

**Office of Human Development Services, HHS**

**§ 1311.5**

*Act* means the Head Start Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9801 *et seq.*

*Associate Commissioner* means the Associate Commissioner of the Head Start Bureau in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

*Head Start Fellows* means individuals who participate in the Head Start Fellows Program, who may be staff in local Head Start programs or other individuals working in the field of child development and family services.

**§ 1311.3 Application process.**

An individual who wishes to obtain a Fellowship must submit an application to the Associate Commissioner. The Administration for Children and Families will publish an annual announcement of the availability and number of Fellowships in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Federal employees are not eligible to apply. (The information collection requirement contained in this section is approved under OMB Control Number 0970-0140.)

**§ 1311.4 Qualifications, selection, and placement.**

(a) The Act specifies that an applicant must be working on the date of application in a local Head Start program or otherwise working in the field of child development and family services. The qualifications of the applicants for Head Start Fellowship positions will be competitively reviewed. The Associate Commissioner will make the final selection of the Head Start Fellows.

(b) Head Start Fellows may be placed in:

(1) The Head Start national and regional offices;

(2) Local Head Start agencies and programs;

(3) Institutions of higher education;

(4) Public or private entities and organizations concerned with services to children and families; and

(5) Other appropriate settings.

(c) A Head Start Fellow who is not an employee of a local Head Start agency or program may only be placed in the national or regional offices within the Department of Health and Human Services that administer Head Start or local Head Start agencies.

(d) Head Start Fellows shall not be placed in any agency whose primary purpose, or one of whose major purposes is to influence Federal, State or local legislation.

**§ 1311.5 Duration of Fellowships and status of Head Start Fellows.**

(a) Head Start Fellowships will be for terms of one year, and may be renewed for a term of one additional year.

(b) For the purposes of compensation for injuries under chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, Head Start Fellows shall be considered to be employees, or otherwise in the service or employment, of the Federal Government.

(c) Head Start Fellows assigned to the national or regional offices within the Department of Health and Human Services shall be considered employees in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government for the purposes of chapter 11 of title 18, United States Code, and for the purposes of any administrative standards of conduct applicable to the employees of the agency to which they are assigned.