

LOBBYING

I. Purpose

The purpose of the policy is compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act 2008, 20 U.S.C.A. §§ 1001 (2011), *et seq.*, provisions pertaining to lobbying and sections of individual federal grant award agreements pertaining to lobbying.

II. General Statement of Policy

A. The policy of Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) is that no federal funds may be used to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making, entering into, or extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or loan or federal cooperative agreement. No federal student aid funding may be used to hire a registered lobbyist or pay any person or entity for the purpose of securing an earmark.

III. Definitions

- A. "Lobbying" means to seek to influence a politician on any issue.
- B. "Federal Funds" means any money WDTC receives from the Federal Government.

IV. Reporting Procedures – WDTC shall annually certify to the Secretary of Education that the requirements of Section 119 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act 2008 have been met, as a condition for receiving student aid funding.

V. Dissemination of Policy and Training

- A. This policy shall appear on the WDTC website on the policy webpage.

Legal References: Higher Education Opportunity Act 2008, 20 U.S.C.A. § 1001 (2011), Section 119 Certification Regarding the Use of Certain Federal Funds

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