



## February 2026 SPEEA ACE Winter Cohort Meeting - Questions & Answers

- 1. I'm noticing when you ran the query, the email column isn't showing the student's email address. I was wondering if that's something that will show up when we run it in production.**

Yes. We will take that back and ask that the query be updated to include student email address.

- 2. Regarding the self-service children answer. Yeses or nos looked like numbers, so I was wondering if you're able to tell me what those numbers represent.**

Zero means that the student has not answered the self-service survey. One means that they have claimed that they have a child or children. Two means that they do not have a child or children. 3 means, I prefer not to answer. So, it's a numeric code representing those answers. We can flip that so that zero says not answered, number 1 says kids, number two says I do not have kids. We can put verbiage in there instead of numbers, if that's going to be easier for you. We will work on changing those self-service awards on answers to something that is more user-friendly.

- 3. The list of programs looks like it might be pulling up programs that are not SPEEA eligible, so is the thought process, just that we would filter that column to find our students, or to find our program?**

We pulled all of the plan codes that are in the inventory system that are aerospace or aerospace-related for each of the colleges. So, if there's a plan code on here that you didn't have in your list as eligible, check with Genevieve Howard, at [goward@sbctc.edu](mailto:goward@sbctc.edu).

- 4. Some of our programs returned as C45. And we tend to designate our certificate programs as our C45s, so it's nice to have a crosswalk to make sure that we're really pulling the right plans.**

If your program is a certificate program and not an AA degree or BAS, then it is not eligible for SPEEA ACE funding.

- 5. Our college is a header college for financial aid purposes, which means summer is the first quarter of our academic year. So, are we allowed to fund students back in summer quarter 2025, or are we not able to go back that far?**

SBCTC is working to get our contract with SPEEA ACE updated. It's the goal that we would have a contract updated with the terminology that allows the tuition funds to be retroactive to the original execution date of our contract. If that's the case, then a header college may be able to fund the prior summer tuition.

- 6. For a foundation office working directly with SPEEA ACE, we award SPEEA ACE funds via scholarships. We don't invoice. We have a statement of understanding directly with SPEEA ACE. Are we going to have to do anything additional regarding invoices?**

If you are a foundation office, nothing will change for you. You're going to do everything you normally do. The key piece here for the foundation offices is making sure that funding isn't overlapping and over-awarding students. For example, if John was awarded \$5,000 from the student support programs and then was provided a \$2,000 scholarship through the foundation for SPEEA ACE. That would be an overlap and put the student at more than the annual limit of \$5,000. So, your teams are going to want to make sure you're working together on who's being awarded, how that's occurring, so you're not over-awarding.

- 7. Are we allowed to leverage for BFET both the foundation SPEEA ACE scholarship and the student supports SPEEA ACE tuition?**

Yes.

- 8. Is there specific documentation that we will need to include in our invoice for SPEEA ACE? Are we submitting our internal documents for who was funded and how much?**

No. You will not be required to submit with your invoice any documentation. These funds are subject to pre-payment audit reviews. If you are selected for a pre-payment audit review, you will need to submit your back up documentation at that time.

- 9. We know that childcare funds cannot go to students directly. For tuition, is that the same?**

Yes. Just like child care, these funds cannot go directly to a student.

- 10. Does the State Board want us to be aware of how to prioritize and equitably award the funding? Should we be sort of coming up with our own funding model or philosophy on how to distribute that funding?**

We will lean into you all as the experts for your funding priorities and philosophy. Colleges already have well-developed funding philosophies around all of your student support programs. We would like these funds to fit neatly within the work you're already doing and not add additional barriers.

- 11. As a foundation office, our funds from SPEEA ACE had the requirement that the student had to be enrolled in a program that is aerospace or aerospace related, but they also have to intend to pursue a career in aerospace. So just because someone was an engineer, we couldn't**

necessarily give them the scholarship unless we were able to confirm that their career path was headed towards being an engineer. Is that a requirement everyone needs to consider in your funding?

We have the requirement that the student is in a program that is aerospace or aerospace-related. We are simultaneously using the enrollment in the program as the intention to have a career in the field.

**12. When will the funds end?**

Funding ends June 30, 2026.