



Student Clubs

Improving the extracurricular experience.

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A glowing sign with the word TRIVIA! on a brick wall background. The sign is rectangular with rounded corners, outlined by a border of small, bright yellow lights. The text 'TRIVIA!' is written in a bold, white, serif font with a slight shadow effect, centered on a black background within the sign. The background is a dark brown brick wall with a subtle radial light effect emanating from behind the sign.

TRIVIA!

How many student clubs exist across CUNY's 25 campuses?

A) 1,000

B) 1,200

C) 1,400

D) 1,600



How long are student reimbursements expected to take?

A) 1-2 weeks

B) 3-6 weeks

C) 6-8 weeks

D) 8-12 weeks



What items do clubs buy?



Food

To feed students and encourage attendance



Contracts

To pay outside vendors for services



Merch

To buy professional merchandise to gain on-campus presence.



Contests

To pay for fees related to contests, competitions, etc.



Supplies

To purchase items needed for events, such as art supplies.



Memberships

To pay for fees related to professional organization membership.

What are the available methods for student clubs to purchase these items?



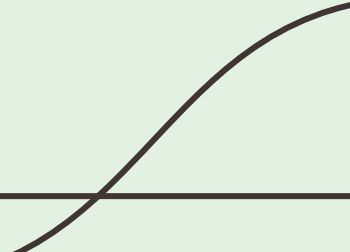
CUNYfirst

Submit paperwork, and then the college will make the purchase



Reimbursement

Make the purchase, and then receive that money back later on



Requesting payment via CUNYfirst

- Submit proposed expenses six to eight weeks before the proposed purchase or event date
- Additional two weeks must be added to the timeline for contracts.
- If purchases are technology-related, such as website domains or subscriptions, three to four weeks are added.

This means students must submit requests at least six weeks and at most 12 weeks, about three months, in advance.

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During this semester, it is possible that your organization will not be able to make an invoice purchase using the CUNYfirst system. In these instances, you may have to make a purchase and be reimbursed.

– a Baruch Officer Leadership Training presentation

Why is the reimbursement system not ideal?



Time

It takes a very long time to receive reimbursements.



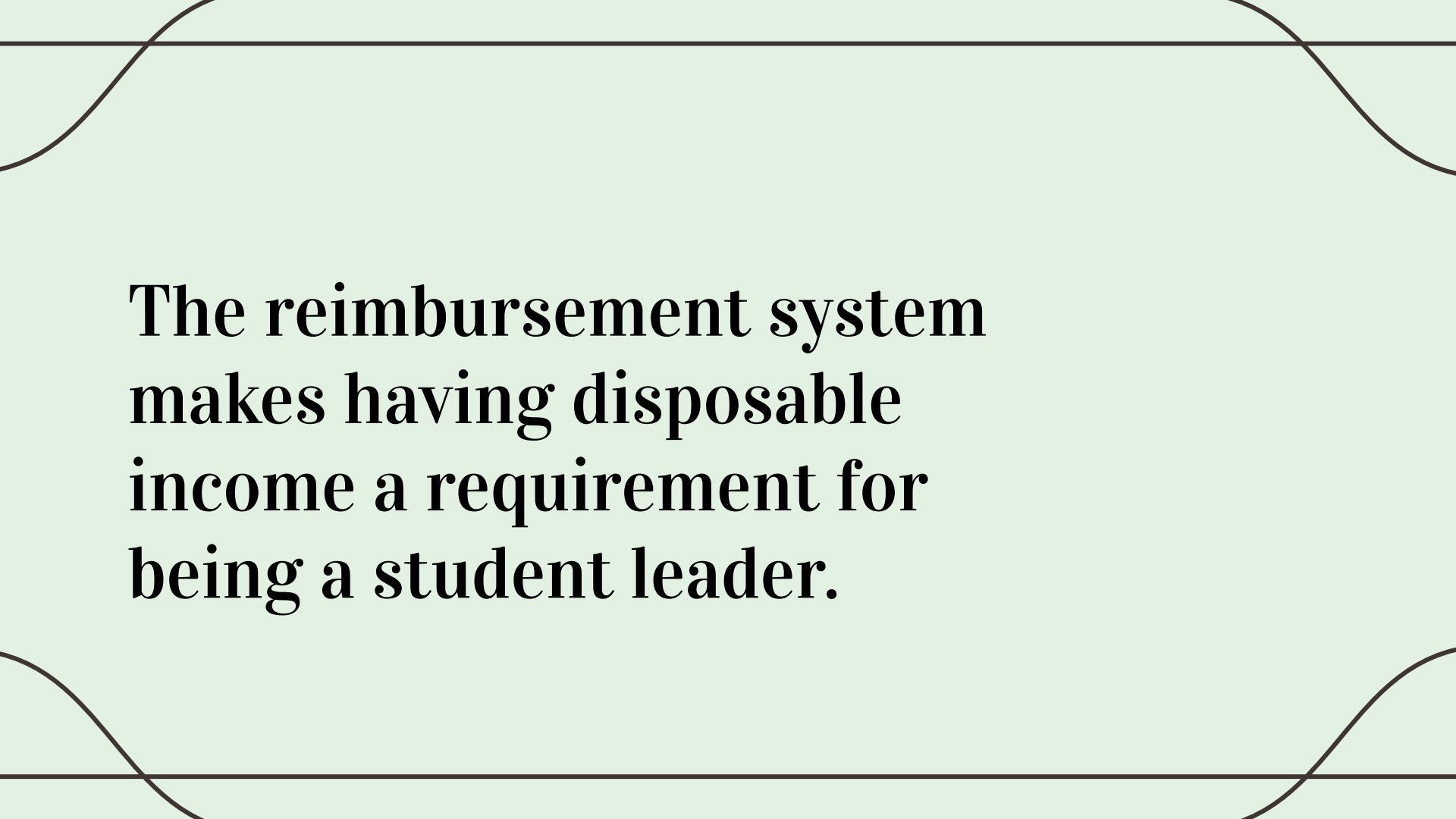
Tax

New York State and City sales tax are not reimbursed on any items.



Checks

Payments are reimbursed via a mailed check, which is unreliable.



**The reimbursement system
makes having disposable
income a requirement for
being a student leader.**

What are the benefits of being a student leader?



Fellowship & Friendship

Clubs are the best way for students to form connections and bonds with their peers.



Transferable Soft Skills

Being a student leader helps you develop leadership, problem-solving and teamwork skills.



Networking & Opportunities

Clubs connect students with speakers, professionals, club alumni, and others.

Ideas:

- 01** Create a re-imagined system with credit cards
- 02** Increase student life & purchasing support staff
- 03** Send reimbursements through direct deposit