

AHEC Assignment Policy

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Effective: Beginning 2006-2007 Academic Year

1. The 4week AHEC experiences in rural areas are requirements for all third and fourth year medical students.

2. The financial burden for students meeting this requirement should be minimized.

--AHEC funding provides resources to minimize the financial burden to students who are displaced for the required rotations. Students who stay offsite receive stipends to cover one roundtrip transportation, lodging and meals. Students who stay with family members do not receive lodging stipends.

3. The formal policy includes an appeal from the above requirement for hardship reasons only. These students would be assigned to rotations within commuting distance. **Examples of hardships** would include:

- The student's health is seriously threatened, e.g., a complicated pregnancy
- The student's family member is seriously endangered, e.g., the student is a single custodial parent with no backup caregiver available or the student is a caregiver of ill family member (must provide documentation)
- New parents (up to 6 months)

Examples not considered hardships would include:

- Care of animals
- Normal pregnancy up to 30 weeks
- Unreliable transportation
- Married
- Married with children