

BUDGETING FOR AMEC 2018

We know that AMEC 2018 will be a bit more costly than if it were held in a location east of mid-continent. This is due to the distance travel for some and also due to higher costs in general in the western region. While still in the \$1,000-dollar range, the AMEC trip to San Francisco in 2018 will cost a bit more, about a \$1,500 per person, for most Attendees who are sharing a room... higher for some others. With this already in mind, we want for everyone to achieve the goal of *getting there*, so we have devised a rough budget for members and chapters to use and/or to furnish to school administrators.

General Attendee Budget for AMEC 2018

	<u>One Person</u>	<u>Shared Room</u>	<u>Shared Room</u>
Registration:			
-med, student, Regular	\$ 290.00	-	\$ 290.00
-premed, Regular	-	\$ 250.00	-
Airfare:	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Hotel 4 nights @ \$162.26 =	\$ 650.40	\$ 325.20	\$ 325.20
Local travel from SFO:			
-BART @ \$8.65 x 2	\$ 17.30	\$ 17.30	\$ 17.30
-SuperShuttle @ \$20, 1-way			
-Taxi/Uber \$50, 1-way			
Food daily @ \$45 x 4 days	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00
Incidentals	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	<u>\$1,777.70</u>	<u>\$1,412.50</u>	<u>\$1,452.50</u>

Noted above, hotel and air fares are the largest expenses, with lowest air fares now—in 2017--selling at about \$400-\$500 roundtrip (RT). Projected expenses for hotel lodging assumes a 4-day stay at a cost of \$139.00 (+ 16.25% + \$.067 SF Tourism Fee) + \$23.26 local fees = **\$162.26** per room, per night for four (4) nights. Of course, if a room is shared by just one other person, this saves about \$325.20 for the stay; if only three nights are booked, this saves further.

Air fares should be obtained as early as possible. Even *now* is not too soon. Hotel registration is open and rooms can be booked early, too, but making room reservations is somewhat less urgent. Another cost-saving plan is to register at the *Early-Bird* rate. *Early Bird* rates will be in effect for the first few weeks after registration opens. Watch for the posted deadlines to capture savings of \$50 or more off the cost of *Regular* registration.

Another table posted under "Latest News," shows the lowest air fares, regardless of time of departure, as obtained from one of the on-site travel brokers. The National Headquarters is looking into selecting an airline offering group discounts, but these tend to be very modest and are often restrictive. Travelers do best, more often than not, by shopping the on-line travel outlets and finding the schedules and fares that best meet their individual needs. Check several. Also compare fares posted by individual carriers. Be sure and check stipulations for "non-refundable" and "changes permitted" on ticket purchases. This may or may not affect the cost of the fare, but may offer more flexibility in choosing your travel.

The above budget is *suggestive only*, based on research conducted during the summer of 2017. It is always a good idea to try and save or raise a bit more than you actually need, 'just in case.' Begin fundraisers now and ask friends and family for donations to help fund your 2018 AMEC experience!

SEE YOU THERE!