



Student Trip Policy

Fremont Area Community Foundation recognizes the value of educational and culturally enriching travel experiences for students in our local public schools, Newaygo County Career-Tech Center, and Michigan State University 4-H trips. The Community Foundation offers financial support for schools to provide opportunities for students to explore areas of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM), as well as cultural and historical experiences. Please note, the Student Trip Fund was established to reimburse school districts for applicable expenses. If special circumstances need to be considered, contact the community investment team at 231.924.5350.

Student trip definitions

Local travel: destination is within 150 miles. Grants would support up to \$50 of the total cost per student.

Ground travel plus: destination is more than 150 miles away; accommodations may be necessary. Grants would support up to \$500 of the total cost per student.

Air travel plus: destination requires air travel and accommodations. Grants would support up to \$750 of the total cost per student.

Grant funds will support the following expenses for students participating

- Admissions/registrations
- Lodging
- Food (applicable for overnight trips, not to exceed federal per diem meal rate)
- Transportation

Grant funds will not support the following

- Reward or celebration trips such as senior escapes, theme parks, or sports
- 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 school districts, Newaygo County Career-Tech Center, and Michigan State University 4-H combined is not to exceed \$177,000 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 with additional funds per student enrollment, based on the previous year's enrollment data.

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