



Student Trip Policy Amendment

In November 2013, the Fremont Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees approved the Student Trip Policy and in March 2017 amended the policy to prohibit use of funding for adult chaperones. The policy is now being amended to include higher per-student maximums for trips that require air travel, and to more equitably divide student trip funding among the six public school districts.

Fremont Area Community Foundation recognizes the value of educational and culturally enriching travel experiences for students in our local public schools. The Community Foundation offers financial support for schools to provide these opportunities for students who otherwise might not be able to participate. Student trips eligible for grant support will complement the Community Foundation's education grantmaking priorities to achieve a positive college and career-oriented culture and/or to provide opportunities to explore areas of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM).

Grant funds for student trips requiring only ground travel are available for up to 25 percent of the total cost per student, not to exceed \$250. Students with financial need qualify for 50 percent of trip costs, not to exceed \$500.

Grant funds for student trips requiring air travel are available for up to 25 percent of the total cost per student, not to exceed \$500. Students with financial need qualify for 50 percent of trip costs, not to exceed \$750.

Grant funds may not support:

- Reward or celebration trips such as senior escapes, theme parks, or sports
- Trips with transportation less than 150 miles roundtrip
- Volunteers/chaperones or school district employee participation
- Trips funded by other appropriate Community Foundation grants, such as college visits or resident camps

Funding for student trips for all districts combined is not to exceed \$150,000 per year and should not exceed three percent of the Community Foundation's discretionary grant budget per year. Each district will annually receive a base amount of \$5,500 with additional funds per student enrollment, based on the previous year's enrollment data.

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Approved by Distribution Committee May 28, 2020

Approved by Board of Trustees June 18, 2020