



December 21, 2023

To: All CGMA Representatives

Subject: COO Note 31 - Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) Guidelines for CY 2024

CGMA introduces the guidelines for the administration of the SEG program, effective January 1, 2024.

New Changes:

- The maximum grant amount is \$750.00.
- The maximum grant amount per household is \$750.00. In the case of member-to-member households (married), the limit is \$1,500.00 per household. A member can apply for multiple grants during the calendar year, but the total amount can't exceed \$750.00 per calendar year.
- Reimbursement for computer purchases will be allowed once every three years.
- A computer as defined by CGMA is a desktop, laptop, or tablet. Reimbursement for gaming computers or purchasing components separately will no longer be authorized.

Reasons for Changes:

- CGMA is experiencing a consistent decrease in both the number of Active Duty donors and the amount of donations.
- In 2023, CGMA provided over \$3.8 million dollars for the SEG program, benefiting more than 5,100 members. This was made possible by raising the SEG from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 and permitting computer reimbursement at the beginning of the year. While this support has been beneficial for our members, it poses an unsustainable burden on our organization.
- The demand for financial assistance in CGMA's other programs has risen, emphasizing the importance of allocating our funds strategically across all programs to maintain sustainability.

No changes to eligibility requirements or criteria. These guidelines are subject to change, and applicants are encouraged to check the official CGMA website for updates [Supplemental Education Grant \(SEG\) – Coast Guard Mutual Assistance \(mycgma.org\)](https://mycgma.org).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Jing Patton, CGMA's Operations Support Manager.

Sincerely,

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