

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Sections 8(4) and (5) of the *Students Financial Assistance Act*, and Sections 7 and 8 of the *Student Financial Assistance Act, Student Grant Regulations*.

POLICY:

The legislation states that the Officer may approve travel assistance for students who must travel outside of the Territory or outside their home community in order to attend classes. The intent of the travel subsidy is to assist students to travel to their institution, normally in the fall, and return to the Yukon or to their home community after classes have ended, normally in the spring. Due to the changing nature of periods of study, the timeframes for how often and when a student can receive an airfare/travel allowance have been clarified.

Further, the legislation states that an economy or other class of airfare for studies outside the Territory can be determined by the Officer; and for studies within the territory a travel allowance calculated at the current government rate per kilometer may be paid.

GUIDELINES:**Timeframes**

Upon approval of Yukon Grant funding, a student must be present in the Territory or his/her home Yukon community any time prior to his/her classes commencing in order to be eligible for the airfare/travel portion.

Students are only eligible to receive one airfare/travel portion for their entire study period during the academic year for which they are enrolled and can only receive one airfare/travel subsidy per calendar year.

Students who have been denied funding during their first term, because they missed the deadline date and would have been eligible for the travel portion will be eligible for the airfare/travel portion in their second term.

Amounts

Students attending an institution outside Yukon:

Travel Allowance:

If eligible, students may receive a travel allowance as follows:

- Students living in a rural Yukon community, except Old Crow, will be paid the current government rate per kilometer between their Yukon home community and Whitehorse.
- Students living in Old Crow will be paid \$1000 for an airfare to Whitehorse.

Airfare:

In addition to the above amounts, eligible students may receive an airfare allowance of \$1800 for studies outside of the Territory.

Students attending in Yukon:

Travel Allowance:

If eligible, students who are not studying in their home Yukon community, except Old Crow, will be paid the current government rate per kilometer for travel between their home Yukon community and the Yukon community their studies are being offered.

If eligible, students living in Old Crow and studying in a rural community except Dawson City or Whitehorse will be paid \$1000 for airfare to Whitehorse, plus the current government rate per kilometer for travel between Whitehorse and the community in which their studies are being offered. If eligible, students living in Old Crow and studying in Dawson City will be paid \$600 for airfare to Dawson City.

APPEALS:

The Students Financial Assistance Committee will hear all appeals that do not conform to this policy.

APPROVED:

Gordon McDevitt

Deputy Minister of Education

EFFECTIVE DATE:

June 28, 2007
