

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request****AGENCY:** Department of Education**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 2, 2000.**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wai-Sinn Chan, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Wai-Sinn_L._Chan@omb.eop.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: August 28, 2000.

John Tressler,*Leader, Regulatory Information Management,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.***Office of the Undersecretary***Type of Review:* New.*Title:* Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Annual Performance Reports.*Frequency:* Annually.*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 77.

Burden Hours: 10,388.

Abstract: There are three types of grants under the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program: State Grants, Partnership Grants, and Recruitment Grants. The grantees of each program must annually submit the performance reports to the Department of Education so that the Department can evaluate the performance of grantees prior to awarding continuation grants, as well as use the data for their annual reports to Congress, as required by the Government's Performance and Results Act of 1993. The grantees are also legislatively mandated to submit annual reports to Congress on their progress toward the programs' goals.Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Jacqueline Montague at (202) 708-5359 or via her internet address Jackie_Montague@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Student Financial Assistance, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Programs

Notice of the closing date for the submission of the Federal Operations Report for the 1999-2000 award year and Application to Participate for the 2001-2002 award year (FISAP) in the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and Federal Work-Study (FWS) Programs.

SUMMARY: The Secretary gives notice to institutions of higher education of the deadline for an institution to apply for fiscal year 2001 funds—for use in the 2001-2002 award year (July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002)—under the Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, and FSEOG programs. Under these programs, the Secretary allocates funds to institutions for students who need financial aid to meet the costs of postsecondary education. An institution is not required to establish eligibility prior to applying for funds. However, the Secretary will not allocate funds under the Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, and FSEOG programs for the 2001-2002 award year to any currently ineligible institution unless the institution files its institutional participation application and other documents required for an eligibility and certification determination by the closing date that will appear in a separate notice in the **Federal Register**. The Secretary further gives notice that an institution that had a Federal Perkins Loan Fund or expended FWS or FSEOG funds during the 1999-2000 award year (July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000) is required to submit a Fiscal Operations Report to the Secretary to report its program expenditures as of June 30, 2000. Institutions perform both functions in one document called the FISAP.

Applicants that did not participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program, FWS Program, or FSEOG Program in the 1999-2000 award year will be required only to submit data for the application portion of the FISAP.

FISAPs must be submitted electronically. Therefore, an institution must also complete, sign, and submit one original FISAP signature page and one original combined lobbying, debarment, and drug-free workplace certifications form (ED 80-0013, referred to as the "compliance certifications" form) for the 2001-2002 award year.

The Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, and FSEOG programs are authorized by parts E and C, and part A, Subpart 3, respectively, of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

DATES: *Closing Date for Submitting a FISAP and Required Signed Documents.* To ensure consideration for 2001-2002 funds, an institution must submit an electronic FISAP, the FISAP signature page, and the "compliance certifications" form by October 1, 2000.

An institution must submit its FISAP electronically via the Department's Student Aid Internet Gateway (formerly Title IV Wide Area Network or TIV WAN). Specific information and

instructions on this electronic transmission are provided in "Dear Partner" letter CB-00-10. This letter is posted at <http://ifap.ed.gov>

The FISAP electronic data transmission must be completed by 11:59 PM, Eastern Time, on October 1, 2000. In addition, one original completed FISAP signature page and one original, signed combined Drug-Free Workplace, Anti-Lobbying, and Debarment compliance certifications form as printed from the electronic FSIAP software must be mailed to the address indicated below by the established deadline date of October 1, 2000. Documents that are hand-delivered must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: *Signature Page and Compliance Certifications Form Delivered by Mail.* If these documents are delivered by mail, they must be addressed to Electronic FISAP Administrator, c/o Universal Automation Labs (UAL), Suite 500, 8300 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3289.

An institution must show proof of mailing these documents by October 1, 2000. Proof of mailing consists of one of the following: (1) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service, (2) a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark, (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

If these documents are sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) A private metered postmark, or (2) a mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service. An institution should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying of this method, an institution should check with its local post office. An institution is encouraged to use certified or at least first-class mail.

Signature Page and Compliance Certifications Form Delivered by Hand. If these documents are delivered by hand, they must be taken to Universal Automation Labs (UAL), Suite 500, 8300 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Documents that are hand-delivered will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily (Eastern time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. Documents hand-delivered must be received by 5 p.m. on September 29, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2001-2002 Campus-Based Programs FISAP Software, Instruction Book and forms were made available in July, 2000 at www.sfdownload.ed.gov and announced in Dear Partner Letter CB-00-10.

This program information package is intended to aid applicants in applying for assistance under these programs. Nothing in the program information package is intended to impose any paperwork, application content, reporting, or grantee performance requirements beyond those specifically imposed under the statute and regulations governing the programs.

Applicable Regulations

The following regulations apply to these programs:

- (1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR Part 668.
- (2) General Provisions for the Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Work-Study Program, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR Part 673.
- (3) Federal Perkins Loan Program, 34 CFR Part 674.
- (4) Federal Work-Study Programs, 34 CFR Part 675.
- (5) Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR Part 676.
- (6) Institutional Eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR Part 600.
- (7) New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR Part 82.
- (8) Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 CFR Part 85.
- (9) Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, 34 CFR Part 86.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sandra Donelson, Campus-Based Operations, Student Financial Assistance, 1250 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-5453. Telephone (202) 708-9751. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087aa et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.; and 20 U.S.C. 1070b et seq.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies and State Approval Agencies

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: List of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and state approval agencies.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Secretary of Education is required by statute to publish a list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and State approval agencies whose accreditation or approval is a required element in enabling accredited or approved institutions, programs, or both to establish eligibility to participate in Federal programs and whom the Secretary has determined to be reliable authorities regarding the quality of education or training provided by the institutions or programs these agencies accredit or approve. This document contains the current list of nationally recognized agencies and supersedes any previously published lists of these types of agencies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by statute,¹ the Secretary issues the following list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and State approval agencies that the

¹ 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)(5), 1094(c)(4), 1011c, 1401(a)(11)(E), 4351(3); 25 U.S.C. 1813; 38 U.S.C. 3675(a); 42 U.S.C. 298b(6).