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### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Quarterly Cumulative Caseload Report.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 320.

*Burden Hours:* 320.

*Abstract:* State VR agencies that administer vocational programs provide key caseload indicator data on this form, including numbers of persons who are applicants, determined eligible/ineligible, waiting for services, and also their program outcomes. This data is used for program, planning, management, budgeting and general statistical purposes.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.330B]

### Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice announcing application deadline.

**SUMMARY:** Under the AP Test Fee program, we award grants to eligible state educational agencies (SEAs) in order to enable them to pay all or a portion of advanced placement test fees on behalf of eligible low-income students who—(1) Are enrolled in an advanced placement course; and (2) plan to take an advanced placement exam. The program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who take advanced placement tests and receive scores for which college academic credit is awarded. In this notice we establish the deadline for submission of the fiscal year (FY) 2006 AP Test Fee program grant applications.

*Applications Available:* January 19, 2006.

*Application Deadline:* February 21, 2006.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* April 19, 2006.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Who Is Eligible for an Award Under the AP Test Fee Program?

Eligible applicants under the AP Test Fee Program are: State educational agencies (SEAs) in any State, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

**Note:** For purposes of this program, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is treated as an SEA.

**Note:** Current grantees under this program that expect to receive continuation awards in FY 2006, or that expect to have sufficient carryover funds to cover FY 2006 exam fees for eligible low-income students, should not apply for a new award under this competition. Applicants requesting new awards for FY 2006 must submit an application to the Department electronically by the deadline established in this notice.

#### Funding and Award Information

*Estimated Available Funds:* \$4.8 million.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$15,000–\$500,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$171,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 28.

*Project Period:* 12 months.

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

*Statutory Funding Requirement:* In accordance with section 1703 of the

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended (ESEA), the Department gives priority to applications submitted under this competition over applications submitted under the Advanced Placement Incentive program competition (CFDA No. 84.330C).

*Award Basis:* The Department intends to fund, at some level, all applications that meet the minimum Requirements for Approval of Application as described in the application package for this competition and that demonstrate a need for new or additional funds for FY 2006. Also, in determining whether to approve an application for a new award (including the amount of the award) from an applicant with a current grant under the program, the Department will consider the amount of any remaining carryover funds under the existing grant.

*Electronic Submission of Applications:* An eligible SEA that seeks FY 2006 funding under the AP Test Fee program must submit its application electronically to the Department on or before the application deadline date. Submission of an electronic application involves the use of the Grants.gov Apply site.

You can access the electronic application, along with complete instructions for applying via Grants.gov, for the AP Test Fee program at: <http://www.Grants.gov/>. Once you access this site, you will receive specific instructions for completing your application and the electronic submission process. You must follow these requirements to ensure that your application is received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC, time, on the application deadline date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Madeline Baggett or Ms. Lynyetta Johnson, 400 Maryland Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20202-6200. Telephone: (202) 260-2502 or (202) 260-1990 or via Internet: [advancedplacementprogram@ed.gov](mailto:advancedplacementprogram@ed.gov).

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 6531-6537.

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**Henry L. Johnson,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission of Data by State Educational Agencies

**AGENCY:** National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of dates of submission of State revenue and expenditure reports for fiscal year (FY) 2005 and of revisions to those reports.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces dates for the submission by State educational agencies (SEAs) of expenditure and revenue data and average daily attendance statistics on ED Form 2447 (the National Public Education Financial Survey (NPEFS)) for FY 2005. The Secretary sets these dates to ensure that data are available to serve as the basis for timely distribution of Federal funds. The U.S. Bureau of the Census (Bureau of the Census) is the data collection agent for the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The data will be published by NCES and will be used by the Secretary in the calculation of allocations for FY 2007 appropriated funds.

**DATES:** The date on which submissions will first be accepted is March 13, 2006. The mandatory deadline for the final submission of all data, including any revisions to previously submitted data, is September 5, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** SEAs may mail ED Form 2447 to: Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800.

SEAs may submit data via the World Wide Web using the interactive survey form at <http://www.surveys.nces.ed.gov/ccdnpefs>. If the Web form is used, it includes a digital confirmation page where a pin number may be entered. A successful entry of the pin number serves as a signature by the authorizing official. A certification form also may be printed from the Web site, and signed by the authorizing official and mailed to the Governments Division of the Bureau of the Census, at the address listed in the previous paragraph. This signed form must be mailed within five business days of Web form data submission.

Alternatively, SEAs may hand deliver submissions by 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) to: Governments Division, Bureau of the Census, 8905 Presidential Parkway, Washington Plaza II, room 508, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

If an SEA's submission is received by the Bureau of the Census after September 5, 2006, in order for the submission to be accepted, the SEA must show one of the following as proof that the submission was mailed on or before the mandatory deadline date:

1. A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
2. A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
3. A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
4. Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If the SEA mails ED Form 2447 through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

1. A private metered postmark.
2. A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

**Note:** The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an SEA should check with its local post office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Terri Kennerly, Chief, Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800. Telephone: (301) 763-1559. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to: Frank Johnson, National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20208-5651. Telephone: (202) 502-7362.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of section 153(a)(1)(I) of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-279), 20 U.S.C. 9543, which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES determines the average State per pupil expenditure (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education, as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) (20 U.S.C. 7801(2)).

In addition to utilizing the SPPE data as general information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including Title I of the ESEA, Impact Aid, and Indian Education programs. Other programs such as the Educational Technology State Grants program (Title II of the ESEA, Part D), the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program under Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the Teacher Quality State Grants program (Title II of the ESEA, Part A), and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities program (Title IV of the ESEA, Part A) make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State Title I allocations.

In January 2006, the Bureau of the Census, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will mail to SEAs ED Form 2447 with instructions and request that SEAs submit data to the Bureau of the Census on March 13, 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data on March 13, or as soon as possible thereafter, to facilitate timely processing. Submissions by SEAs to the Bureau of the Census will be checked for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. All data, including any revisions, must be submitted to the Bureau of the Census by an SEA not later than September 5, 2006.

Having accurate and consistent information on time is critical to an efficient and fair allocation process and to the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, NCES establishes, for allocation purposes, September 5, 2006, as the final date by which the NPEFS Web form or ED Form 2447 must be submitted. If an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that results in a lower SPPE figure, its allocations may be adjusted