

Topical Heading

Higher and Continuing Education

Program Title

Educational Opportunity Centers

Also Known as

EOC; TRIO (This is one of several TRIO programs.)

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.066

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies, State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

IHEs; public and private organizations and agencies; combinations of such institutions; and, in exceptional circumstances, secondary schools may apply.

Current Competitions

None. FY 2008 funds support continuations and additional awards from prior competition.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$47,726,000

Fiscal Year 2007 \$47,007,000

Fiscal Year 2008 \$47,057,000

Note: The amount shown for each fiscal year under Appropriations above is a portion of the total appropriation for federal TRIO programs in that year.

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of Anticipated New Awards: 11 (from prior competition)

Average New Award: \$411,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 114

Average Continuation Award: \$373,000

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2, Chapter 1, Sec. 402F; 20 *U.S.C.* 1070a-16

Program Regulations

EDGAR; 34 *CFR* 644

Program Description

The Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) program provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. An important objective of the program is to counsel participants on financial aid options and to assist in the application process. The goal of the EOC program is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions.

Types of Projects

Projects include providing: academic advice, personal counseling, and career workshops; information on postsecondary education opportunities and student financial assistance; help in completing applications for college admissions, testing, and financial aid; coordination with nearby postsecondary institutions; media activities designed to involve and acquaint the community with higher education opportunities; tutoring; and mentoring.

Education Level (by category)

Postsecondary

Subject Index

Adult Education, Career Development, Counseling, Disadvantaged, Information Dissemination, Postsecondary Education

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