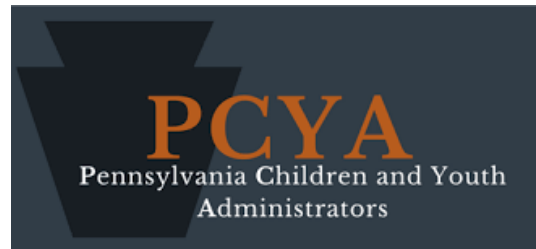




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Child Welfare Education for Baccalaureates (CWEB) *Expense Reimbursement Guide for CWEB Students* 2026-2027



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Introduction

Welcome to the CWEB expense system, all of which is online.

You must enter your expenses online at www.cwerp.pitt.edu (the same portal you already use to enter your Student Information). You will digitally sign a signature sheet and then email it with receipts and other supporting documents to cwerp@pitt.edu

TIPS: Before Completing Your Expense Report Online

- ✓ **Read this entire Expense Reimbursement Guide!!!**
- ✓ Download and read the Expense Report PowerPoint presentation on the CWERP website
- ✓ Consultations are available for those having technical difficulties by contacting Joe DiPasqua at jfd28@pitt.edu

Prerequisites

To access the Online Expense Report, you will need to have provided the following:

- a) Course and internship information for the semesters you are in the CWEB program in the Child Welfare Education and Research Programs (CWERP) Student Information System (SIS) at www.cwerp.pitt.edu.
- b) Current or previous Child Welfare Course Information

TIP: Completing Your CWEB Information

- ✓ This includes entering 'No courses' for any semester in which you do not have classes or internship.

- c) Permission to Release Student Information form (FERPA) (except for Pitt students)
- d) CWEB Contract (completed online through DocuSign)

General Requirements

1. **CWEB funds run from July 1st to June 30th each year.** Submissions for expenses from a previous fiscal year cannot be honored in a new fiscal year once the prior year's funds have been closed out. If a book expense was incurred BEFORE you came into the CWEB program, please contact Dr. Brooke Rawls for approval.
2. It takes **at least six weeks** to completely process reimbursements, from the time we authorize your reimbursement request until you receive a check from the University of Pittsburgh. (Reimbursement checks are processed and issued by the University, not directly by the CWEB Program.)

Processing takes longer around holiday periods, winter breaks, the fiscal year end (June 30) and other times when all university offices are closed.

Please wait at least 6 weeks after submission (or resubmission of corrections) to inquire about the progress of your book reimbursement.

3. Incorrectly completed expense reports or issues with supporting documentation will require correction and resubmission.
4. When submitting Expense Reports, only record book expenses for which you have receipts.
5. When you have completed the online portion of the process, email the signed signature page together with your supporting receipts and/or documents.
 - a) Include **all relevant** receipts.
 - b) Remember to keep a copy of your receipts for your own records.

Expense Report Statuses

1. Expired Expense Reports

- a) If, after 60 days, a student has not submitted supporting documentation for their expense report, they will receive an email from CWERP.
- b) At that time a student will have 15 days to send in all supporting documentation for an Expense Report.
- c) After 15 days, if documentation is not received or the student has not contacted CWERP, the Expense report status will be changed to “Expired.”
- d) If an expense report has expired, the student will have to create a new Expense Report to be reimbursed for those expenses.

2. Expense Reports and the End of the Fiscal Year

- a) Any expense reports still in created status or without supporting documentation will expire at the end of the fiscal year (June 30th).
- b) This includes Expense Reports created on or prior to June 30th in the fiscal year.
- c) Expense reports for the prior fiscal year submitted after the start of the new fiscal year will not be accepted or reimbursed.

3. Rejected Expense Reports

- a) An Expense Report will be rejected when submitted expenses are **not** allowable under program policy

Logging In to CWERP STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIS)

Welcome to the Child Welfare Education and Research Programs Online Student Information System

CWERPID or Username: ?

Password:

Log In

[If you need or have forgotten your username and/or password, click here to have it emailed to you.](#)

NOTICE: If you never changed your password from your original CWERP assigned password, a new password was assigned to you on November 3rd. To obtain your new password click the link above.

Also please note that effective immediately, passwords are case-sensitive.

Do not use the back button on your browser. You will be timed out of the system after 60 minutes of inactivity.



Go to www.cwerp.pitt.edu

Enter your CWERP Username and password (created at time of application)



[If you need or have forgotten your password, click here to have it emailed to you.](#)



NOTICE: If you never changed your password from your original CWERP assigned password, a new password was assigned to you on November 3rd. To obtain your new password click the link above.

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The username and/or password you entered is incorrect. Please try again. 

Do not use the back button on your browser. You will be timed out of the system after 60 minutes of inactivity.

If your log-in attempt is unsuccessful, you will receive the above message in red. Try entering your information again. If you have forgotten your password, you can click the highlighted link to receive your password by email.

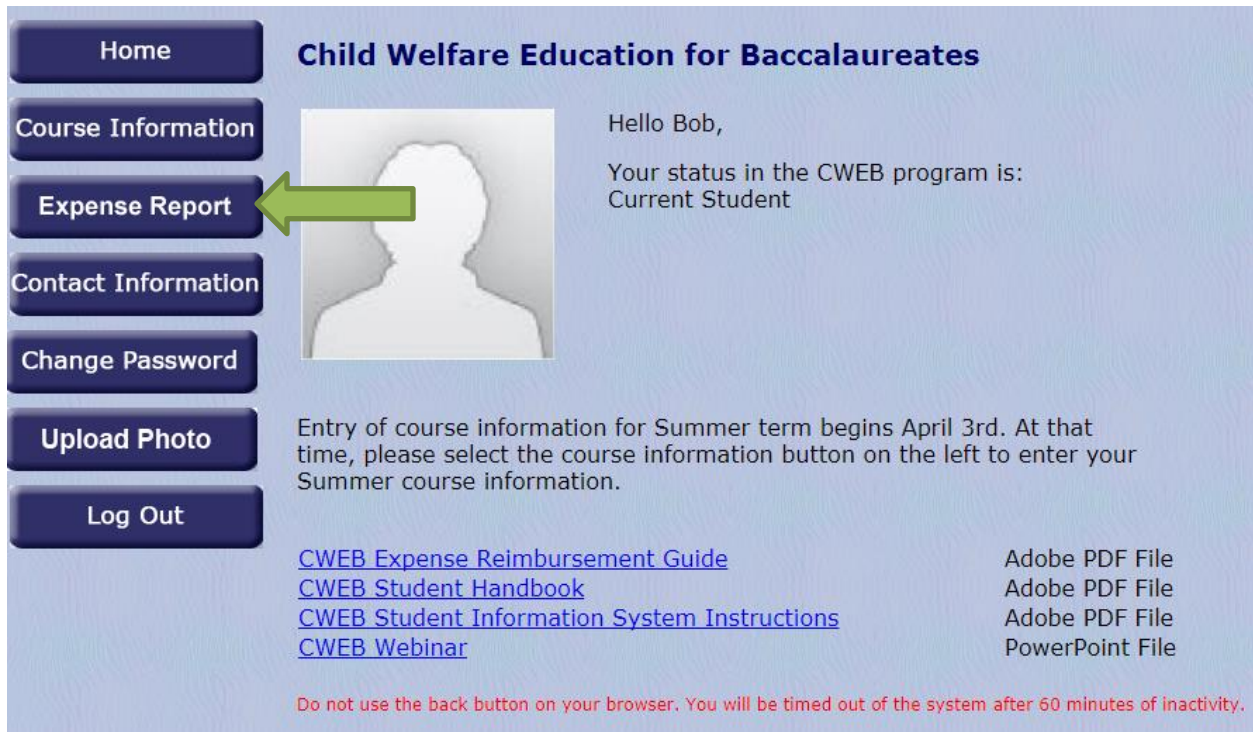
TIP!

When navigating between Online Expense Report pages DO NOT use the back button on your browser. Instead, use the “Back” and “Next” buttons located at the bottom of each page.

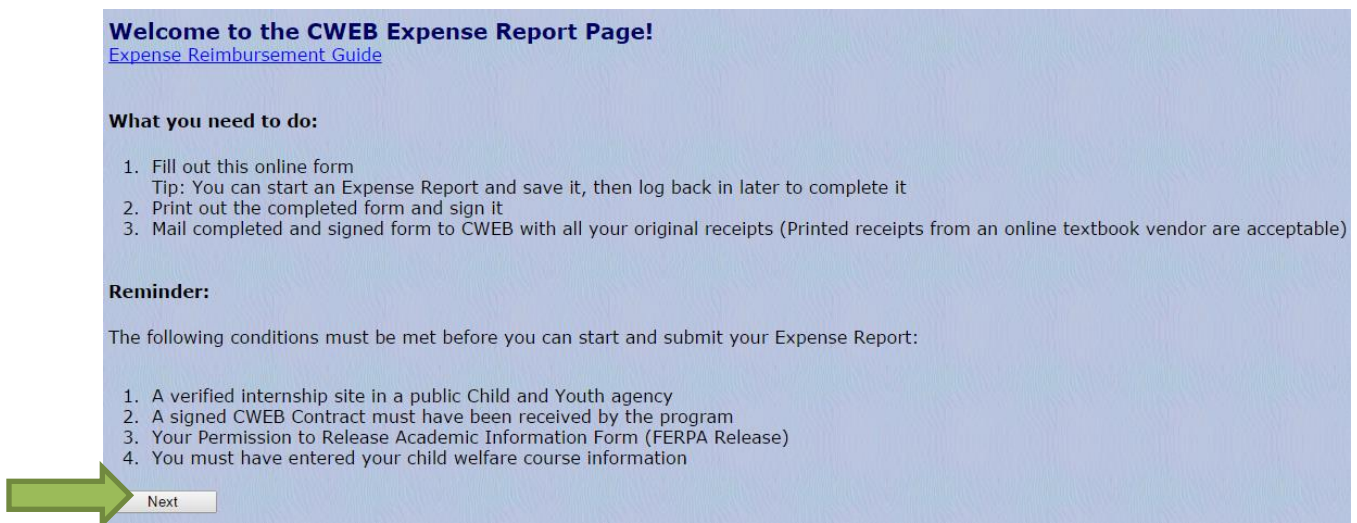
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Next

Accessing the Expense Report

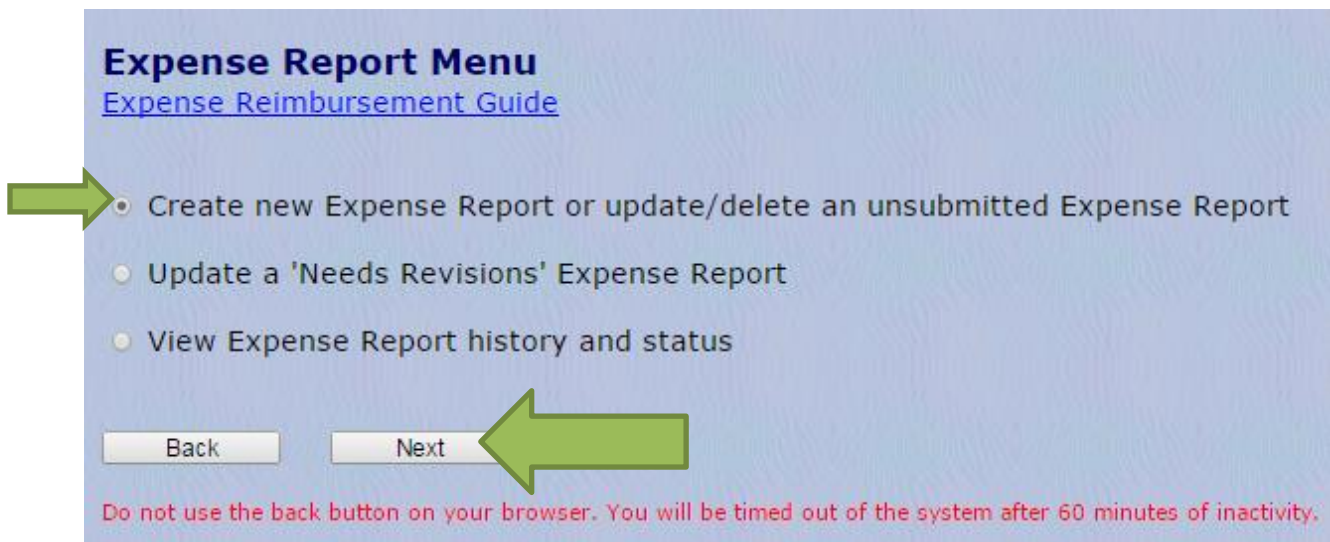


Once you have successfully logged into the site, you will reach this **Welcome Screen**. From here, click on the **Expense Report** button, highlighted above.



Read all the instructions on the screen and click **“Next”**.

Creating a New Expense Report

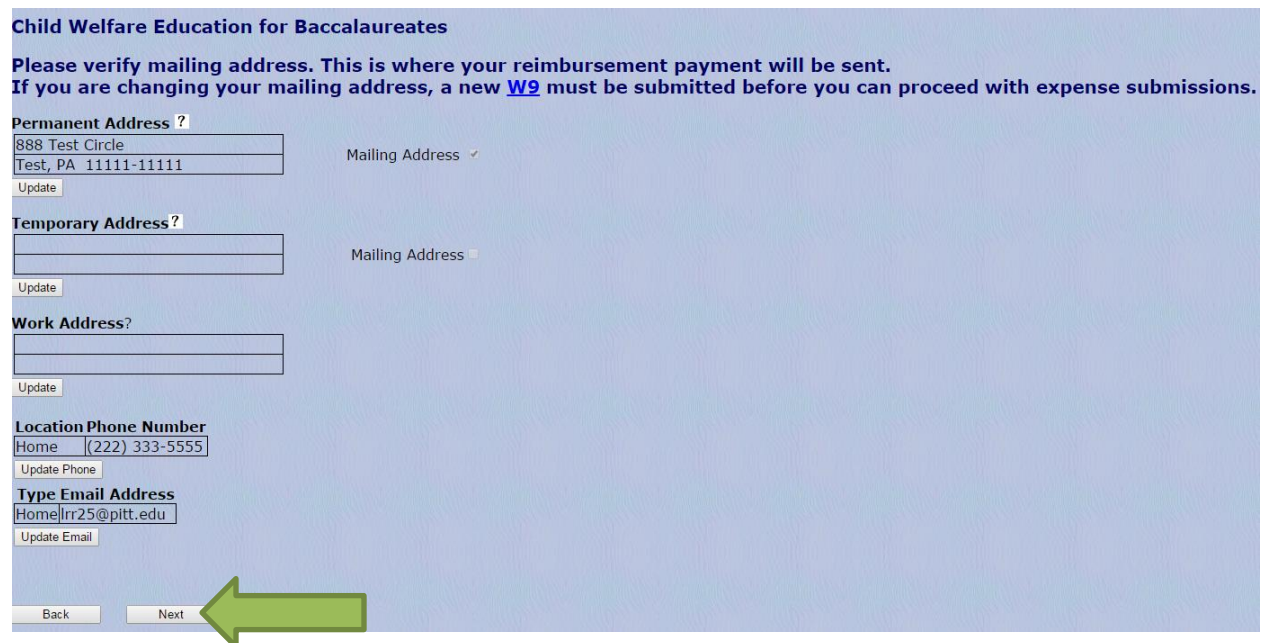


Expense Report Menu
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- ☒ Create new Expense Report or update/delete an unsubmitted Expense Report
- ☐ Update a 'Needs Revisions' Expense Report
- ☐ View Expense Report history and status

Do not use the back button on your browser. You will be timed out of the system after 60 minutes of inactivity.

Click on **“Create New Expense Report”** and then **“Next”**.



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Please verify mailing address. This is where your reimbursement payment will be sent.
If you are changing your mailing address, a new [W9](#) must be submitted before you can proceed with expense submissions.

Permanent Address ?
888 Test Circle
Test, PA 11111-11111
 Mailing Address ☒

Temporary Address ?

 Mailing Address ☐

Work Address?

Location Phone Number
Home (222) 333-5555

Type Email Address
Home|lrr25@pitt.edu

At this screen, verify that all your contact information is correct. If the information is not correct, click the appropriate update button. When you are ready to proceed, click **“Next”**.

Book Expenses

1. \$100 is allocated towards books for your Child Welfare course. Students must purchase books and supplies directly and submit an Expense Report; funds cannot be disbursed ahead of time.
2. If you do not use all of your \$100 book allowance, you may use the remaining funds to purchase another child welfare-related book.
3. Keep in mind that anything over \$100 cannot be reimbursed. You will be able to see your balance as you enter your expenses.
4. If you rent a book and wish to purchase it at the end of the rental period, you may do so as long as the total price (initial rental price plus buyout) does not exceed the book's cover price. CWEB will reimburse you up to the amount of the original purchase price.

EXAMPLE

You rented a textbook for \$65 and the original purchase price is \$100. At the end of the rental period you may submit for the remaining \$35 of the original price should you choose to convert your rental into a purchase.

- a) Receipts or other documents must show:
 - a. Vendor name
 - b. Date of purchase (**not** the shipping date)
 - c. Amount
 - d. How you paid for the item
Examples: Cash, credit card, check, money order.
 - e. Proof that payment has been made
Examples:
 - i. For checks, proof that check was cashed (copy of both sides of your cashed check or a bank statement)
 - ii. NOT a packing slip, which usually does not show amount or proof of payment
 - f. Itemized description of items purchased
 - g. If ordering in someone else's name or using someone else's credit card, please indicate their relationship to you.

TIPS!

- ✓ Do not use a highlighter on your receipts – it often dissolves the ink, making the receipt illegible and therefore not reimbursable.
- ✓ If submitting credit card or bank statements, you **MUST** black out the account number

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[Sample Book Receipt](#)

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Allowed expense 100.00
Submitted expense 0.00
Pending expense 0.00
Remaining balance 100.00

* Click 'Add' button to insert new information into the table.

	Expense Date	Vendor	Description	Amount \$	
 * Add	Cancel	7/30/2016	Amazon	Child Welfare Book	78.57

Back

Next

Enter book/supply expenses on the day incurred. Enter the **Expense Date**, **Vendor** (Amazon, Wal-Mart, etc.), **Description** (books) and **Amount**. If there is more than one vendor for a particular day, enter all vendor names (e.g. Amazon/Wal-Mart). Once you have finished entering your expense **YOU MUST CLICK “ADD”** to save the entered information. When you have finished entering your book/supply expenses click **“Next”**.

Glossary of Book/Supply Expense Terms

Allowed Expense - amount of your book allowance.

Submitted Expense - expenses previously submitted, approved and processed by CWERP

Pending Expense - expenses that have been submitted but are pending CWERP approval

Remaining Balance - amount of your book allowance left after subtracting both pending and submitting expenses from allowed expense.

Review Page

CWEB Expense Reimbursement

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Student Name: Weber, Bob C.
Address: 888 Test Circle
Test, PA 11111-11111

Expense ID: 3033
CWERP ID: 22222

Book Expenses

	<u>Expense Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount \$</u>
Select	7/30/2016	Amazon	Child Welfare Book	\$78.57
Total Book Expense:				\$78.57

Expense Summary

Books	\$78.57
Total Expense:	\$78.57



At this screen, please carefully review all the currently entered Expense Report information. You can make revisions by using the **“Back”** button. Use the **“Select”** button to edit a corresponding expense line. After clicking **“Select”** you will be taken to the appropriate Expense Report entry screen where you will be able to make changes.

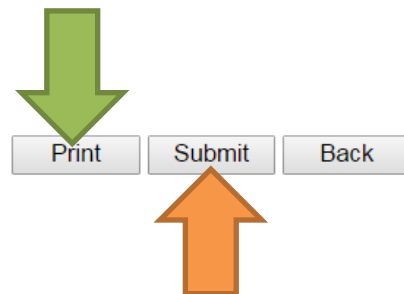
If your Expense Report is correct or you have made necessary changes click **“Next”**.

Submission

CWEB Expense Reimbursement

After printing use SUBMIT button to finish processing expenses.

Student Name: Weber, Bob C. Expense ID: 3033
Address: 888 Test Circle CWERP ID: 22222
 Test, PA 11111-11111



Expense Date	Expense Category	Expense Description	Expense Amount
7/30/2016	Book	Vendor: Amazon, Description: Child Welfare Book	\$78.57

Expense Summary

Books	\$78.57
Total Expense: \$78.57	

I attest that expenses listed here are valid and conform to the provisions established in the Travel and Business Expense Policy and expenses have not been paid through a Business Travel Request, Disbursement Request, Travel Advance or outside organization.

Student Signature

IMPORTANT!



- ✓ **Check** that your expense report totals are correct one last time.
- ✓ **You must next** click **"Print"** to print a copy of your CWEB Expense Reimbursement. This printout **MUST** be signed and sent to CWEB with all necessary supporting documentation.
- ✓ **After you have printed the page**, click **"Submit"** to complete the online reimbursement process.

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Expense Report# 51483 has been successfully submitted.

This screen confirms that your expense report has been successfully submitted to cwerp@pitt.edu. Please record your Expense Report number for future reference.



Next, sign the printed Expense Report and email to CWEB with all the necessary supporting documentation. Upon receipt, your expense will be reviewed and you will be notified when it has been moved forward in the reimbursement process.

Licensure Reimbursement

Beginning December 2023, CWEB students are eligible for a \$200 reimbursement for taking the LBSW exam. This reimbursement is available to students for up to one year after their graduation date, regardless of whether a student passes the exam.

The process for submitting for licensure reimbursement differs slightly from the process for normal expenses. First, a student must register and sit for the licensure exam **within one year of their graduation**. Upon receipt of their score, the student must then forward their registration receipt and score report to cwerp@pitt.edu. Upon receipt by the program, the student will be sent a Travel and Business Expense Form (T&B) to complete through DocuSign. Once complete, the T&B and supporting documentation will be submitted to the University of Pittsburgh's Payment Processing Office and the reimbursement will be disbursed to the student's address on file.