

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-634. Grants and Scholarships.**

3 **R277-634-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized by:

5 (a) Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and
6 supervision over public education in the Board;

7 (b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute
8 the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law;

9 (c) Section 53H-11-416, which requires the Board to administer a citizenship
10 scholarship program; and

11 (d) Section 53G-9-216, which requires the Board to administer a cardiac
12 emergency response plan grant program.

13 (2) The purpose of this rule is to:

14 (a) establish procedures for administering Board-authorized grant and
15 scholarship programs;

16 (i) implement the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan grant program as defined
17 in 53G-9-216; and

18 (ii) implement the Citizenship Scholarship Program as defined in 53H-11-416.

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20 **R277-634-2. Definitions.**

21 (1) "AED" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-216.

22 (2) "Cardiac emergency response plan" or "CERP" means the same as that term
23 is defined in Section 53G-9-216.

24 (3) "Citizenship grade" means a grade or evaluation that reflects a student's
25 demonstration of college and career readiness as defined in Section 53E-4-208.

26 (4) "Cardiac emergency response plan" or "CERP" means a plan developed by a
27 school that addresses the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents
28 involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening
29 emergency while on school grounds as defined in Section 53G-9-216.

30 (5) "Emergency cardiovascular care" means the same as defined in Section 53G-
31 9-216.

32 (6) "Evidence-based core elements" means the same as defined in Section 53G-
33 9-216.

34 (7) "High-needs school" means the same as defined in Subsection 53G-9-
35 216(1)(e).

36 (8) "Rural School" means a public school within a school district:

37 (a) located in a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class, as defined in Section 17-
38 50-501; or

39 (b) with fewer than 3,000 students enrolled in the school district.

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41 **R277-634-3. General Grant and Scholarship Administration.**

42 (1) The Board shall administer grant and scholarship programs in accordance
43 with state law and this rule.

44 (2) The Superintendent shall:

45 (a) establish application procedures and timelines;

46 (b) require applicants to submit information and documentation necessary to
47 determine eligibility;

48 (c) establish reporting requirements for recipients;

49 (d) monitor compliance with program requirements; and

50 (e) take corrective action in accordance with Rule R277-114 if an applicant or
51 recipient fails to comply with program requirements.

52 (3) The Board may establish additional requirements necessary to administer a
53 grant or scholarship program consistent with state law.

54 (4) The Board shall establish minimum eligibility thresholds for applicants,
55 including minimum standards for citizenship grades and attendance.

56 (5) Scholarship award amounts shall be determined based on available funds
57 and applicant eligibility, as established by the Board.

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59 **R277-633-4. Cardiac Emergency Response Plan Grant Program.**

60 (1) The Board shall administer the grant program to assist LEAs in implementing
61 cardiac emergency response plans (CERP) in accordance with Section 53G-9-216.

62 (2) An LEA may apply for a grant by submitting an application in a manner
63 prescribed by the Superintendent.

64 (3) The Superintendent shall:

65 (a) prepare and make available a grant application;

66 (b) review applications starting on July 1, 2026;

67 (c) prioritize the grant distribution first to high needs schools and second to rural
68 schools, and

69 (d) allocate grant funds on a first-come, first-served basis for LEAs with a
70 demonstrated need.

71 (4) An LEA that applies for the grant shall include in their application:

72 (a) a copy of their CERP plans for each school in their LEA that contain the
73 evidence based core elements and meet the requirements of Subsection 53G-9-216(3);

74 (b) the intended use of funds;

75 (c) if applying as a high needs school, provide data and evidence of high need
76 qualifications;

77 (d) evidence of compliance with Subsection 53G-9-216(4); and

78 (e) any additional information required by the Superintendent.

79 (5) In awarding grants, the Superintendent shall give priority to applicants that
80 demonstrate need.

81 (a) For purposes of this rule, demonstrated need is considered to be LEAs
82 seeking to use the funds for the following items in this order:

83 (i) the purchase of an AED;

84 (ii) AED maintenance, including pads and battery replacement;

85 (iii) the purchase of CPR training kits or CPR training for faculty and staff;

86 (iv) basic first aid training; and

87 (v) educational materials.

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89 (6) The Superintendent shall allocate and encumber funds for an LEA that qualify
90 and are selected for this grant.

91 (7) An LEA may be reimbursed from their allocation of grant money for activities
92 and equipment that further promote CERP preparedness, including:

93 (a) the purchase of an AED;

94 (b) AED maintenance, including pads and battery replacement;

95 (c) the purchase of CPR training kits or CPR training for faculty and staff;

96 (d) basic first aid training; and

97 (e) educational materials.

98 (8) An LEA shall provide itemized receipts of expenses incurred between July 1,
99 2026 and June 30, 2027 to receive a reimbursement from awarded funding.

100 (9) An LEA that receives an allocation of CERP grant funds shall report all
101 expenditures to the USBE and provide itemized receipts by September 1, 2027.

102 (10) Funds that have not been used shall be reallocated to other grant applicants
103 in accordance with Section 53G-9-216 and R277-633.

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105 **R277-634-5. Citizenship Scholarship Program.**

106 (1) The Superintendent shall administer the program under the direction of the
107 Board and shall implement this rule and Board policies governing the program.

108 (2) The Superintendent shall establish and implement application procedures and
109 deadlines, including:

110 (a) application submission requirements;

111 (b) required documentation, including citizenship grades and attendance records;
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113 (c) procedures to verify applicant information with LEAs.

114 (3) The Superintendent shall establish scholarship eligibility criteria that:

115 (a) require demonstrated exemplary citizenship as reflected in citizenship grades
116 described in Section 53E-4-208;

- 117 (b) include student attendance as a component of eligibility; and
118 (c) give priority to students who demonstrate sustained exemplary citizenship
119 throughout high school.
- 120 (4) The Superintendent shall administer the selection process using criteria and
121 weighting adopted by the Board.
- 122 (5) The Superintendent shall:
123 (a) verify applicant eligibility using data collected from LEAs; and
124 (b) coordinate with LEAs to resolve discrepancies in citizenship grade or
125 attendance data.
- 126 (6) The Superintendent shall administer scholarship awards, including:
127 (a) notifying students of award decisions; and
128 (b) coordinating with institutions within the state system of higher education.
- 129 (7) The Superintendent shall distribute scholarship funds to eligible students
130 attending an institution within the state system of higher education as provided in
131 Section 53H-11-416 and Title 53B.
- 132 (8) The Superintendent shall establish procedures for applicant appeals and
133 record retention.
- 134 (9) The Board may report to the Legislature on program administration and
135 outcomes as required by Section 53H-11-416.

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140 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401(4); 53H-**
141 **11-416; 53G-9-216**