Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Travel Authorization Form (TAF)

1. Date of Request	2. Travel Request #	3. Department/Division	4. DEPT/ORGN:	5. Appropriation #
01/07/20		DOR/CSE	8095	

6. Name of Traveler	7. Title	8. Dates of Travel
Christopher Jones	Director of Customer Service	From: 03/18/20 To: 03/20/20

9. Travel Itinerary and Justification

I am looking for the approval to attend the 2026 New England Fathering Conference. The dates of the conference are March 18th - March 20th. The conference is going to be held in Mystic CT.

Attached supporting documentation (conference agendas, brochures, etc.)

10. Expenses

	Personal Funds	MA State Funds	Federal Funds	Other (describe in #12)
Transportation: (check all that apply) ☐ Rail ☐Bus ☐Airfare ☑Car: ☐ State ☐Personal ☐Rental ☐Taxi ☐Other:		$ 131.25		
Lodging: Mystic Marriott Groton CT- 2 Nights		$ 273.70		
Meals: 2 Days - $59 per day		$ 118.00	$ 0.00	
Other: (please list): Registration		$ 450.00		
Subtotal	$ 0.00	$ 972.95	$ 0.00	$ 0.00

Grand Total: $ 972.95

11. Certifications and Authorizations (See G.L. c. 30, §25B)

I hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is true and correct.

Signature of Traveler: Christopher Jones — Date: 1/7/2026

I hereby certify that sufficient funds are available for the above described travel accommodations.

Signature of Agency CFO: Timothy Rooney — Date: 01/09/2026

I hereby authorize the anticipated travel described above and related expenses listed in this form.

Signature of Traveler's Appointing Authority: Michele Cristello — Title: Deputy Commissioner — Date: 1/9/2026

I hereby authorize the anticipated travel described above and related expenses listed in this form.

Signature of the Traveler's Cabinet Secretary: Matthew J. Gorzkowicz — Date: 1/12/2026

12. Travel Funded By Private Entity, Foreign Government Entity, or Federally Recognized Tribe:

Travel Funded By Private Funds: ☐Yes ■No

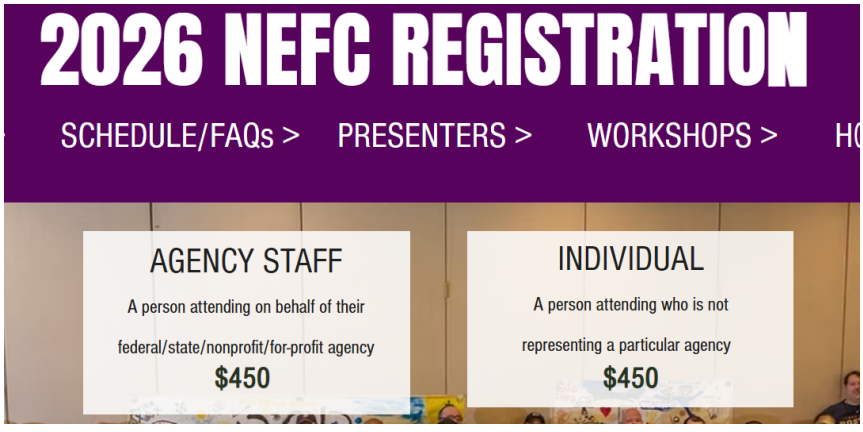
If Yes: $_____ Source (Contact Information):_____

TRAVEL FUNDED BY PRIVATE SOURCES MUST BE DISCLOSED TO AND AUTHORIZED BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO 930 CMR 5.08 (2)(d)(1). FOR THE APPROPRIATE FORM GO TO: https://www.mass.gov/disclosure-forms

13: Upon final approval, the Cabinet Secretary shall ensure that a copy of this form is distributed to:

☐ **A&F Budget Director & The Office of the Comptroller (please check once complete)**

Registration: $450



Hotel: $119.00 + per night

Hotel Room Reservations



The Conference will take place at the beautiful **Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa**, located at 625 North Road, Groton, Connecticut.

A block of rooms has been reserved for March 18 - 21 under the name "New England Fathering Conference."

NEFC room rates are $119.00/night + 15% tax.

Conference attendees are responsible for booking and paying for their own room reservations.

Please contact the hotel directly at **1-860-446-2600** to make your reservations by phone. **Be sure to mention that you would like a room under the "New England Fathering Conference" block.**

Agenda

Conference Schedule At-A-Glance

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

5:00pm – 7:00pm Early Check-in

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

7:30am Check-in/Breakfast

8:15am Welcome/Acknowledgements

8:45am Opening Remarks

9:15am Keynote Speaker: Joél Leon

10:00am Questions/Discussion

10:15am Find Your Workshop!

10:30am Session A Workshops

12:30pm Lunch

1:45pm Dads' Stories

2:15pm Find Your Workshop!

2:30pm Session B Workshops

4:30pm Networking Hour in the Marriott Ballroom

5:30pm Day One Ends

Thursday, March 19, 2026

7:30am Check-in/Breakfast

8:00am Welcome/Acknowledgements

8:15am Opening Remarks

8:45am Dads' Stories

9:15am Keynote Speaker: Ingrid Canady

10:00am Questions/Discussion

10:15am Find Your Workshop!

10:30am Session C Workshops

12:30pm Lunch

1:45pm Dads' Stories

2:15pm Find Your Workshop!

2:30pm Session D Workshops

4:30pm Day Two Ends

Friday, March 20, 2026

7:30am Check-in/Breakfast

8:00am Welcome/Acknowledgements

8:15am Keynote Speaker: Joseph Gidjunis

9:00am Questions/Discussion

9:15am Break

9:30am NEFC IRON DAD Competition

11:30am Conference