



**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Applications for New Awards; Native American-Serving  
Nontribal Institutions Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of  
Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) is  
issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for  
fiscal year (FY) 2025 for the Native American-Serving  
Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI) Program, Assistance Listing  
Number 84.031X. This notice relates to the approved  
information collection under OMB control number 1840-0816.

**DATES:**

Applications Available: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE  
FEDERAL REGISTER].

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: [INSERT DATE 30  
DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: [INSERT DATE 60  
DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** For the addresses for obtaining and submitting  
an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for  
Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant  
Programs, published in the *Federal Register* on December 23,  
2024 (89 FR 104528) and available at

30488/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs. Please note that these Common Instructions supersede the version published on December 7, 2022.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Full Text of Announcement*

I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The NASNTI Program provides grants to eligible institutions of higher education (IHEs) to enable them to improve and expand their capacity to serve Native Americans and low-income individuals. Institutions may use the grants to plan, develop, undertake, and carry out activities to improve and expand their capacity to serve Native American and low-income students.

*Priorities:* This notice contains two invitational priorities, in accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(i).

*Invitational Priorities:* For FY 2025 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, these priorities are

invitational priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets the invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

The priorities are:

Invitational Priority One: Expanding access to distance education, workforce-based options, or shortened time-to-degree models. Applicants should demonstrate how their projects, institutions, or proposals are designed to promote education choice in the following ways:

Expand access to postsecondary distance education, competency-based or skills-based education, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, part-time coursework and career preparation, work-based learning or shortened time-to-degree models, and programs or coursework that lead to high-wage, high-skilled, or in-demand, industry recognized credentials.

Invitational Priority Two: Advancing Artificial Intelligence in Education.

Projects that implement or promote greater understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI) through one or both of the following: 1) supporting the integration of AI tools into the institution's pedagogy or student support services to improve postsecondary educational outcomes for students; or 2) expanding students' understanding of artificial intelligence by a) expanding offerings of AI and computer

science courses as part of an institution of higher education's general education curriculum, b) embedding AI and computer science into an institution of higher education's general preservice or in-service teacher professional development or teacher preparation programs, or c) targeting additional support to teacher preparation programs that are preparing future computer science educators in K-12 education.

Note: For purposes of this priority (and consistent with the definition proposed in the Secretary's Supplemental Priorities, published in the *Federal Register* May 21, 2025 (90 FR 21710)), Computer Science means the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, theories, computational thinking, coding, analytics, applications, and AI.

Computer science often includes computer programming or coding as a tool to create software, including applications, games, websites, and tools to manage or manipulate data; or development and management of computer hardware and the other electronics related to sharing, securing, and using digital information. In addition to coding, the expanding field of computer science emphasizes computational thinking and interdisciplinary problem-solving to equip students with the skills and abilities necessary to apply computation to the digital world.

Computer science does not involve using computers for everyday tasks, such as browsing the internet or using tools like word processors, spreadsheets, or presentation software. Instead, it focuses on creating and developing technology, not just utilizing it.

*Definitions:* The definitions below are from 34 CFR 77.1 and 20 U.S.C. 1059f.

*Department* means the U.S. Department of Education.  
(34 CFR 77.1)

*Fiscal year* means the Federal fiscal year--a period beginning on October 1 and ending on the following September 30. (34 CFR 77.1)

*Grantee* means the legal entity to which a grant is awarded and that is accountable to the Federal Government for the use of the funds provided. The grantee is the entire legal entity even if only a particular component of the entity is designated in the grant award notice (GAN). For example, a GAN may name as the grantee one school or campus of a university. In this case, the granting agency usually intends, or actually intends, that the named component assume primary or sole responsibility for administering the grant-assisted project or program. Nevertheless, the naming of a component of a legal entity as the grantee in a grant award document shall not be construed as relieving the whole legal entity from accountability to the Federal Government for the use of the

funds provided. (This definition is not intended to affect the eligibility provision of grant programs in which eligibility is limited to organizations that may be only components of a legal entity.) The term "grantee" does not include any secondary recipients, such as subgrantees and contractors, that may receive funds from a grantee pursuant to a subgrant or contract. (34 CFR 77.1)

*Logic model* (also referred to as theory of action) means a framework that identifies key project components of the proposed project (*i.e.*, the active "ingredients" that are hypothesized to be critical to achieving the relevant outcomes) and describes the theoretical and operational relationships among the key project components and relevant outcomes. (34 CFR 77.1)

*Native American* means an individual who is of a tribe, people, or culture that is indigenous to the United States. (20 U.S.C. 1059f)

*Project* means the activity described in an application. (34 CFR 77.1)

*Project component* means an activity, strategy, intervention, process, product, practice, or policy included in a project. Evidence may pertain to an individual project component or to a combination of project components (*e.g.*, training teachers on instructional practices for English learners and follow-on coaching for these teachers). (34 CFR 77.1)

*Relevant outcome* means the student outcome(s) or other outcome(s) the key project component is designed to improve, consistent with the specific goals of the program. (34 CFR 77.1)

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1059f (Section 319 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA)) and title III, part A of the HEA.

Note: In 2008, the HEA was amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA), Pub. L. 110-315. Please note that the regulations in 34 CFR part 607 have not been updated to reflect these statutory changes.

Note: Projects will be awarded and must be operated in a manner consistent with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Federal civil rights laws.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474. (d) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 607.

## II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants. Five-year Individual Development Grants and Cooperative Arrangement Development Grants will be awarded in FY 2025.

Note: A cooperative arrangement is an arrangement to carry out allowable grant activities between an institution eligible to receive a grant under this part and another eligible or ineligible IHE, under which the resources of the cooperating institutions are combined and shared to better achieve the purposes of this part and avoid costly duplication of effort.

Estimated Available Funds: \$4,000,000.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in subsequent years from the list of unfunded applications from this competition.

### Individual Development Grants:

Estimated Range of Awards: \$250,000-\$600,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$425,000 per year.

Maximum Award: We will not make an award exceeding \$600,000 for a single budget period of 12 months.

Estimated Number of Awards: 6.

### Cooperative Arrangement Development Grants:

Estimated Range of Awards: \$600,000-\$800,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$700,000 per year.

Maximum Award: We will not make an award exceeding

\$800,000 for a single budget period of 12 months.

Estimated Number of Awards: 2.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

### III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants: This program is authorized by title III, part A, of the HEA. At the time of submission of their applications, applicants must certify their total undergraduate headcount enrollment and that not less than 10 percent of the IHE's enrollment is Native American. An official for the applicant must execute and submit an assurance form, which is included in the application materials for this competition.

To qualify as an eligible institution under the NASNTI Program, an institution must--

(i) Be accredited or preaccredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association that the Secretary has determined to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training offered;

(ii) Be legally authorized by the State in which it is located to be a junior or community college or to provide an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's degree; and

(iii) Be designated as an "eligible institution," by demonstrating that it: (A) has an enrollment of needy

students as described in 34 CFR 607.3; and (B) has low average education and general expenditures per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student as described in 34 CFR 607.4.

Note: The notice announcing the FY 2025 process for designation of eligible institutions, and inviting applications for waiver of eligibility requirements, was published in the *Federal Register* on March 6, 2025 (90 FR 11408). Only institutions that the Department determines are eligible, or which are granted a waiver under the process described in that notice, may apply for a grant in this program.

An eligible IHE that submits applications for an Individual Development Grant and a Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant in this competition may be awarded both in the same fiscal year. A grantee with an Individual Development Grant or a Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant may be a partner in one or more Cooperative Arrangement Development Grants. The lead institution in a Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant must be an eligible institution. Partners are not required to be eligible institutions. Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, as authorized by title III of the HEA, may participate in more than one Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant as a partner.

Relationship between the Title III, Part A Programs and the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (DHSI) Program.

A grantee under the DHSI program, which is authorized under title V of the HEA, may not receive a grant under any HEA, title III, part A program. The title III, part A programs are: Strengthening Institutions Program; the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program; the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program; the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Program; and the NASNTI Program. Furthermore, a current DHSI program grantee may not give up its HSI grant to receive a grant under any title III, part A program as described in 34 CFR 607.2(g)(1).

An eligible HSI that is not a current grantee under the DHSI program may apply for a FY 2025 grant under all title III, part A programs for which it is eligible, as well as receive consideration for a grant under the DHSI program. However, a successful applicant may receive only one grant as described in 34 CFR 607.2(g)(1).

2. a. Cost Sharing or Matching: This competition does not require cost sharing or matching.

b. Supplement-Not-Supplant: This program involves supplement-not-supplant funding requirements. Grant funds must be used so that they supplement and, to the extent practical, increase the funds that would otherwise be

available for the activities to be carried out under the grant and in no case supplant those funds (34 CFR 607.30(b)).

c. Indirect Cost Rate Information: A grantee may not use an indirect cost rate to determine allowable cost under its grant (34 CFR 607.30(c)).

d. Administrative Cost Limitation: This program does not include any program-specific limitation on administrative expenses. All administrative expenses must be reasonable and necessary and conform to Cost Principles described in 2 CFR part 200 subpart E of the Uniform Guidance.

3. Subgrantees: A grantee under this competition may not award subgrants to entities to directly carry out project activities described in its application.

4. Other: General Application Requirements: All applicants must meet the following application requirement in order to be considered for funding. The application requirement is from 34 CFR 75.112 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/section-75.112>). Applicants must include a logic model (as defined in 34 CFR 77.1(c)) or other conceptual framework.

#### IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Application Submission Instructions: Applicants are required to follow the Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant

Programs, published in the *Federal Register* on December 23, 2024 (89 FR 104528) and available at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/23/2024-30488/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/23/2024-30488/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs). Please note that these Common Instructions supersede the version published on December 7, 2022.

2. Intergovernmental Review: This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this program. Please note that, under 34 CFR 79.8(a) ([https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-A/part-79/section-79.8#p-79.8\(a\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-A/part-79/section-79.8#p-79.8(a))), we have shortened the standard 60-day intergovernmental review period in order to make awards by the end of FY 2025.

3. Funding Restrictions: We specify unallowable costs in 34 CFR 607.10(c). We reference additional regulations outlining funding restrictions in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.

4. Recommended Page Limit: The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. We recommend that you (1) limit the application narrative to no more than 55 pages for Individual Development Grants and no more than 75 pages for Cooperative Arrangement. If you

are addressing one or both of the invitational priorities, we recommend that you limit your response to no more than an additional three pages for each priority. Please include a separate heading when responding to the priority.

We also recommend that you use the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double-space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.
- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger, and no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).
- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial.

The recommended page limit does not apply to the cover sheet; the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract and the bibliography. However, the recommended page limit does apply to all of the application narrative.

Note: The Budget Information-Non-Construction Programs Form (ED 524) Sections A-C are not the same as the narrative response to the Budget section of the selection criteria.

## V. Application Review Information

1. *Selection Criteria:* The following selection criteria for this competition are from 34 CFR 607.22(a) through (g) and 34 CFR 75.210. Applicants should address each of the following selection criteria separately for each proposed activity. The selection criteria are worth a total of 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion is noted in parentheses.

(a) *Quality of the applicant's comprehensive development plan.* (up to 20 points)

The extent to which--

(1) The strengths, weaknesses, and significant problems of the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability are clearly and comprehensively analyzed and result from a process that involved major constituencies of the institution.

(5 points)

(2) The goals for the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability are realistic and based on comprehensive analysis.

(5 points)

(3) The objectives stated in the plan are measurable, related to institutional goals, and, if achieved, will contribute to the growth and self-sufficiency of the institution. (5 points)

(4) The plan clearly and comprehensively describes the methods and resources the institution will use to institutionalize practice and improvements developed under the proposed project, including, in particular, how operational costs for personnel, maintenance, and upgrades of equipment will be paid with institutional resources. (5 points)

(b) *Quality of activity objectives.* (up to 16 points)

The extent to which the objectives for each activity are--

(1) Realistic and defined in terms of measurable results. (8 points)

(2) Directly related to the problems to be solved and to the goals of the comprehensive development plan. (8 points)

(c) *Quality of implementation strategy.* (up to 16 points)

The extent to which--

(1) The implementation strategy for each activity is comprehensive. (4 points)

(2) The rationale for the implementation strategy for each activity is clearly described and is supported by the results of relevant studies or projects. (4 points)

(3) The timetable for each activity is realistic and likely to be attained. (4 points)

(4) The quality of the logic model or other conceptual framework underlying the proposed project,

including how inputs are related to outcomes. (4 points)

(d) *Quality of key personnel.* (up to 8 points)

The extent to which--

(1) The past experience and training of key professional personnel are directly related to the stated activity objectives. (4 points)

(2) The time commitment of key personnel is realistic. (4 points)

(e) *Quality of project management plan.* (up to 16 points)

The extent to which--

(1) Procedures for managing the project are likely to ensure efficient and effective project implementation. (8 points)

(2) The project coordinator and activity directors have sufficient authority to conduct the project effectively, including access to the president or chief executive officer. (8 points)

(f) *Quality of evaluation plan.* (up to 16 points)

The extent to which--

(1) The data elements and the data collection procedures are clearly described and appropriate to measure the attainment of activity objectives and to measure the success of the project in achieving the goals of the comprehensive development plan. (8 points)

(2) The data analysis procedures are clearly described and are likely to produce formative and summative results on attaining activity objectives and measuring the success of the project on achieving the goals of the comprehensive development plan. (8 points)

(g) *Budget.* (up to 8 points)

The extent to which the proposed costs are necessary and reasonable in relation to the project's objectives and scope.

2. Review and Selection Process: We remind potential applicants that in reviewing applications in any discretionary grant competition, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3), the past performance of the applicant in carrying out a previous award, such as the applicant's use of funds, achievement of project objectives, and compliance with grant conditions. The Secretary may also consider whether the applicant failed to submit a timely performance report or submitted a report of unacceptable quality.

In addition, in making a competitive grant award, the Secretary requires various assurances, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

A panel of two non-Federal reviewers will review and

score each application in accordance with the selection criteria. The applications will be put in a rank order based on the average scores received from the peer review. In tie-breaking situations for development grants, under 34 CFR 607.23(b), we award one additional point to an application from an IHE that has an endowment fund of which the current market value, per FTE enrolled student, is less than the average current market value of the endowment funds, per FTE enrolled student, at comparable type institutions that offer similar instruction. We award one additional point to an application from an IHE that has expenditures for library materials per FTE enrolled student that are less than the average expenditure for library materials per FTE enrolled student at similar type institutions. We also add one additional point to an application from an IHE that proposes to carry out one or more of the following activities:

- (1) Faculty development.
- (2) Funds and administrative management.
- (3) Development and improvement of academic programs.
- (4) Acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening management and academic programs.
- (5) Joint use of facilities.
- (6) Student services.

If a tie remains after applying the tie-breaker mechanism above, priority will be given to applicants that

have the lowest endowment values per FTE enrolled student.

3. Risk Assessment and Specific Conditions:

Consistent with 2 CFR 200.206, before awarding grants under this program the Department conducts a review of the risks posed by applicants. Under 2 CFR 200.208, the Secretary may impose specific conditions and, under 2 CFR 3474.10, in appropriate circumstances, high-risk conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

4. Integrity and Performance System: If you are selected under this competition to receive an award that over the course of the project period may exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), under 2 CFR 200.206(a)(2) we must make a judgment about your integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards--that is, the risk posed by you as an applicant--before we make an award. In doing so, we must consider any information about you that is in the integrity and performance system (currently referred to as the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)), accessible through the System for Award Management. You may review and comment on any information about yourself that a Federal agency previously entered and

that is currently in FAPIIS.

Please note that, if the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from the Federal Government exceeds \$10,000,000, the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, require you to report certain integrity information to FAPIIS semiannually. Please review the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, if this grant plus all the other Federal funds you receive exceed \$10,000,000.

5. In General: In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget's guidance located at 2 CFR part 200, all applicable Federal laws, and relevant Executive guidance, the Department will review and consider applications for funding pursuant to this notice inviting applications in accordance with--

(a) Selecting recipients most likely to be successful in delivering results based on the program objectives through an objective process of evaluating Federal award applications (2 CFR 200.205);

(b) Prohibiting the purchase of certain telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment in alignment with section 889 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2019 (Pub. L. No. 115-232) (2 CFR 200.216);

(c) Providing a preference, to the extent permitted by law, to maximize use of goods, products, and materials produced in the United States (2 CFR 200.322); and

(d) Terminating agreements in whole or in part to the greatest extent authorized by law if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities (2 CFR 200.340).

## VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices: If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN); or we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your GAN. We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements: We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. Open Licensing Requirements: Unless an exception applies, if you are awarded a grant under this competition, you will be required to openly license to the public grant deliverables created in whole, or in part, with Department grant funds that constitute new copyrightable works. When the deliverable consists of modifications to pre-existing works, the license extends only to those modifications that can be separately identified and only to the extent that open licensing is permitted under the terms of any licenses or other legal restrictions on the use of pre-existing works. Additionally, a grantee or subgrantee that is awarded competitive grant funds must have a plan to disseminate these public grant deliverables. This dissemination plan can be developed and submitted after your application has been reviewed and selected for funding. For additional information on the open licensing requirements please refer to 2 CFR 3474.20.

4. Reporting: (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive

a multiyear award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to [www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html](http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html).

5. Performance Measures: For purposes of Department reporting, the following performance measures will be used in assessing the effectiveness of NASNTI:

(a) The percentage of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students at 4-year NASNTIs who were in their first year of postsecondary enrollment in the previous year and are enrolled in the current year at the same NASNTI;

(b) The percentage of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students at 2-year NASNTIs who were in their first year of postsecondary enrollment in the previous year and are enrolled in the current year at the same NASNTI;

(c) The percentage of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at 4-year NASNTIs who graduate within 6 years of enrollment; and

(d) The percentage of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at 2-year NASNTIs who graduate within 3 years of enrollment.

6. Continuation Awards: In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things: whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, whether the grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the performance targets in the grantee's approved application, or whether the continuation of the project is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

In making a continuation award, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

#### VII. Other Information

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF)

or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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### **Signing Authority**

This document of the U.S. Department of Education was signed on July 9, 2025, by Christopher J. McCaghren, ED.D, *Acting Assistant Secretary Office of Postsecondary Education*. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by the U.S. Department of Education. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned has been authorized to sign the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the U.S. Department of Education. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the Federal Register.

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