

**Topical Heading**

Federal Student Aid

**Program Title**

# Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program

**Also Known as**

LEAP Program; formerly State Student Incentive Grants (SSIG)

**CFDA # (or ED #)**

84.069A

**Administering Office**

Federal Student Aid (FSA)

**Who May Apply (specifically)**

States may apply. Undergraduate and graduate students having substantial financial need then may apply to the states in which they are residents.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**

Formula Grants

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2006 \$64,987,000

Fiscal Year 2007 \$64,987,000

Fiscal Year 2008 \$63,852,000

Note: Each state's allotment is based on its relative share of the total national population of "students eligible to participate" in the LEAP Program. If LEAP (formerly SSIG) appropriations are below 1979 levels, each state is allotted an amount proportional to the amount of funds it received in 1979. States must, at a minimum, match LEAP grants dollar-for-dollar with state funds provided through direct state appropriations for this purpose. If a state does not use all of its allotment, the excess funds are distributed to other states in the same proportion as the original distribution.

Pursuant to the *Higher Education Act (HEA)*, Sec. 415A(b)(2), when the appropriation for the LEAP Program exceeds \$30 million, the excess shall be available to carry out the Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (SLEAP) Program, authorized under *HEA*, Sec. 415E. See SLEAP, # 84.069B, also under the topical heading "Federal Student Aid."

**Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information**

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

Amount of Aid Available: \$162,000,000

Amount of Aid Available represents the amount of funds awarded to participants in the Federal Student Aid programs. Depending upon the program, this total may include federal appropriated dollars, institutional or state matching dollars, and federal or private loan capital.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 162,000

Average New Award: \$1,000

Range of New Awards: \$100-\$5,000

**Legislative Citation**

*Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA)*, as amended, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 4; 20 U.S.C. 1070c-1070c-4

**Program Regulations**34 *CFR* 692, Subpart A**Program Description**

The LEAP Program provides grants to states to assist them in providing need-based grants and community service

work-study assistance to eligible postsecondary students. States must administer the program under a single state agency and meet maintenance-of-effort criteria.

**Education Level (by category)**

Postsecondary

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**Contact Information**

Name Federal Student Assistance Information Center

Toll-free 1-800-4FED-AID or 1-800-433-3243

**Links to Related Web Sites**

<http://studentaid.ed.gov>