

Mississippi Perkins Session

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Perkins V and Federal Grants Management Test

1. You are responsible for administering the Perkins program at your LEA. Which federal laws must you be familiar with:

- a. The Perkins Act and General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)
- b. Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)
- c. Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG)
- d. A & B
- e. All of the above

2. If Mississippi imposes more restrictive procurement requirements than federal law on the purchase of computers, and your budget includes the purchase of ten computers with Perkins funds, do you rely on:

- a. Federal law
- b. State law
- c. Whichever law is more favorable

3. What is the maximum amount of time your LEA has to obligate its Perkins grant?

- a. 15 months
- b. 24 months
- c. 12 months
- d. 27 months

4. What is the minimum number of CTE programs of study (POS) your LEA must implement, according to Perkins V?

- a. None
- b. One
- c. At least two
- d. You must invest in only programs of study

5. Must your LEA directly charge the 5% local administrative costs to their Perkins award?

- a. All administrative costs must be directly charged
- b. Administrative costs may be charged on a direct or indirect or combination basis
- c. Administrative costs can only be reimbursed on an indirect cost basis

6. May Perkins funds support a cost this year that was paid from nonfederal funds last year?

- a. Yes, as long as the cost is necessary for the CTE program
- b. No, it would be a supplanting violation
- c. If nonfederal funds were ever used to support a cost, federal funds can never be used

7. May Perkins funds be used to pay membership costs to professional organizations?

- a. Yes, as long as it benefits the CTE program
- b. Perkins funds may not be used for professional development
- c. Yes, as long as the individual is a CTE administrator or instructor
- d. Perkins funds may only be used for institutional membership

8. May Perkins funds be used to pay for the cost of meals at conferences?

- a. Perkins funds may never be used to pay for meals
- b. If the LEA is the sponsor/host of the conference, Perkins funds may be used to pay for meals under limited circumstances.
- c. If a vendor is hosting the conference, Perkins funds paid to the vendor may not be used for meals

9. May Perkins funds be used to pay for participant costs at CTSO skill competitions?

- a. Yes
- b. Only if the participants are members of special populations
- c. Never

10. May Perkins funds ever be used to provide direct support to special population students for transportation?

a. Yes

b. No

11. During your inventory of equipment purchased with Perkins funds, you discover a piece of equipment is missing. You are in compliance as long as you update the inventory records to indicate that the equipment went missing.

- a. True
- b. False

12. When determining whether your LEA has an obligation to pay back the federal share of a piece of equipment after disposition, the LEA must determine whether or not the item is valued at more or less than \$5,000. Value is determined at:

- a. The time of purchase
- b. The time of disposition
- c. At any point in time as long as it is within the grant period

13. The following list includes some of the policies and procedures that must be in writing:

- a. Employee benefits, inventory and financial management
- b. Procurement, cash management, allowable costs, time and effort
- c. No policies and procedure must be in writing

14. Under the micro-purchase method, your LEA does not have to maintain records for any purchase below \$10,000.

- a. True
- b. False

15. You are attending a Bruman conference in Las Vegas. The conference is in December, and you purchase your airplane ticket in June. The airplane ticket obligates to the federal grant award:

- a. On the date you decided to make travel arrangements
- b. On the date the travel arrangements are booked and seat assignments are confirmed
- c. On the date the travel arrangements are paid in full
- d. On the date you take the flight to Las Vegas

16. Costs are allocable to the Perkins grant if:

- a. The cost of the goods or services is proportionate to the benefits received by the Perkins grant
- b. At least 80% of the goods or services will directly benefit the Perkins grant
- c. The goods or services, in any way, benefit the Perkins objectives
- d. The cost of the goods or services was included in the budget proposal

17. Office Depot, where you normally purchase your supplies from, is having a sale. The store is offering rebates on items that you need for your Perkins program. You decided to purchase a printer that costs \$150, with a \$50 rebate. The Perkins grant can be charged:

- a. \$150
- b. \$100
- c. \$50
- d. Under EDGAR, printers are not an allowable cost

18. An administrator spends 10% of her time working on Perkins administration activities and the rest of her time working on non-federal activities. Because most of her time is spent on non-federal activities, she does not need to keep her time and effort reports.

- a. True
- b. False

19. A subgrant is different from a contract because:

- a. A subgrant provides goods and services that are ancillary to the operation of the Federal program
- b. A subgrant uses the Federal funds to carry out a program as compared to providing goods and services for a program
- c. A subgrant is not subject to compliance requirements of the Federal program
- d. A subgrant and a contract are the same

20. The LEA's welding program uses a machine that was purchased in 2015. The director of the program wants to upgrade the equipment. Can you trade in the old machine to offset the costs of the replacement machine?

- a. Yes
- b. No

21. Your LEA may sole-source procurement from a vendor as long as that vendor was included in an approved application.

- a. True
- b. False

22. A compliant conflict of interest policy must address:

- a. Academic dishonesty
- b. Gratuity violations
- c. Diversity in employment practices
- d. All of the above

23. The following circumstances restrict competition in procurement transactions:

- a. In-state or local preferences
- b. Requiring unnecessary experience
- c. Specifying a brand name
- d. B and C
- e. A, B and C

24. For a cost to be allowable to a Perkins grant award, it must meet the following criteria:

- a. Necessary and reasonable
- b. Allocable to the Perkins grant
- c. Determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles
- d. All of the above

25. Time and effort documentation must:

- a. Be supported by a system of internal controls which provides reasonable assurance that charges are accurate, allowable and properly allocated
- b. Be incorporated into official records
- c. Reasonably reflect total activity for which the employee is compensated
- d. Both A and B
- e. A, B, and C

26. Unless certain restrictions are satisfied, the salaries of Perkins administrative and clerical staff should be treated as indirect costs.

- a. True
- b. False

27. Equipment procedures must contain the following information:

- a. Property description
- b. Source of funding
- c. Acquisition date and cost
- d. All of the above

28. Expenditures for services performed by an employee of your LEA are obligated to the federal award:

- a. On the date when the LEA signs the contract to obtain the services
- b. On the date that the services are performed
- c. On the date the employee signs the time and effort certification
- d. On the date the employee is paid for the services

29. A conflict of interest arises when the following persons have a financial interest in a firm or company that is selected for a contract by your LEA:

- a. Me (an employee).
- b. My son/daughter
- c. My husband/wife's company is selected.
- d. All of the above.

30. Your LEA may rebut a presumption of unlawful supplanting if it can demonstrate that, in the absence of federal funds, it would have discontinued the activity paid for with nonfederal funds.

- a. True
- b. False

Perkins State Grant Funding Levels

Fiscal Year	Funding Level	Percent Change from Prior Year
2020 (received on July 1, 2020)	\$1,282,598,000	+1.58%
2021 (will receive on July 1, 2021)	\$1,334,848,000	+4.07%

Mississippi Perkins Funding Levels

Fiscal Year	Funding Level	Percent Change from Prior Year
2020 (received on July 1, 2020)	\$14,329,166	+1.5%
2021 (will receive on July 1, 2021)	TBD	TBD