

U.S. Department of Education
Office of Postsecondary Education

Demonstration Projects to Ensure Students With Disabilities Receive a Quality Higher Education

Pre-Application Workshop April 8, 2008



Agenda

- A. Overview of Grants.gov
 - Benefits for applicants
 - Teatures: find and apply
 - **Users**
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 - How to register
 - Step by step application process
- C. Guidelines for Submitting to Dept. of Education
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 - Tips and reminders
 - Technical issues



All applicants are required

to submit their applications

using Grants.gov













Grants.gov at a Glance

http://www.grants.gov

One-stop shop for funding opportunities from 26 Federal agencies as well as some state and local governments





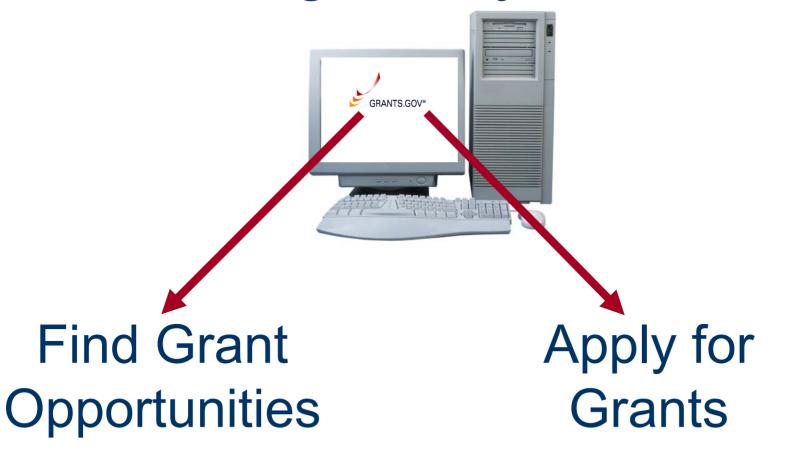




Benefits for Grant Applicants

- Centralizes more than 900 grant programs across 26 Federal grant-making agencies
- Simplifies the process of applying
 Register once and apply for multiple grants
- Easier to find new opportunities
 - Search for grants in one central location
 - Set up a search profile and get opportunities e-mailed directly to you

Grants.gov Key Features





Finding Grant Opportunities

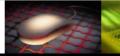
Find — A single source for finding grant opportunities, helping applicants locate and learn more about funding opportunities in a standardized manner

Sign up for relevant e-mail notification of opportunities

Note: Research active funding opportunities by agency, category, CFDA number, and type of funding instrument















Applying for Grant Opportunities

Apply — A single secure and reliable source for applying for federal grants on-line, simplifying the grant application process and reducing paperwork



Grants.gov Apply Overview

- Work off-line
- Need PureEdge Viewer to download package
 - Tree on Grants.gov website
 - Download may require approval from your institution
 - Allow time if internal approval is needed
- Download and work on the application immediately
 - While completing the registration steps
 - Or register first, before you need to apply

All registration steps must be completed to submit













When to Apply

- Watch for grant opportunities posted on Grants.gov
- Review Federal Register notices carefully
 - Review application instructions
 - Note the deadline



Who Uses Grants.gov?

- Organizations
 - E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC)
 - Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)
 - Grant researcher
- 1 Individuals

Note: One person can, and in some instances will, serve in multiple capacities for the organization





Registering with Grants.gov

- 1: Register your organization
- 2: Register yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)
- ^⁴3: Get yourself authorized by your organization to submit grants

Registration can take 5 or more days to complete

Begin the registration process now.

Avoid the pressure of registering and applying at the same time



How to Register Your Organization

- Obtain your organization's DUNS number
- Register your organization with Central Contractor Registry (CCR)
- Identify your organization's E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC)
- Confirm your organization's CCR M-PIN password (Marketing Partner ID Number (M-PIN) password)



Check Registration

- If you think your organization is registered:
- Go to the Central Contractor Registry (CCR)

http://www.ccr.gov

Search for your organization & also find E-Biz POC listed here



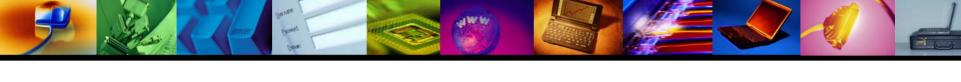












Register Yourself as AOR

- Obtain your username and password from the Grants.gov Credential Provider
- Register username and password with Grants.gov

Get Authorized as an AOR

- Contact your E-Biz POC to approve you
- Log in to Grants.gov to check your AOR status

NOTE: An Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is a person who submits the application for the organization.





Check your AOR Status

- 1 Log in to Grants.gov as an applicant
- Check your AOR status in your user profile
- Approved status means you are ready to submit











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1. Find Grant Opportunities

















2. Basic Search



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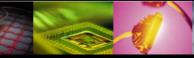
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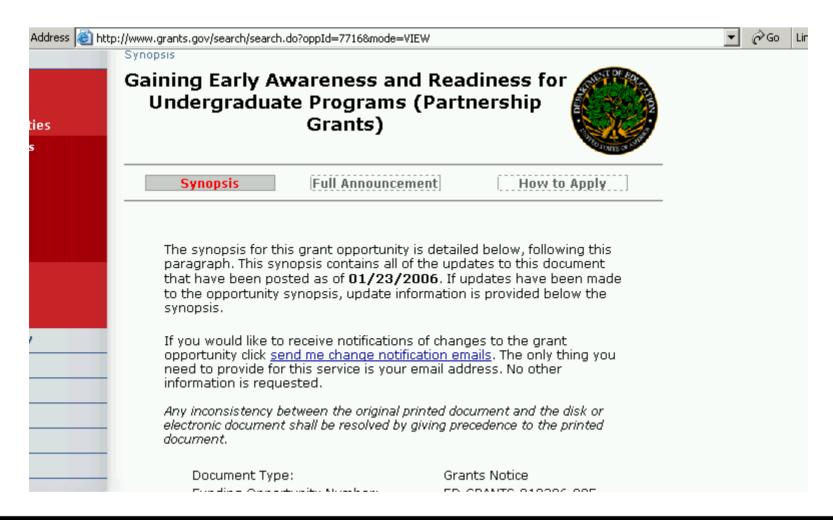




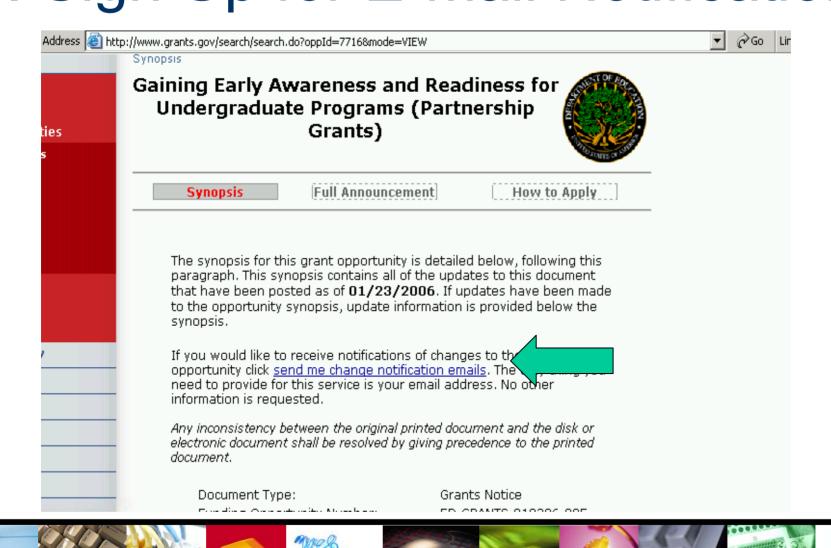


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6. Sign Up for E-mail Notifications



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7. Click on "How to Apply"





8. Download PureEdge Viewer

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Before you can view and complete an application package, you must have the PureEdge viewer installed. <u>Click Here</u> to download the PureEdge Viewer if you do not have it installed already.

Below is a list of the application(s) currently available for the CFDA and/or Funding Opportunity Number that you entered.

To download the application instructions or package, click the corresponding download link. You will then be able to save the files on your computer for future reference and use.

| | | | Competition Title | | Instructions and Application |
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| 84.305 | ED-GRANTS- 040607-003 | 84-305A2008-2 | Education Research Grants | U.S. Department of Education | <u>download</u> |













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>> Address http://apply.grants.gov/apply/GetGrant

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| 84.047 | ED-GRANTS- 092206-001 | 84-047A2007-1 | Upward Bound Program (84.047A) Regular Upward Bound Program | U.S. Department of Education | download |
| 84.047 | ED-GRANTS- 092206-003 | 84-047V2007-1 | Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) Program (84.047V) | U.S. Department of Education | <u>download</u> |







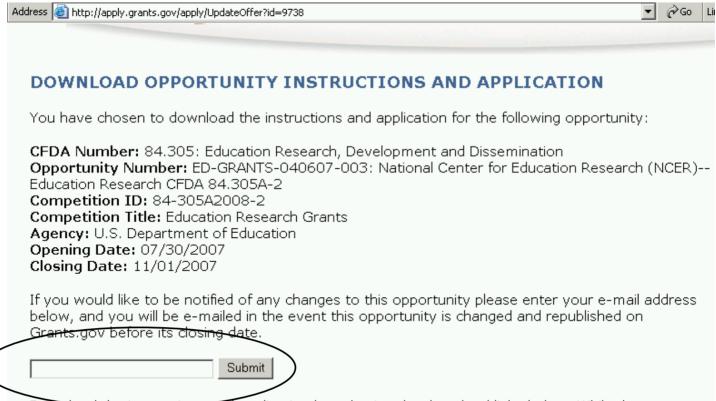








10. Subscribe to Email Notifications (Again)



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11. Download Application Instructions and Package

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CFDA Number: 84.305: Education Research, Development and Dissemination

Opportunity Number: ED-GRANTS-040607-003: National Center for Education Research (NCER)--

Education Research CFDA 84.305A-2 **Competition ID:** 84-305A2008-2

Competition Title: Education Research Grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Opening Date: 07/30/2007 Closing Date: 11/01/2007

If you would like to be notified of any changes to this opportunity please enter your e-mail address below, and you will be e-mailed in the event this opportunity is changed and republished on Grants.gov before its closing date.

Submit

Download the instructions and application by selecting the download links below. While the instructions or application files may open directly, you may save the files to your computer for future reference and use. You do not need Internet access to read the instructions or the application once you save them to your computer.

- 1. Download Application Instructions
- 2. Download Application Package



Application Instructions

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education Washington, D.C. 20006-8524



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APPLICATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE

Demonstration Projects To Ensure Students With Disabilities Receive a Quality Higher Education

(CFDA NUMBER: 84.333A)

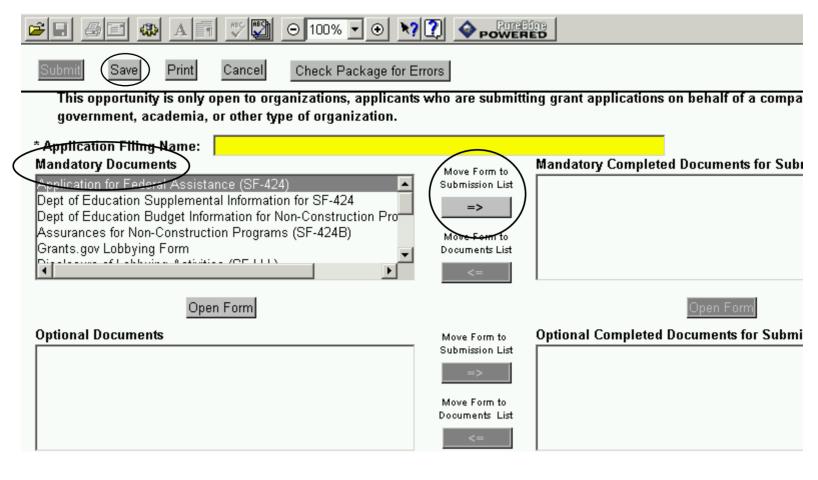






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Application Package















12. Completing the Application

- Download the application package onto your computer
- Save your work often
- Once you submit, you will get an on-screen confirmation and then a series of emails:
 - 1. The first one will tell you the application was received at the date and time you submitted
 - 2. Next you will get an email telling you the application was validated or rejected with errors
 - 3. You will also be assigned an agency tracking number



Grants.gov vs. e-Application

- You do not need to be logged in to download the application package. However, you must be logged in when you submit
- The application is saved on your computer, not on the Dept. of Education system
- You must download PureEdge to fill out the application
- You cannot un-submit, but you can re-submit. We will receive the application last submitted before the deadline.















Common Mistakes

- Failure to submit application on time
- The Wrong DUNS number
- Not approved as Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)



Tips for a Successful Application

- Review notice carefully
 - Tell ED only accepts .doc; .rtf; and .pdf files via Grants.gov
 - Review ED deadlines, both due date and time
 - 1 Due by 4:30 p.m. Washington, D.C. time
- Submit early and allow extra time
 - Grants.gov date-and-time stamps application and then completes validation after it is fully uploaded
- Enter DUNS number used in CCR on the application
 If a different DUNS is entered, submission will be rejected













Winning Reminders

- Register early
 - Register before the program application is available
 - Verify registration steps are complete
- Download the PureEdge Viewer and Adobe 7.0
- Submit early
 - Allow time for uploading and unexpected issues
 - Plan to submit several days before the deadline if possible
- Verify submission is OK
 - Check that application is received & validated by Grants.gov



Technical Issues

- Macintosh Users
 - Need a Windows emulator to use Grants.gov
- Dial-up Internet Connections
 - Takes longer to upload than high-speed connections
 - Depending on the size of the application, the submission may take a few minutes up to a few hours
- Microsoft Vista
 - Grants.gov does not currently support Vista
 - See ED submission procedures and tips:

http://e-grants.ed.gov/help/GrantsgovSubmissionProcedures.pdf



Where to Get Help

- Online Resources
 - Grants.gov website

http://www.grants.gov/resources/training_materials.jsp

- Technical Problems
 - Grants.gov Support Desk (800) 518-4726 (M-F, 7a.m. – 9p.m. EST)
- Program Questions
 - Shedita Alston, <u>Shedita.Alston@ed.gov</u>







