

Delta SkyMiles, American Airlines AAdvantage and United MileagePlus

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Airlines work a little

different. [Delta](#), [American](#) and [United](#) allow you to transfer miles to other members of their respective frequent flyer programs. The catch, which is a big one, is that you'll have to pay to do it.

Delta charges a cent per mile plus a \$30 processing fee; American charges .0125 cents per mile; and United charges the most at .015 cents per miles plus a \$20 fee. If, for example, you transfer 10,000 miles, it'll cost you \$130 with Delta, \$125 with American and \$170 with United. Transfers can take as long as a day, but are typically instantaneous.

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A better option is to buy the award ticket for someone else (or vice versa). All three airlines allow you to do that. Just enter the intended passenger's name when you purchase the ticket.

If you don't have enough miles for the ticket, consider transferring some from a different rewards program, such as Membership Rewards, Ultimate Rewards or Starwood Preferred Guest.

A few airlines allow you to pool miles for free with family and/or friends. This can be a valuable perk. Unfortunately, Delta, American and United do not offer this.

Once you've tallied and transferred those miles, it's time to [load them in your RewardWallet at RewardExpert](#) so we can show you how to maximize them. We'll even show you how you can combine transferrable points and miles to get you on the plane quicker!