

social, and cultural development of participants.

(h) Costs for one project-sponsored banquet or ceremony.

(i) Tuition costs for postsecondary credit courses at the host institution for participants in the summer bridge component.

(j)(1) Accident insurance to cover any injuries to a project participant while participating in a project activity; and

(2) Medical insurance and health service fees for the project participants while participating full-time in the summer component.

(k) Courses in English language instruction for project participants with limited proficiency in English and for whom English language proficiency is necessary to succeed in postsecondary education.

(l) Transportation costs of participants for regularly scheduled project activities.

(m) Transportation, meals, and overnight accommodations for staff members when they are required to accompany participants in project activities such as field trips.

(n) Purchase of computer hardware, computer software, or other equipment for student development, project administration and recordkeeping, if the applicant demonstrates to the Secretary's satisfaction that the equipment is required to meet the objectives of the project more economically or efficiently.

(o) Fees required for college admissions applications or entrance examinations if—

(1) A waiver of the fee is unavailable;

(2) The fee is paid by the grantee to a third party on behalf of a participant.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-13)

**§ 645.41 What are unallowable costs?**

Costs that may not be charged against a grant under this program include the following:

(a) Research not directly related to the evaluation or improvement of the project.

(b) Meals for staff except as provided in § 645.40 (d) and (m) and in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) Room and board for administrative and instructional staff personnel who do not have responsibility for dor-

mitory supervision of project participants during a residential summer component unless these costs are approved by the Secretary.

(d) Room and board for participants in Veterans Upward Bound projects.

(e) Construction, renovation or remodeling of any facilities.

(f) Tuition, stipends, or any other form of student financial aid for project staff beyond that provided to employees of the grantee as part of its regular fringe benefit package.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-13)

**§ 645.42 What are Upward Bound stipends?**

(a) An Upward Bound project may provide stipends for all participants who participate on a full-time basis.

(b) In order to receive the stipend, the participant must show evidence of satisfactory participation in activities of the project including—

(1) Regular attendance; and

(2) Performance in accordance with standards established by the grantee and described in the application.

(c) The grantee may prorate the amount of the stipend according to the number of scheduled sessions in which the student participated.

(d) The following rules govern the amounts of stipends a grantee is permitted to provide:

(1) For Regular Upward Bound projects and Upward Bound Math and Science Centers—

(i) For the academic year component, the stipend may not exceed \$40 per month; and

(ii) For the summer component, the stipend may not exceed \$60 per month.

(2) For Veterans Upward Bound projects, the stipend may not exceed \$40 per month.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-13)

**§ 645.43 What other requirements must a grantee meet?**

(a) *Number of participants.* (1) In each budget period, Regular Upward Bound projects shall serve between 50 and 150 participants and Upward Bound Math and Science projects shall serve between 50 and 75 participants.

(2) Veterans Upward Bound projects shall serve a minimum of 120 veterans in each budget period.

(3) The Secretary may waive the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section if the applicant can demonstrate that the project will be more cost effective and consistent with the objectives of the program if a greater or lesser number of participants will be served.

(b) *Project director.* (1) A grantee shall employ a full-time project director unless paragraph (b)(3) of this section applies.

(2) The grantee shall give the project director sufficient authority to administer the project effectively.

(3) The Secretary waives the requirement in paragraph (b)(1) of this section if the applicant demonstrates that the requirement will hinder coordination—

(i) Among the Federal TRIO Programs; or

(ii) Between the programs funded under sections 402A through 410 of the HEA and similar programs funded through other sources.

(c) *Recordkeeping.* For each participant, a grantee shall maintain a record of—

(1) The basis for the grantee's determination that the participant is eligible to participate in the project under §645.3;

(2) The basis for the grantee's determination that the participant has a need for academic support in order to pursue successfully a program of education beyond secondary school;

(3) The services that are provided to the participant;

(4) The educational progress of the participant during high school and, to the degree possible, during the participant's pursuit of a postsecondary education program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a–11 and 1070a–13).

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## Subpart A—General

### §646.1 What is the Student Support Services Program?

The Student Support Services Program provides grants for projects designed to—

(a) Increase the retention and graduation rates of eligible students;

(b) Increase the transfer rate of eligible students from two-year to four-year institutions; and

(c) Foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of low-income and first generation college students and individuals with disabilities through services such as those described in §646.4.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a–11 and 1070a–14)