

Use and Privacy for Charles M. Bair Scholarship Laptop

The Bair Scholarship offers a laptop as part of the scholarship program. The program recognizes a computer as an integral part of your college education and college life.

The computer issued by the program is provided with computer tracking software. The sole purpose of computer tracking software is to assist a Bair Scholar with finding a lost or stolen computer. We have asked all scholars to install the software and it has assisted in recovering a lost computer.

Recently it was brought to our attention that the software could be utilized to monitor a scholar's computer use and location of use. Please be advised that U.S. Bank as Trustee of the Charles M. Bair Memorial Trust has not and will not utilize the tracking software for any purpose other than to find a lost or stolen computer. The Charles M. Bair Memorial Scholarship recognizes the privacy rights of the scholar in his or her use of the computer. It is also recognized that the scholar's authorized use of the computer includes many varied applications including research on a myriad of different types of websites.

While the Scholarship recognizes the privacy rights of the scholar, please also be aware that the Scholarship does prohibit the use of the computer for file sharing of music or videos which may result in violations of intellectual property law under United States statutes or international treaties. Also, please be aware that the viewing of certain images on your computer (e.g. child pornography) may violate the law. Most universities monitor computer bandwidth uses and suspend computer access to any student whose bandwidth usage and site history leads the university to believe that violations of the law may be occurring.

If you remain concerned regarding the privacy issues of the Bair Scholarship laptop, you have the right to reject and return your Bair Scholarship laptop at any time.