - 3. Providing academic opportunities for TTUHSC students
 - 4. Providing support for cultural activities, speakers, and conventions
 - 5. Number of active members
 - 6. Financial support from other sources
- B. Organizations/Specialty Clubs are not eligible for more than a 10% increase or decrease from one funding year to the next.
- C. If an Organization/Specialty Club does not use all of its allocated funds, a 50% deduction of the remaining funds will be applied to the following year.
- D. The Finance Committee shall write the Funding Bill to be presented to the Student Senate as a whole for its approval no later than the second-to-last meetings of the Student Senate.
- E. The final vote for approval from the Student Senate shall be held at the final meeting of the year.
- F. With the recommendation of the Finance Committee, senators may amend the Funding Bill subject to approval of the Senate.

SPECIAL REQUEST PROCESS

- A. 15% of the total trip funds must come from the individual student or group, either via clubs' own dues, fundraising, or out of pocket. At least one fundraising event must be documented and included with the Special Projects Request to be reviewed by the Finance Committee
- B. A report with a detailed list of projected expenditures (meals, gas per mile, hotel fee, and conference fee if applicable) must be submitted via HSC Net (<https://ttuhsc.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/228138>) to the SGA finance committee at least two weeks in advance before said trip. SGA requires at least two weeks in advance in order to assure that the request will be reviewed before the bimonthly SGA meetings.
- C. A copy of all receipts must be returned to SGA after the organizations returns from their trip in order to

ensure that the club used requested funds, and used them properly. Any funds not accounted for by receipt(s) must be returned to SGA.

- D. If an organization requests funds retroactively, they must fill out a report with a detailed list of expenditures and receipts for those expenditures must be provided.
- E. Requests for reimbursements will follow state's reimbursement guidelines.
- F. Exceptions to these guidelines will be made based on the availability to which the organization travels, and the decision will be made by the SGA finance committee after review.
- G. This process exists to allow allocation of funds throughout the year for events or projects not previously budgeted for.
- H. The Special Projects Fund is under the management of the SGA Vice President of Finance and the Student Senate Budget & Finance Committee.
- I. An organization's/specialty club's need for requesting additional funding must be due to an unexpected opportunity or expense.
- J. Student Organizations/Specialty Clubs must comply with all rules and provisions of the Funding Regulations Handbook.
- K. All requesting groups must exhaust all other external funding sources before seeking funds from the Special Projects Fund.
- L. Brand new organizations/specialty clubs (have not applied for funding in 3 years) are only eligible for up to \$500 of contingency funding.
- M. Organizations/Specialty Clubs will be considered "First Year Organizations/Specialty Clubs" and subject to the first-year cap if one of the following applies:
 - 1. If an organization/specialty club ceases to exist on campus (due to Funding Handbook violations) and then returns
 - 2. The organization/specialty club is newly formed/started
 - 3. Organizations/Specialty Clubs who have not applied for general funding in the 3 previous years.
- N. Organization/Specialty Clubs are exempt from the first-year cap if one of the following applies:
 - 1. If an organization/specialty club only applies for funding every other year.
 - 2. If an organization skips a year of funding. However, if the organization/specialty club will be eligible for funding up to the same amount as the last year they were funded but will not be eligible for an increase.
- O. The process for requesting these funds is as follows:
 - 1. Funds must be requested at least 2 weeks before the event is scheduled to occur or at least two weeks before the last Senate meeting of the year, whichever is first.
 - 2. Draft a memo describing the nature of the expenditure, the estimated amount of the expenditure, and the benefit to the organization and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
 - 3. Complete a "Request for Additional Funding – Special Projects" form, which is available in the HSC Net forms portal.
 - 4. Submit this request via the HSC Net portal. A copy of this packet should be submitted to the Director of Student Life for verification of expenditures.
 - 5. The Finance Committee will review the request and submit its recommendation to the Student Senate for final approval.
 - 6. The organization/specialty club may be asked to present their request for additional funding to the Senate.
 - 7. The organization/specialty club will be notified by e-mail when a decision is made regarding the request.
 - 8. Funds up to the allocated amount will be reimbursed in accordance with the contingencies placed on them.

NOTE: No requests for additional funding will be considered after the last Student Senate meeting of the 2020-2021 School Year and the first meeting of the 2021-2022 School Year.

VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES

- A. Failure to abide by these regulations may cause cancellation of all remaining funds to your organization, as well as your organization, advisors, and officers assuming full liability for all expenditures, past, present, and future, and automatically subject to your organization to future funding probation and/or suspension.
- B. Failure to abide by these regulations may permanently jeopardize your organization's ability to receive funding from the SGA.
- C. If your organization fails to abide by the established process by which all reimbursements are made, your reimbursement may be denied by the Student Government Association and/or the Director of Student Life and/or Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Accounting Services.
- D. All reimbursements will be paid to the organization only and may not be used by the organization to reimburse the department.

******Under no circumstances can the SGA reimburse a Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center department, Procurement Card, or Corporate Travel Card. These policies are in place due to restrictions placed on the SGA through federal and state law, as well as University policy.******

- E. **Activities/Purchases which CANNOT BE FUNDED include (but not limited to):**
 - 1. Alcoholic beverages
 - 2. Lobbying
 - 3. Religious Activities and Materials
 - 4. Support of a candidate for public office
 - 5. Loans, gifts, gift certificates, scholarships, awards, or prizes. (This does not apply to plaques, certificates, trophies, or banquets intended to recognize achievement and service.)
 - 6. Paintings, prints, fixtures, or furniture to decorate offices.
 - 7. Computers, printers, scanners, digital cameras, or hardware.
 - 8. Club sports or any intramural expenses.
 - 9. VCR rentals/videos/tapes
 - 10. National biased material (any campaign material promoting a candidate for public office.)
 - 11. Donations of any kind
 - 12. Books, Handbooks, or Textbooks unless authorized by the Director of Student Life.
 - 13. We will not reimburse organizations for speakers' travel expenses or speaker fees. These expenses are reimbursed to the speaker only. Please contact The Office of Student Life prior to the event to purchase the speakers' travel/hotel arrangements.
 - 14. Membership dues for your local, state, or national affiliations. .

Personal reimbursements for food and/or supplies WILL NOT be allowed. These purchases must be coordinated through the Office of Student Life.

PROFESSIONAL AND/OR SPEAKER SERVICES

SPEAKER PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- F. The Campus Organizations/Specialty Club Contract for Speakers Form must be completed and signed prior to reimbursement. All original documentation (e.g. airline tickets, lodging, meal receipts) must accompany this form and be turned into the Office of Student Life no later than 10 days after the event in order for reimbursement to be made to the speaker.
- G. An Independent Contractor Questionnaire must be filled out for each speaker prior to payment/reimbursement. Payments/reimbursements will not be made to the speaker(s) without this form.
- H. Speakers must be paid directly for their professional/speaker fees.
- I. No cash advances for speaker's fees or expenses incurred in bringing the speaker to campus are allowed. For reimbursement of such expenses, a W-9 form and a "Contract for Speakers" form must be completed and accompanied by all supporting documents (e.g. plane, hotel or dining receipts). See Attachment D.
- J. Only speakers can be reimbursed for speaker fees (based on Form 1099 of the Internal Revenue Service).
- K. Student Services Fee funds can be used to reimburse the speaker for meals personally incurred in conjunction with a presentation made to the organization. Any other food expenses (banquets, receptions, etc.) will not be reimbursed.
- L. Only speakers, not organization/specialty club, can be reimbursed for the speaker's travel, lodging, and meal expenses.
- M. A speakers' reimbursement is based on information received from the Internal Revenue Service. See #3 for information.
- N. Student Services Fee funds cannot be used to reimburse expenses or fees for speakers who are Texas Tech University Health Sciences and/or Texas Tech University employees.

REQUIREMENT FOR PAYMENT TO SPEAKERS WHO ARE NOT US CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS.

- A. **All** payments must meet "eligibility for payment" rules set by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The immigration rules are based on the visitor's immigration status (visa type) on the I-94 card, number of days performing services in the U.S. and the type of payment being made to the visitor. You must contact Bob Crosier in the Office of International Affairs at (806-742-3667) **before** inviting the Nonresident Alien visitor to campus to ensure that the visitor will have a payable visa type. Bob will need to know the following information:
 - 1. The visitor's country of citizenship
 - 2. The expected arrival date on campus
 - 3. The expected immigration status
 - 4. The expected number of days the visitor will perform the service
 - 5. The type of payment being made.
- B. When the nonresident alien visitor arrives in the United States, make copies of the following documents and **immediately** fax them over to Bob Crosier at (806-742-1286). Bob will fax an approval or disapproval to the Office of Tax Compliance. The Office of Tax Compliance will then notify the department whether or not they can make a payment to the foreign visitor.

1. Copy of the I-94 Card (Small white card issued at the port of entry to the U.S. indicating the status of the person entering and the length of stay allowed.) or I-94W Card (Small green version of the I-94 issued to persons entering the United States on the visa waiver program.)
2. Passport Pages with the Visa stamp
3. General Information/Picture ID page.

The Pink IAP-66 Form for J-1 Visa Holders (An immigration document issued to a J-1 Exchange Visitor. After processing at the port of entry, the nonresident alien should have the pink copy. This form indicates the names of the sponsoring school, the activity of the participant, and the dates of the program.)

- C. Many countries have income tax treaties with the United States which were developed specifically to encourage the exchange of information and business. Tax treaties allow nonresident aliens to be exempt from U.S. income tax withholding but only if the proper procedures are followed to claim a tax treaty benefit.
1. If there is a tax treaty for the individual's country of residence and there is a provision for "independent personal services," then the Nonresident Alien visitor will need to complete IRS Form 8233 and must have a taxpayer identification number in order to claim a tax treaty benefit. **Contact the Office of Tax Compliance to determine if a tax treaty exists for the individual.**
 2. If the Nonresident Alien is eligible for tax treaty benefit, we will not have to withhold 30% income tax from his payment.
 3. If the Nonresident Alien visitor is going to be paid an honorarium and he is going to claim a tax treaty benefit and the Non-resident Alien visitor does not have a United States Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, you will need to **immediately take** the Non-resident Alien to the Office of Tax Compliance at Drane Hall Room 106 (or Bob Crosier's office) to help the visitor complete the Form W-7 Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). This **must** be done in person.
- D. The following three pieces of information will need to be sent to the Office of Tax Compliance at Drane Hall 106 at the same time the above information in Section 2 is sent to the Office of International Affairs. Should you have any questions or need to fax the information; the Office of Tax Compliance can be reached at 806-742-3255-Phone or 806-742-0066- Fax).
1. Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (e.g. copy of social security card, ITIN card, or Form W-7 Application for the IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number that was obtained from the Office of Tax Compliance or the Office of International Affairs in person).
 2. IRS FORM 8233 (December 2001) Exemption from Withholding on Compensation for Independent Personal Services of a Non-resident Alien Individual (to determine if this form is needed, contact the Office of Tax Compliance to verify there is a treaty with the non-resident alien's country).
 3. Foreign National Information Form (to be completed by the non-resident alien).
- E. Please bring all of the previous documentation to the Assistant Director in the Office of Student Life to complete the payment.

FOOD EXPENDITURES

- A. No more than two (2) payments for food for meetings per fiscal year will come out of your student organization/specialty clubs' budget allocated by the VP of Finance and approved by the Student Senate.
1. The meetings can either be two (2) in the fall, two (2) in the spring or one (1) in the fall and one

- (1) in the spring.
 2. An \$8.00 per person cap applies based on the RSVP listed submitted. A Food Request Form submitted through HSC Net must be submitted at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting which will include: **1) an RSVP list of members that have signed up to attend the meeting, 2) vendor name, 3) contact name; 4) telephone number; 5) name the order is under; and 6) speaker name and topic.**
 3. The amount of the reimbursable cost will be based on the number of members that have signed the RSVP list X \$8.00. **RECEIPTS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MEETING HAS OCCURRED.**
- B. Student Organizations/Specialty Clubs may appeal to the TTUHSC SGA Budget & Finance Committee for awarding of additional funding for events outside of the two (2) allowed meetings. Examples of events include, but are not limited to the following:
1. A well-known speaker from off campus
 2. Events that appeal to a larger segment of the HSC population (beyond the scope of a single student organization/specialty club)
 3. Annual events
- C. **Business meetings MUST include a speaker and agenda if providing food.**
1. A list of attendees and agenda must be turned in to the Office of Student Life.
 2. Any person attending a meeting and that has requested a meal is required to attend the meeting and stay until the meeting ends or until the schedule time for the meeting has elapsed, whichever comes first.
 3. The officers of the student organization/specialty club are required to enforce the attendance policy as outlined in the food section. The officers shall work to place food lines so that students cannot easily take food and leave the meeting (i.e. have the serving tables funnel into the meeting room, etc.).
- D. **State mandates the use of a procurement card whenever possible, therefore your organization needs to comply with the following guidelines:**
1. Select a food provider that honors Master Card and will take the credit card number over the phone.
 2. Contact the Office of Student Life with information **prior** to the purchase by submitting the Food Request Form through HSC Net no later than 2 days prior.
 3. Payment can be done by either having the vendor contact The Office of Student Life at 806-743-2302 OR a representative for Student Life calling the vendor to obtain the necessary information to complete the Master Card transaction.
 4. **No student service fee monies can be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.**
- E. Events that are anticipated to exceed \$500 or more **MUST HAVE PRIOR** approval from the Assistant Provost for Student Affairs before the event is to occur. A Preapproval Form, HSC OP 72.13 (www.fiscal.ttuhs.edu/paymentservices/pcard/collateral/Pre-approval%20Form.pdf) must be filled out and submitted 90 days prior to the event. **Failure to comply with this regulation may jeopardize funding for this event.**
- F. A "Facilities Use Form" located at <https://app4.ttuhs.edu/PremisesRequest/> **MUST BE** filled out at **least 7 business days prior** to your meeting and submitted to Student Life upon reserving the room for your meeting.
- G. Dues from off-campus accounts may be used towards the purchase of food for meetings.
- H. Vendors that do not take the procurement card over the telephone to pay for food will need to be paid for by the organization and will not be reimbursed.

Travel Policy for Reimbursement by the Student Government Association and The Office of Student Life

*******IMPORTANT*******

Failure to abide by these regulations may result in your organization and/or its members assuming full liability for all expenditures, past, present, and future, and will automatically subject your organization to future funding probation.

PRIOR to any travel reimbursement from the SGA Senate, the student organization/specialty club officers shall submit a list of approved travelers to The Office of Student Life. The officers are responsible to keep this list current.

*Student Organizations or Specialty Clubs may request special funding from the Senate Budget & Finance Committee. Funding requests must be justified by the organization/specialty club officers. The Senate Budget & Finance Committee will review and award on a case by case basis if the organization/specialty club has exceeded their allocation. Any stipulations for reimbursement to travelers **MUST** be adhered to within the regulations set forth in the Funding Regulations Handbook.*

Student Organizations must submit a list of members that are holding an office at the state and/or national level to The Office of Student Life. They are also responsible in keeping this list current.

In accordance with IRS regulations, any travel voucher not approved by the Travel Office that is over 60 days old will be taxable to the traveler. The Travel System will calculate based on the trip end date and will automatically record the taxable expense to Payroll.

1. Pursuant to TTUHSC OP 77.08, Student Travel Policy, students are required to fill out the Student Liability Release Form (www.ttuhs.edu/administration/documents/ops/op77/op7708a.pdf) and Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment Forms (www.ttuhs.edu/administration/documents/ops/op77/op7708b.pdf) for any travel that is more than 25 miles from the Health Sciences Center **AND** must be submitted to the Office of Student Life before the travel is to occur. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION MAY JEOPARDIZE FUNDING FOR THE EVENT.**
2. Pursuant to TTUHSC OP 77.08, Student Travel Policy, students are required to fill out the Clery Travel Form (<https://www.ttuhs.edu/student-life/travel-form.aspx>) upon their return for any trip that involves EITHER (1) the rental of a room or facility (excluding lodging) for any length of time OR (2) lodging for two or more nights OR (3) lodging is for ONLY one night but it is a repeated use of the same site each year.
3. Student service fee monies may be used for travel to conferences or workshops.
4. Your request for travel reimbursement from your allocated funds **MUST** be for travel expenses that are in accordance with your allocation's specific restrictions and the institution's travel policy (OP 79.06). These restrictions are disclosed to your organization at the same time you are informed of the amount of your allocation.
5. Hotel and airline arrangements can be made through The Office of Student Life if a traveler does not have adequate funding available and cannot wait for personal reimbursements (usually 7-10 days after the Travel Voucher is received in HSC Student Life).
6. A Student Travel Request Form must be submitted in HSC Net (<https://ttuhsc.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/394039>) 45 days from the date of travel and must meet with the Office of Student Life to coordinate travel and submit group travel forms.

7. If the traveler is utilizing another department for funding, an email from that department will need to be sent to The Office of Student Life including the FOP information.

NOTE: The Travel Office of TTUHSC DOES NOT allow for one (1) person to pay for a room shared by more than one (1) person OR rooms they did not stay in. Each person sharing a room MUST pay for their share of the room at departure from the hotel. The hotel will accommodate this practice and each person MUST get a hotel receipt and turn in the receipt for reimbursement.

8. The Student Senate SUBSIDIZES student travel expenses as follows:
 - (1) Lodging and meal expense amounts will be up to the discretion of the organization's officers.
 - (2) Both the itemized and credit card receipts for meals must be turned in to process a reimbursement.
 - (3) Transportation based on the following:
 - Gas expenses if renting a vehicle.
 - State of Texas WILL NOT reimburse insurance paid on rented vehicles (OP 82.06 Vol. II).
 - Payment for Contracted Airfare (if contract is in effect. If no Contract is available, then total airfare if traveling by commercial airlines.)
 - (4) Local telephone calls and long-distance calls WILL NOT be reimbursed.
 - (5) If an organization needs early registration fees paid, please contact HSC Student Life.
9. If the traveler is attending the event after they have graduated from TTUHSC, a Travel Voucher MUST be filled out prior to graduation. (This is because you need to have a valid e-raider address on file to be reimbursed for travel expenses).
10. Upon returning from your trip, traveler must complete and submit the "Travel Reimbursement Request" form in HSC Net (<https://ttuhsc.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/394039>) with all receipts and supporting documents. Signatures of Traveler, Organization/Specialty Club President and/or Treasurer are needed for reimbursement to occur. Failure to sign the form will result in delays for getting reimbursed. **Travel reimbursement must be within the same fiscal year as the travel occurred.**

****Receipts and Support Documentation – All receipts MUST BE the original receipts AND Supporting Documentation MUST include a copy of the workshop or conference's agenda listing dates and times of meetings.****

11. Upon returning from your trip, an organization may be required to make a brief presentation to the Senate.
12. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: International travel must be approved prior to departure date. Reimbursement will not be approved if this is not adhered to. Please check with the Assistant Provost for Student Affairs at least 3 months prior to any anticipated International Travel for proper procedures to follow.
13. For organizations/specialty clubs that have members from the TTU academic campus, monies can be used to pay for registration to a conference.
14. **Online booking agencies, such as Orbit, Priceline, Expedia, Hotels.com will not be utilized by the Office of Student Life to book airlines or hotels.**

SPECIAL NOTES

Guidelines Concerning Safe Travel Practices

1. Each administrative unit approving University-related travel, especially travel that involves students, is encouraged to promulgate guidelines that encourage safe driving and minimize risks of injury during that travel.

2. Registered student organizations are free to make such off-campus trips as are deemed worthwhile by the membership and sponsors of the organization. Participation in such off-campus trips and activities is at the students' own risk. If personal injury or accident should occur to students or other persons during such activities, TTUHSC will assume no responsibility, financial or otherwise.
3. Faculty and staff sponsors and organization officers are urged to take all possible precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of all persons participating in off-campus activities.
4. There is no official registration procedure for official off-campus trips, and there are no official excused class absences for student organizations. Students will be responsible for making their own individual arrangements for instructors for class work missed while participating in an off-campus trip. Instructors may set their own requirements for class work missed under such circumstances; they must grant students an opportunity to make up all course work missed while participating in an official off-campus trip.

All travel payments are at the discretion and the organization/specialty club officers' approval.

Additional Rules & Regulations

Use of TTUHSC Logo:

All t-shirt designs, along with any other product that will have the TTUHSC logo MUST be approved by the Office of Communication & Marketing before printing. Submission of these designs can be sent to Deidra Satterwhite at deidra.satterwhite@ttuhsc.edu. The logo approval will then be sent to the appropriate personnel and notification will be sent once a response is received.

*NOTE: Approval must be done every time a shirt request is submitted, regardless of prior approval.

Facilities Use Policies:

- TTUHSC Operating Policy 61.07 must be completed seven university business days prior to the event. (website: <https://app4.ttuhsc.edu/PremisesRequest/>)
- Food policies MUST be followed (see attachment 9/26/03).
- No classrooms are to be used as study areas.
- Doors to the Academic Classroom building will be locked at 5:30 p.m. by the police department (Rooms 260 A-K)
- Doors must not be propped open. Alarm will be set off.
- Temporary collection containers in public areas (see attachment 10/27/03)
- All postings MUST follow HSC OP 61.03.

Requesting Rooms/Areas in ACB and/or HSC areas

All meetings/events must book a room through Audio Visual/Classroom Support at 806-743-2288 before submitting a Request to Use TTUHSC Facilities form.

*NOTE: Rental of the Academic Event Center (AEC) requires a different process. Visit their website at www.ttuhsc.edu/services/academic-event-center/.

TTUHSC Food Policies for Classroom
Updated 9/1/2019

1. All events with food **must** submit the facilities use form seven university working days prior to an event.
2. Responsible groups hosting any meal event must clean up immediately after the event. If the responsible group fails to clean the room and housekeeping or classroom support cleans the rooms, **a fee will be charged.**
3. No coffee machines are allowed in classrooms.
4. No bins for recycling are allowed in classrooms.
5. No food serving tables will be setup on the stage area of classrooms.
6. **No** heated appliances or service trays with burners will be:
 - a. Permitted unless sponsored by a TTU or HSC department.
 - b. Placed on permanently installed tables or classroom tables.Boxes or sack lunches are preferred.
The classroom tables will not be used as a serving surface for food.
7. Meals served on china are only allowed in the following rooms: 2B480, 2B485, 2B152, ACB250, ACB260E, and ACB260F. Tablecloths are required when china is used.
8. The following rooms have counters that can be used for serving food: 2B480, 2B485, 2B152, and 5A101.
9. Tables must be cleaned after each event and cleaning supplies will be located in the kitchen. Contact Classroom Support for access to the kitchen at 743-2288.
10. Weekend events involving meals will require housekeeping personnel for a minimum of two hours. There is a charge for this service.
11. No food or drink is allowed in the lab.
12. Spills should be reported to Housekeeping at 743-2060 so that the appropriate cleaning may be done.

Policy for using the Courtyard at TTUHSC

1. All requests to use the courtyard must follow the guidelines established in HSC OP 61.07. The form HSC OP 61.07a must be completed seven (7) days prior to the event and submitted to the Director of Student Life (website: <https://app4.ttuhsu.edu/PremisesRequest/>).

Policy for Use of Temporary Collection Containers in Public Areas

The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements for collection containers that will be used for clothing and food drives within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must submit a list of phone numbers of individuals responsible for collection of the items and removal of the containers when the event has concluded.
- Must identify location of all containers and the length of time the container will be at the location.
- Must submit a schedule of weekly collection times.
- Container must be plastic and be labeled with name of collection drives and any pertinent information. The Office of Student Life has purchased collection containers that student organizations can utilize.

Policy for Use of TouchNet

The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements for creation of a TouchNet website to collect monies for an event hosted by the organization/specialty club.

Requirements:

- Notification sent to the Office of Student Life of proposed event that will be collection monies. (initial event planning stages)
- Notification sent to The Office of Student Life for the implementation of a Touchnet website four (4) weeks prior to requested date for registration to begin.

TouchNet is the online payment system that TTUHSC utilizes for student organization/specialty clubs to receive payments by credit card for hosted events.

Policy for Use of Tax ID

[HSC OP 50.19 – Use of the Accounting System and Services by Student and Other Organizations](#)

In this policy student organizations are **not** placed under the institution's tax-exempt umbrella. Therefore, student organizations are not able to use the TTUHSC tax-exempt status when purchasing items.

APPENDIX A

FUNDING CONTRACT

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Student Organization/Specialty Club (full name)

has applied for Student Government Association funding for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. In requesting these funds, the aforementioned organization, the undersigned, and their predecessors and successors in interest (hereafter referred to as "we") agree to abide by any restriction and requirements placed on them by the Student Government or its Senate Committee on Budget and Finance. In addition, we have read and fully understand the current Funding Regulations Handbook and agree to abide by the rules stated therein. Should our organization/club receive funding, we realize that we will be held responsible for spending our allocation in accordance with the Funding Regulations Handbook and that our organization must receive a copy of this handbook from the Student Government Association Office or online at <http://www.ttuhscc.edu/student-government>. Failure to do so may result in the withholding of our funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. We understand our failure to follow these or any additional restriction, requirements, or regulations promulgated by the Student Government Association or its Senate Committee on Budget and Finance, may result in our organization losing its funding and assuming full liability for any and all of its expenditures, regardless of whether the Student Government Association has reimbursed our organization for prior expenditures.

Signed:

President (print)

President (sign)

Date

Treasurer (print)

Treasurer (sign)

Date

University Advisor/Sponsor (print)

University Advisor/Sponsor (sign)

Date