Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Travel Authorization Form (TAF)

1. Date of Request	2. Travel Request #	3. Department/Division	4. DEPT/ORGN:	5. Appropriation #
11/20/25		DOR/CSS	8095	

6. Name of Traveler	7. Title	8. Dates of Travel
Julie Gorham	Deputy Director CSS/CSB	From: 01/25/26 To: 01/30/26

9. Travel Itinerary and Justification

Seeking authorization to attend NCSEA U and NCSEA Policy Forum in Washington, D.C. Dates of NCSEA U are Jan 26 & 27 (required to arrive on Jan 25). Dates of Policy Forum are Jan 27-30, 2026.

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:		$ 206.96		
Lodging: JW Marriott Washington DC (5 x $289/nt + tax)		$ 1,675.48		
Meals: 5 days @ $59/day		$ 295.00		
Other: (please list): Fees: $245 NCSEA U; $650 NCSEA		$ 895.00		
Subtotal	$ 0.00	$ 3,072.44	$ 0.00	$ 0.00

Grand Total: $ 3,072.44

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: Julie S. Gorham — Date: 11/20/25

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

Signature of Agency CFO: Timothy Rooney — Date: 12/9/2025

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: 12/2/2025

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: 12/31/2025

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)**

November 19, 2025

Dear Julie,

Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in NCSEA U 2026, which will be held January 26-27, 2026, before the NCSEA Policy Forum in Washington D.C. This program aims to enhance professional development for current and future policy leaders in the child support community, with instruction from Jim Fleming and Tanguler Gray.

Action Items:

1. **Confirm your participation** in NCSEA U 2026 by signing and emailing this form to Brianna Nesbitt (brianna.nesbitt@ncsea.org) no later than Wednesday, December 3, 2025.
2. **Register for the NCSEA Policy Forum** by January 9, 2026. The registration portal is open.
3. **Make hotel reservations** Please use this link to book your room for both NCSEA U and Policy Forum by December 30, 2025. If you have already made a hotel reservation, please let Brianna Nesbitt know so NCSEA can release the room back to the room block.
    - **Arrival/Departure dates:** Sunday, January 26 – Friday, January 30
4. **Pay the $245 NCSEA U registration fee** by January 16, 2026. Payment can be made online or by check. If you have an NCSEA profile, the fee has been billed to your account.

Commitments:

- **Attend all NCSEA U classes,** including on-site sessions, pre-conference virtual session (**January 7, 2026 at 1pm ET**), and one post-conference virtual session (date TBD).
- **Participate** in scheduled activities while in Washington D.C.

If you cannot attend, please inform Brianna Nesbitt (brianna.nesbitt@ncsea.org) as soon as possible.

If your plans have changed and you are no longer able to attend the Policy Forum and NCSEA U, we ask that you please contact NCSEA staff by **Wednesday, December 3 at 12 PM ET**, to accommodate other applicants. If you cannot attend, please inform Brianna Nesbitt (brianna.nesbitt@ncsea.org) as soon as possible.

We are excited about this program and the opportunity to foster a peer network. We look forward to meeting everyone in the coming weeks!

Sincerely,

Brianna Nesbitt, MS
Manager, Professional Development

NCSEA U Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

POLICY FORUM

2026

JANUARY 27-30, 2026



The **NCSEA 2026 Policy Forum, January 27 - 30, 2026 in Washington D.C**. This conference provides a unique opportunity for IV-D Directors, researchers, policy experts, and child support professionals to

discuss and learn about the most recent policies and issues influencing the child support program at the national, tribal, state, and local levels.

In Person	Virtual
Member: $650.00 Non-Member: $795.00	Member: $495.00 Non-Member: $750.00
Registration is now open!	

Register Here!

Hotel Information

JW Marriott Washington D.C.

Discounted accommodations are available for registered attendees at the JW Marriott DC over the program dates, January 27 - 30, 2026, at the rate of $289.00 USD per night, plus tax.

Note: Once registered, please book as soon as possible, our room block will sell out.

The discounted rate for registered attendees booking outside of these dates is based on availability. If there is no pre/post availability online, please be sure to book accommodations over the event dates (January 27 - 30), then call the hotel to confirm availability and the rate for any other dates.

Sponsorship Opportunities

For more information about sponsoring and exhibiting at the NCSEA Policy Forum or about becoming a Corporate Partner, contact LaTrese Wallace, Senior Manager for Fundraising and Partnerships.

NCSEA Homepage

Contact Us



Plenary topics will include:

Policy & Program Evolution

Focus: Recent changes, federal updates, and their ripple effects.

· **New Policy, New Results**

Explore the impact of recent policy shifts and opportunities for cross-agency collaboration.

· **Federal Program Shifts & Child Support**

Understand how changes to SNAP, Medicaid, and other programs impact the child support programs and the families we serve.

· **Child Welfare & Child Support Referrals**

Learn about the changes and best practices that have been made following the 2022 federal guidance on the link between child welfare and child support.

Technology & Innovation

Focus: AI, gig economy, and data-driven

adaptations.

· **AI in Policy & Practice**

Debate the role of AI in public service delivery and practice—opportunity or risk?

· **Navigating the Gig Economy**

Examine how states are adapting to gig work with changes in reporting, withholding, and legislation.

Voices & Perspectives

Focus: Lived experience, tribal programming, and community engagement.

· **Lived Experience in Child Support**

Hear about initiatives that include people with lived experience as partners in re-envisioning the program to better service families.

· **Tribal Programming & Partnerships**

Learn from tribal programs about the innovative use of grant funding, community engagement and collaboration.

Partnerships & Collaboration

Focus: Cross-sector alignment and employment services.

· **Aligning Partnerships Across Sectors**

Strategies for working toward common goals across policy perspectives.

· **Employment Services & Funding**

Explore funding models and partnership opportunities to support employment services.

Workforce & Well-being

Focus: Staff mental health, engagement, and retention.

· **Supporting Staff in Challenging Times**

Prioritize mental health and well-being to boost engagement and retention.

Stay tuned for our full agenda closer to Policy Forum!

Schedule at a Glance

To help plan your arrival, here are some key dates and times:

January 27th

Registration Open
3:00pm - 7:00pm
Penn Ave Terrace (Lobby Level)

January 28th

Registration Open
7:30am - 5:30pm
Grand Ballroom Registration Desk (Ballroom Level)

Continental Breakfast
7:30am - 8:30am
Grand Foyer (Ballroom Level)

Programming
8:30am - 12:00pm
Grand Ballroom (Ballroom Level)

Lunch (on your own)
12:00pm - 1:30pm

Programming
1:30pm - 5:00pm
Grand Ballroom (Ballroom Level)

President's Reception
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Grand Foyer (Ballroom Level)

January 29th

Registration Open
7:30am - 5:30pm
Grand Ballroom Registration Desk (Ballroom Level)

Continental Breakfast
7:30am - 8:30am
Grand Foyer (Ballroom Level)

Programming
8:30am - 12:00pm
Grand Ballroom (Ballroom Level)

Lunch (on your own)
12:00pm - 1:30pm

Programming
1:30pm - 5:00pm
Grand Ballroom (Ballroom Level)

January 30th

Registration Open
7:30am - 10:00am
Grand Ballroom Registration Desk (Ballroom Level)

Continental Breakfast
7:30am - 8:30am
Grand Foyer (Ballroom Level)

Programming
8:30am - 12:00pm
Grand Ballroom (Ballroom Level)

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Non-refundable Roundtrip, 1 Adult Remove

Boston, MA (BOS) to Washington, DC (DCA)

Jan 25 2026

12:45pm	2:34pm	1h 49m	Nonstop
BOS	DCA	B6 1955	

jetBlue JetBlue Details Seats

Blue

Washington, DC (DCA) to Boston, MA (BOS)

Jan 30 2026

5:25pm	7:02pm	1h 37m	Nonstop
DCA	BOS	B6 1354	

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Price Summary

Flights

BOS-DCA, Jan 25 12:45pm

DCA-BOS, Jan 30 5:25pm

1	Non-Refundable Round-Trip Ticket (1 Adult)	$164.06

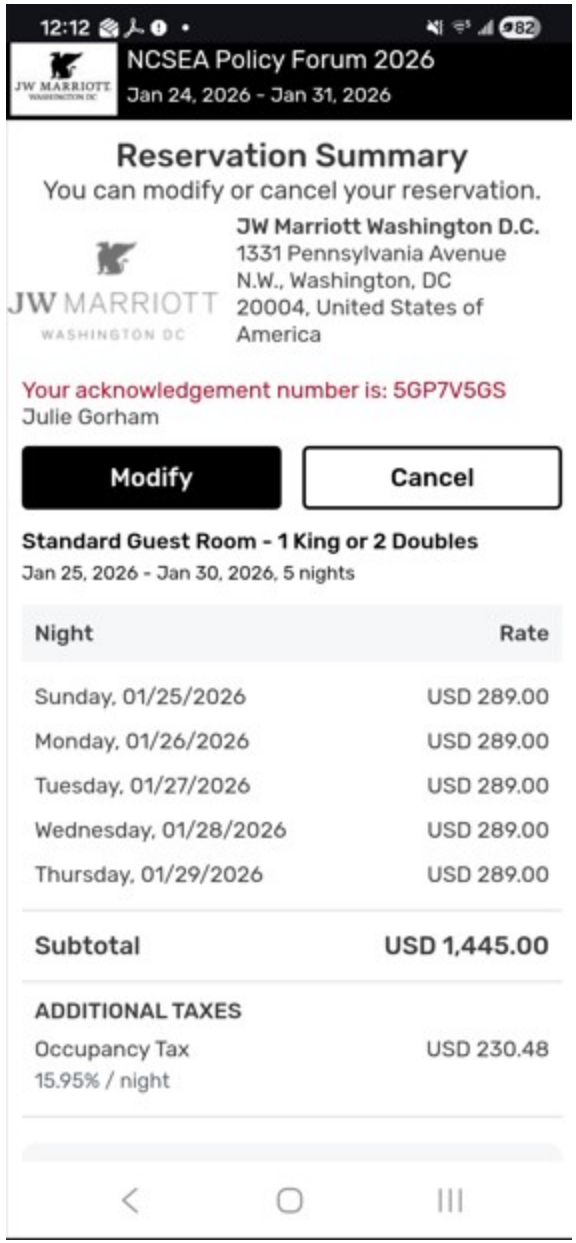
Fare restrictions

Taxes & Fees $42.90

Total: **$206.96**

View in another currency

Checkout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NCSEA Policy Forum 2026
Jan 24, 2026 - Jan 31, 2026
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You can modify or cancel your reservation.
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WASHINGTON DC
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1331 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20004, United States of America
Your acknowledgement number is: 5GP7V5GS
Julie Gorham
Modify
Cancel
Standard Guest Room - 1 King or 2 Doubles
Jan 25, 2026 - Jan 30, 2026, 5 nights
Night
Rate
Sunday, 01/25/2026
USD 289.00
Monday, 01/26/2026
USD 289.00
Tuesday, 01/27/2026
USD 289.00
Wednesday, 01/28/2026
USD 289.00
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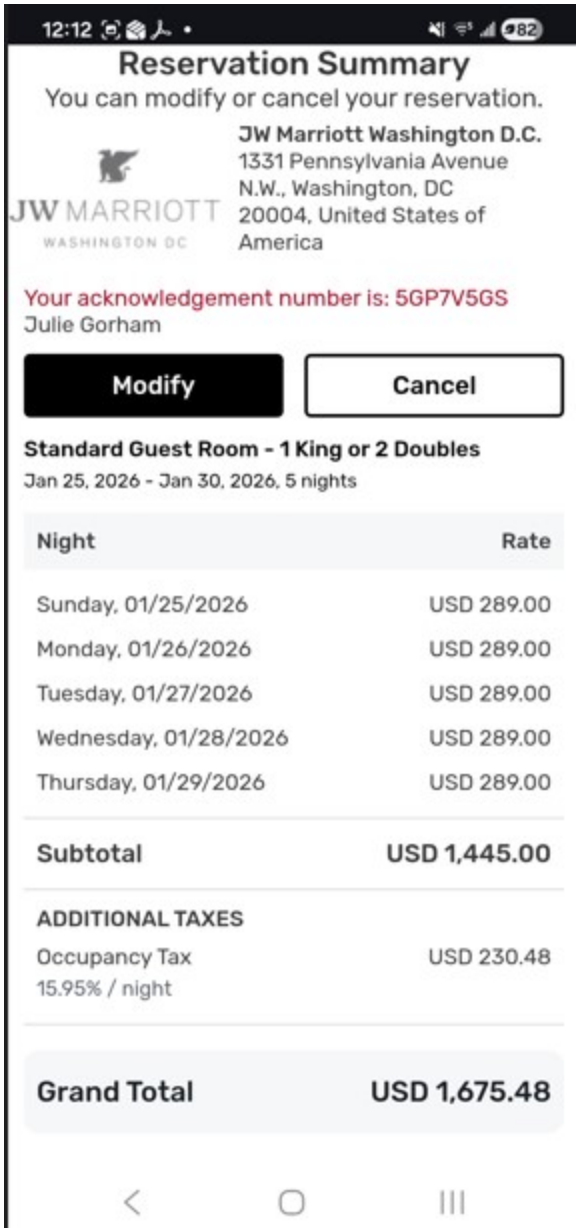
Subtotal
USD 1,445.00
ADDITIONAL TAXES
Occupancy Tax
USD 230.48
15.95% / night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