



Georgia Statewide Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network 2023-2024 Travel Stipends Policy

The Georgia Statewide Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network partners with health professional educational programs to provide support to students completing community-based education rotations away from campus locations. This support includes travel stipends for rotations completed in AHEC regions for students not staying in AHEC housing.

AHEC Travel Stipend Policies:

- Eligible students must be enrolled in an approved health professional program and completing a community-based education rotation in an AHEC region in Georgia.
- Students are prohibited from receiving both housing and travel support simultaneously.
- Students who travel at least 25 miles outside of the county of their campus location are eligible for travel support. Students who travel at least 25 miles from their current address to their clinical rotation site are also eligible for travel stipends.
- Students must request reimbursement from the regional AHEC within 30 days of completion of rotation.
- Academic institutions may not request/submit travel stipend requests on behalf of students.
- Eligible rotations are a minimum of 8 sequential days. Rotations from 8-19 days are eligible for a \$50 travel stipend, and rotations 20+ days are eligible for a \$100 travel stipend.
- Travel stipends are provided to students on a first-come, first-served basis, and availability is not guaranteed for any academic year. AHEC funding and travel support are based on state and federal funds, community partnerships, and organization grants. Changes to the distribution and availability of funds can occur regionally during the academic year based on these funding sources.

As a health professional student, I understand and agree:

- I have read, understand, and agree to the Georgia Statewide AHEC Network Travel Stipends Policy.
- I understand that I am responsible for submitting all requests for travel stipends through the appropriate AHEC region.
- I understand that travel stipends are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis, and changes to the distribution and availability of funds can occur regionally during the academic year.

Student Name (please print)

Student Signature

Date

By checking this box, I am providing my electronic signature and agreeing to all the information entered above. *(Please enter name and date on signature and date lines above)*

