



**HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS  
APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

DATE OF REQUEST: 08/31/11  
TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES TRAVELING: 1

DEPARTMENT NAME: Hidalgo County Extension Service  
NAME & TITLE OF EMPLOYEE(S) TRAVELING: Barbara C. Storz, CEA-Horticulture

**EVENT INFORMATION**

TITLE OF EVENT: Texas Obesity Awareness Week for 2011 Texas Health Champion Award  
EVENT DATE(S) FROM: 09/12/11 TO: 09/16/11  
DEPARTURE DATE: 09/13/11 RETURN DATE: 09/13/11  
LOCATION OF EVENT: CITY: Austin STATE: Texas

**PURPOSE OF TRAVEL**

- Place an "X" by the applicable purpose of the trip.
- To obtain statutorily required continuing professional education.
  - To obtain continuing education related to an employee's work or maintenance of a license or certification.
  - To testify before legislative bodies, regulatory agencies and commissions, and other forums that may make decisions affecting the County and its affiliated organizations and operations.
  - To participate in professional organizations related to the employee or official's job assignment.
  - To conduct essential research & information-gathering for improvement of County operations or compliance with law.
  - To monitor the development of state or federal legislation or implementation of legislation that might affect the County
  - To participate in forums, coalitions, & discussions relating to the policy, legislative & regulatory interests of the County
  - To pursue the County's interests in litigation or criminal justice.
  - To promote the economic development interests of the County.
  - To carry out other purposes determined by Commissioners' Court to be in the interest of the County (Commissioners' Court approval is attached).

**JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NEED TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-STATE**

Explain the benefits that this trip it will bring to Hidalgo County. Attach an itinerary, agenda, or schedule for the conference and/ or event. If applicable, justify the need for multiple persons traveling to the same event.

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES	ESTIMATED EXPENSES	(DBM USE ONLY) FUNDS AVAILABLE BALANCE	MODE OF TRAVEL (Place an "X" by applicable mode of travel)
1. REGISTRATION FEE(S)	\$-0-		AIRFARE*
Subtotal for Object Code 584	\$-0-	\$	BUS**
2. AIRFARE- ROUNDTRIP COACH FARE ONLY	\$ -		Rental Car**
3. TAXI FARE	\$ -		County Vehicle**
4. BUS FARE	\$ -		Private Vehicle**
5. RENTAL CAR	\$ -		OTHER** (Specify)
6. GASOLINE/DIESEL/FUEL	\$ -		* If traveling by airplane, the traveler should consider purchasing a refundable fare if possibility of a cancellation exists.
7. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ -		
8. TELEPHONE CALLS	\$ -		** If mode of travel includes bus, rental car, county vehicle, private vehicle, or other form of transportation, a comparison of the savings that will be achieved by not choosing to travel by airplane must be provided with supporting documentation.
9. PARKING	\$ -		
10. LODGING	\$ -		
11. MEALS	\$ -		
12. OTHER EXPENSES	\$ -		
Subtotal for Object Code 583	\$ -		
13. TOTAL ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES	#VALUE!	\$	

14. IF HIDALGO COUNTY IS NOT FUNDING ANY OR PART OF THIS TRIP, INDICATE BELOW THE EXPENSE TYPE & SOURCE OF PAYMENT:

NOTE: If trip duration is extended to take advantage of lower airfare, a comparison of the savings to the additional estimated cost must be provided with supporting airfare rate documentation.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD CERTIFICATION (Place an "X" by each of the certifications)**

I certify that:

- Trip expenses are necessary and will be incurred for official county business
- Reasonable efforts to minimize the use of county funds have been explored.
- Sufficient funds are available within in my department's budget to pay for the related travel expenses without the need of a budget amendment.

If this trip is for out-of-state training, the training is not available in some other form that does not require out-of-state travel.

APPROVED BY ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD: Barbara C. Storz DATE: 8/31/11 DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON: Nora Linda Cruz PHONE NO.: 383-1034

**FOR DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT (DBM) USE ONLY:**

TRAVEL IS APPROVED for the individuals listed below:  
Barbara Storz

TRAVEL IS NOT APPROVED for the individuals listed below:

REVIEWED BY (PRINT NAME): [Signature] DATE: 9-1-11 REVIEWER'S SIGNATURE: [Signature] PHONE NO.:

DBM'S DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL (PRINT NAME): [Signature] DATE: 9-1-11 SIGNATURE OF DBM DEPARTMENT HEAD: [Signature]

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Barbara A. Storz, MS  
County Coordinator, County Extension Agent- Horticulture (Hidalgo County, TX)  
AgriLIFE Extension Service, Texas A&M System  
410 N 13th Ave  
Edinburg, TX 78541

Dear Barbara,

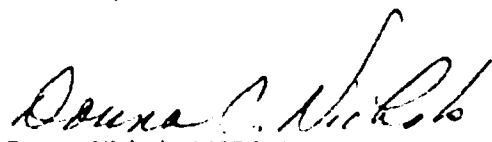
We are pleased to inform you that you have been selected to receive the 2011 Texas Health Champion Award, presented by the Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living and Live Smart Texas in conjunction with Texas Obesity Awareness Week! This award is presented annually to an individual and/or organization who has mobilized community efforts to prevent and reduce obesity and promote physical activity and nutritional health through research, practice, policy development, social marketing, behavioral interventions or innovative partnerships. The award committee was impressed by your initiative in developing the Grow'n Growers program and is proud of its success thus far as well as the promising future of the program. Because of your efforts, Hidalgo County will serve as a model of health awareness and education for communities around the state and country.

Texas Obesity Awareness Week was established in the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session by House Bill 2313 and is designated to occur in the second full week of September each year. The purpose of the week is to raise awareness of the health risks associated with obesity and to encourage Texans to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle. The week-long event is hosted by the Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living, Live Smart Texas and the UT Health School of Public Health Austin Regional Campus. Past Texas Health Champion awardees include Dr. Richard Middleton, the Partnership for a Healthy Texas, Texas Health Institute, The Honorable Patrick Rose, The Honorable Jane Nelson (co-authors of House Bill 2313), The Honorable Robert Nichols (sponsor of House Bill 2313) and Dr. Kenneth Shine, MD, Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs for the UT System. Awards are presented in conjunction with a lecture and reception. Past speakers for the event have included Dr. Bill Klish, MD and Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller.

This year, Texas Obesity Awareness Week will occur from September 12-16. We invite you to attend this event with your colleagues. Please note, you will have 10 minutes to provide an acceptance speech. The Texas Health Champion Event will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the Texas Medical Association located at 401 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin, Texas. We would also like to invite you and two of your colleagues to lunch immediately prior to the event. The luncheon will be held at the Clay Pit at 11:30am just prior to the award event. The Clay Pit is at 1601 Guadalupe Street immediately across from the Austin Regional Campus. We will follow up with you via phone to make arrangements for your award and presentation. Your travel expenses to Austin will be paid by the Dell Center and staff will be in touch regarding your travel arrangements and other logistics.

Congratulations on your nomination and selection as this year's 2011 Texas Health Champion, and on your exemplary efforts to reduce the burden of obesity in Texas.

In Health,



Donna Nichols, MEd, CHES  
Faculty Associate

## **SCHEDULE**

**10:35** Arrive in Austin via Southwest flight 531

*We will provide transportation from the airport- we will be in touch soon to let you know who is picking you up.*

**11:30** Arrive at The Clay Pit for luncheon

**1:00** Walk over to event at Texas Medical Association

**1:30** Event begins

**2:15** Camille Miller will present your 2011 Texas Health Champion Award

*Present ten minute acceptance speech*

**3:30** Reception in lobby

**5:00** Return to airport

*A taxi will be provided*

**7:00** Depart Austin via Southwest flight 3166

*Please save any receipts for airport parking, taxi or other expenses (other than food) from your trip and send to:*

*Cynthia Ochoa  
Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living  
1616 Guadalupe, Suite 6.300  
Austin, Texas 78701*

## Nora Cruz

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**From:** Barbara Storz  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2011 12:02 AM  
**To:** Nora Cruz  
**Subject:** RE: Congratulations to Barbara Storz !!!

Nora Linda: I do not need money, but perhaps you can use this notice below to apply for permission to travel. I will take my personal car to the airport and leave it. My travel date is September 13, 2011. We should receive something more official soon. (So far, most of my communication has been on the phone.)

Thanks,  
Barbara

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**From:** Doug Welsh  
**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2011 12:53 PM  
**To:** Allison Watkins; Barbara Storz; Anthony Camerino; Dale Groom; Daphne Richards; David Rodriguez; Greg Church; Janet Laminack; Keith Hansen; Kim Conway; Laura Miller; Michael Potter; Shari Grahmann; Steve Chaney; County Extension Agent Thomas LeRoy ([TLeRoy@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:TLeRoy@ag.tamu.edu)); County Extension Agent William M Johnson ([WJohnson@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:WJohnson@ag.tamu.edu)); Robert Richter; Vincent Mannino; Jennifer Herrera; Charla Anthony; Micah Meyer; Roy Stanford; Ginger Easton-Smith; Al Wagner; Charlie Hall; Doug Welsh; Ed Hellman; Fran Pontasch; Fritz Westover; Jayla Fry; Jim Kamas; Joe Masabni; Juan Anciso; Karin Wallace; Larry Stein ([LStein@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:LStein@ag.tamu.edu)); Leland S. Pierson; Leslie Gall; Lisa Whittlesey; Marco Palma ([MAPalma@tamu.edu](mailto:MAPalma@tamu.edu)); Martin G Anderson ([MAAnderson@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:MAAnderson@ag.tamu.edu)); Michael Timmons; Monte Nesbitt; Penny Adams; Randy Seagraves; Russ Wallace; Steve George; William Welch; Jennifer Jakubik; Ericka Junek; Tammy Landry; Sheri Long; Cynthia Mueller; Dorothy See  
**Cc:** Pete Gibbs; Kyle Smith; Ed Smith; Darrell Dromgoole; Ruben Saldana; Monty Dozier  
**Subject:** Congratulations to Barbara Storz !!!

August 15, 2011

CoHorts,

Barbara Storz has been selected as the 2011 Texas Health Champion Award by the Michael and Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living. One individual and one organization receive this prestigious award each year "who has demonstrated exemplary achievement in reducing the burden and/or raising awareness of the obesity epidemic in Texas."

Barbara's work with targeted audiences in the Rio Grande Valley through gardening, local foods, and youth is recognized as innovative and effective.

I know that you join me in congratulating Barbara for this high recognition for both herself and AgriLife Extension. Barbara will receive the award in September as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Obesity Awareness Week (Sept 12-16) activities in Austin.

Doug

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