

Under this category childcare expenses were routinely covered for single parents or for families where both parents were full-time students. In some regions, regional officers were permitted to exercise a good deal of discretion in determining the level of these variable allowance rates. There is no express provision for child care expenses under the 1989 policy. In the case of some individuals, despite the general increase in "living expenses", this could mean a total decrease in funding assistance of three hundred dollars or more, depending on the age and number of pre-school children and the local cost of daycare.

- c) Special Tutorial Assistance: The E-12 Guidelines allowed financial assistance for tutoring when recommended by the student's instructor.
- d) Clothing: In cases of obvious and reasonable need, Sending Counsellors had the authority to approve an allowance for regular clothing and the amount of such an allowance.
- e) Special Clothing and Equipment: Receiving and Sending Counsellors were jointly responsible for taking the necessary steps to assist students requesting assistance for the rental or purchase of special clothing or equipment (such as tools, microscopes) required for a course of study as specified by the institution. This category of assistance was listed separately from regular "Books and Supplies" under the E-12 Guidelines.<sup>4</sup>
- f) Daily Travel Allowances: Sending Counsellors could approve a daily travel allowance when the approved location of the accommodation in relation to the training institution required "extraordinary travel costs" to attend classes.
- g) Emergency Travel: With the prior approval of the Sending Counsellor a student could receive an allowance to cover the cost of emergency travel for him/herself and dependents to the student's home community.