§ 608.4 What definitions apply?

(a) Definitions in EDGAR. The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR 77.1:

- Applicant
- Application
- Award
- Budget
- EDGAR
- Equipment
- Fiscal year
- Grant period
- Private
- Project period
- Public
- Secretary

(b) Other definitions. The following definitions also apply to this part:

(c) If an institution identified in paragraph (b) of this section has merged with another institution, and, as a result of the merger, would not otherwise qualify to receive a grant under this part, that institution may nevertheless qualify to receive a grant under this part if—

(1) The institution would have qualified to receive a grant before the merger; and

(2) The institution was eligible to receive a grant under the Special Needs Program in any fiscal year prior to fiscal year 1986. (The Special Needs Program was authorized under Title III, Part B, of the HEA before 1986.)

(d) For the purpose of paragraph (a)(3) of this section, the Secretary publishes a list in the FEDERAL REGISTER of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, for each fiscal year—

(1) The University of the District of Columbia is eligible to receive a grant under this part only if the amount of the grant it is scheduled to receive under §608.31 exceeds the amount it is scheduled to receive in the same fiscal year under the Act of March 2, 1867, 20 U.S.C. 123.


§ 608.3 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to this part:

(a) The Department of Education General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:

(1) 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Nonprofit Organizations).

(2) The following sections of 34 CFR part 75 (Direct Grant Programs): §§75.1–75.104, 75.125–75.129, 75.190–75.192, 75.230–75.261, 75.500, 75.510–75.519, 75.524–75.534, 75.580–75.903, and 75.910;

(3) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations).

(4) 34 CFR part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities).

(5) 34 CFR part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).

(6) 34 CFR part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).

(7) 34 CFR part 86 (Drug-Free Schools and Campuses).

(b) The regulations in this part 608.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1060–1063a, 1063c)
Accredited means the status of public recognition which a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association grants to an institution which meets certain established qualifications and educational standards.

Graduate means a student who has attended an institution for at least three semesters and fulfilled academic requirements for undergraduate studies in not more than five consecutive school years.

Junior or community college means an institution of higher education that—
(i) Admits as regular students persons who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the State in which the institution is located and who have the ability to benefit from the training offered by the institution;
(ii) Does not provide an educational program for which it awards a bachelor’s degree or an equivalent degree; and
(iii) Provides an educational program of not less than 2 years that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree; or offers a 2-year program in engineering, mathematics, or the physical or biological sciences, designed to prepare a student to work as a technician or at the semiprofessional level in engineering, scientific, or other technological fields requiring the understanding and application of basic engineering, scientific, or mathematical principles of knowledge.

Pell Grant means the grant program authorized by Title IV-A-1 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Preaccredited means a status, also called candidacy status, that a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, recognized by the Secretary to grant that status, has accorded an unaccredited institution that is making reasonable progress toward accreditation.

School year means the period of time from July 1 of one calendar year through June 30 of the subsequent calendar year. (A “school year” is equivalent to an “award year” under the Pell Grant Program.)

(a) Allowable activities. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a grantee may carry out the following activities under this part—
(1) Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment for educational purposes, including instructional or research purposes;
(2) Construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement in classroom, library, laboratory, and other instructional facilities, including purchase or rental of telecommunications technology equipment or services;
(3) Support of faculty exchanges, faculty development and faculty fellowships to assist these faculty members in attaining advanced degrees in their fields of instruction;
(4) Academic instruction in disciplines in which Black Americans are underrepresented;
(5) Purchase of library books, periodicals, microfilm, and other educational materials, including telecommunications program materials;
(6) Tutoring, counseling, and student service programs designed to improve academic success;
(7) Funds and administrative management, and acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening funds management;
(8) Joint use of facilities, such as laboratories and libraries;
(9) Establishing or improving a development office to strengthen or improve contributions from alumni and the private sector;
(10) Establishing or enhancing a program of teacher education designed to qualify students to teach in a public elementary or secondary school in the State that shall include, as part of the program, preparation for teacher certification;
(11) Establishing community outreach programs that will encourage elementary and secondary students to develop the academic skills and the interest to pursue postsecondary education; and
(12) Other activities that it proposes in its application that contribute to

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1060–1063