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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) 2007 AP Test Fee Program grant applications.

*Applications Available:* November 21, 2006.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* January 5, 2007.

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov apply site (Grants.gov). For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically or by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, please refer to the section on *Other Submission Requirements* in this notice.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Deadline for intergovernmental review: March 6, 2007.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Eligible applicants under the AP Test Fee Program are: 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, and the freely associated states of 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 have sufficient carryover funds to cover FY 2007 exam fees for eligible low-income students should not apply for a new award under this competition. Applicants requesting new awards for FY 2007 must submit an application to the Department of Education electronically by the deadline established in this notice.

#### Funding and Award Information

*Estimated Available Funds:* The Administration has requested \$122,175,000 for the AP Test Fee and Advanced Placement Incentive (API) programs for FY 2007. Of the requested amount, approximately \$12 million would be required to fully fund applications for the AP Test Fee program. The remaining funds would support API grants. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 34.

*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 API 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 need for new or additional funds for FY 2007. 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 carryover funds under the existing grant.

*Other Submission Requirements:* Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

#### a. Electronic Submission of Applications

Applications for grants under the Advanced Placement Test Fee Program—CFDA Number 84.330B must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide Grants.gov apply site at: <http://www.grants.gov>. Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

We will reject your application if you submit it in paper format unless, as described elsewhere in this section, you qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. Further information regarding calculation of the date that is two weeks before the application deadline date is provided later in this section under *Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement*.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Advanced Placement Test Fee Program at: <http://www.grants.gov>. You must search for the downloadable application package for this program by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search (e.g., search for 84.330, not 84.330B).

Please note the following:

- When you enter the Grants.gov site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site, as well as the hours of operation.

- Applications received by Grants.gov are time and date stamped. Your application must be fully uploaded and submitted, and must be date/time stamped by the Grants.gov system no later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Except as otherwise noted in this section, we will not consider your application if it is date/time stamped by the Grants.gov system later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. When we retrieve your application from Grants.gov, we will notify you if we are rejecting your application because it was date/time stamped by the

Grants.gov system after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.

- The amount of time it can take to upload an application will vary depending on a variety of factors including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the submission process through Grants.gov.

- You should review and follow the Education Submission Procedures for submitting an application through Grants.gov that are included in the application package for this program to ensure that you submit your application in a timely manner to the Grants.gov system. You can also find the Education Submission Procedures pertaining to Grants.gov at <http://e-Grants.ed.gov/help/GrantsgovSubmissionProcedures.pdf>.

- To submit your application via Grants.gov, you must complete all of the steps in the Grants.gov registration process (see [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get\\_registered.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp)). These steps include (1) registering your organization, a multi-part process that includes registration with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR); (2) registering yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and (3) getting authorized as an AOR by your organization. Details on these steps are outlined in the Grants.gov 3-Step Registration Guide (see <http://www.grants.gov/section910/Grants.govRegistrationBrochure.pdf>). You also must provide on your application the same D-U-N-S Number used with this registration. Please note that the registration process may take five or more business days to complete, and you must have completed all registration steps to allow you to successfully submit an application via Grants.gov. In addition, you will need to update your CCR registration on an annual basis. This may take three or more business days to complete.

- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, as described elsewhere in this section, and submit your application in paper format.

- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information typically included on the following forms: Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424), the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all

necessary assurances and certifications. Please note that two of these forms—the SF 424 and the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424—have replaced the ED 424 (Application for Federal Education Assistance).

You must attach any narrative sections of your application as files in a .DOC (document), .RTF (rich text), or .PDF (Portable Document) format. If you upload a file type other than the three file types specified above or submit a password protected file, we will not review that material.

- Your electronic application must comply with any page limit requirements described in this notice.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive from Grants.gov an automatic notification of receipt that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. (This notification indicates receipt by Grants.gov only, not receipt by the Department.) The Department will then retrieve your application from Grants.gov and send to you by e-mail a second notification that indicates that the Department has received your application and has assigned your application a PR/Award number (an ED-specified identifying number unique to your application).

- We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date. *Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of Technical Issues with the Grants.gov System:* If you are experiencing problems submitting your application through Grants.gov, please contact the Grants.gov Support Desk at 1-800-518-4726. You must obtain a Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number and must keep a record of it.

If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems with the Grants.gov system, we will grant you an extension until 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, the following business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically, or by hand delivery. You also may mail your application by following the mailing instructions as described elsewhere in this notice. If you submit an application after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the deadline date, please contact the person listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with Grants.gov, along with the Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number. We will accept your application if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the Grants.gov system and that that problem affected your ability to submit your application by

4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The Department will contact you after a determination is made on whether your application will be accepted.

**Note:** Extensions referred to in this section apply only to the unavailability of or technical problems with the Grants.gov system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application to Grants.gov before the deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the Grants.gov system.

*Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement:* You qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, and may submit your application in paper format, if you are unable to submit an application through the Grants.gov system because—

- You do not have access to the Internet; or

- You do not have the capacity to upload large documents to the Grants.gov system;

and

- No later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday), you mail or fax a written statement to the Department, explaining which of the two grounds for an exception prevent you from using the Internet to submit your application. If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.

Address and mail or fax your statement to: Ms. Lynyetta Johnson, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3C151, Washington, DC 20202-6200. FAX: (202) 205-4921.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

#### *b. Submission of Paper Applications by Mail*

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier), your application to the Department. You must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the applicable following address:

By mail through the U.S. Postal Service:  
U.S. Department of Education,  
Application Control Center,  
Attention: (CFDA Number 84.330B),  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW.,  
Washington, DC 20202-4260

or

By mail through a commercial carrier:  
U.S. Department of Education,  
Application Control Center—Stop  
4260, Attention: (CFDA Number  
84.330B), 7100 Old Landover Road,  
Landover, MD 20785-1506

Regardless of which address you use,  
you must show proof of mailing  
consisting of one of the following:

(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, or

(4) Any other proof of mailing  
acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S.  
Department of Education.

If you mail your application through  
the U.S. Postal Service, we do not  
accept either of the following as proof  
of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark, or

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by  
the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after  
the application deadline date, we will  
not consider your application.

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

### c. Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.

If you qualify for an exception to the  
electronic submission requirement, you  
(or a courier service) may deliver your  
paper application to the Department by  
hand. You must deliver the original and  
two copies of your application by hand,  
on or before the application deadline  
date, to the Department at the following  
address: U.S. Department of Education,  
Application Control Center, Attention:  
(CFDA Number 84.330B), 550 12th  
Street, SW., Room 7041, Potomac Center  
Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-4260.

The Application Control Center  
accepts hand deliveries daily between 8  
a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC  
time, except Saturdays, Sundays and  
Federal holidays.

**Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper  
Applications:** If you mail or hand deliver  
your application to the Department:

(1) You must indicate on the envelope  
and—if not provided by the Department—in  
Item 11 of the SF 424 the CFDA number—  
and suffix letter, if any—of the competition

under which you are submitting your  
application.

(2) The Application Control Center will  
mail a grant application receipt  
acknowledgment to you. If you do not receive  
the grant application receipt  
acknowledgment within 15 business days  
from the application deadline date, you  
should call the U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center at (202) 245-  
6288.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms.  
Lynnetta Johnson, U.S. Department of  
Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW.,  
Washington, DC 20202-6200.  
Telephone: (202) 260-1990 or via  
Internet:  
[advancedplacementprogram@ed.gov](mailto:advancedplacementprogram@ed.gov).

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CONTACT**.

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of Federal Regulations is available on GPO  
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index.html](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html).

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Dated: November 16, 2006.

**Henry L. Johnson,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and  
Secondary Education.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2002-0064; FRL-8244-2]

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities; Submission to OMB for  
Review and Approval; Comment  
Request; National Pollutant Discharge  
Elimination System (NPDES)  
Modification and Variance Requests.  
EPA ICR Number: 0029.09. OMB  
Control Number: 2040-0068**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection  
Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.  
3501 *et seq.*), this document announces  
that an Information Collection Request  
(ICR) has been forwarded to the Office  
of Management and Budget (OMB) for  
review and approval. This is a request  
to renew an existing approved  
collection. This ICR is scheduled to  
expire on November 30, 2006. Under  
OMB regulations, the Agency may  
continue to conduct or sponsor the  
collection of information while this  
submission is pending at OMB. This ICR  
describes the nature of the information  
collection and its estimated burden and  
cost.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be  
submitted on or before December 21,  
2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments,  
referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-  
OW-2002-0064, to (1) EPA online using  
FDMS (our preferred method), by e-mail  
to [ow-docket@epa.gov](mailto:ow-docket@epa.gov), or by mail to:  
EPA Docket Center, Environmental  
Protection Agency, Water Docket, Mail  
Code 4101T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2)  
OMB at: Office of Information and  
Regulatory Affairs, Office of  
Management and Budget (OMB),  
Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725  
17th Street, NW., Washington, DC  
20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Lynn Stabenfeldt, Environmental  
Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania  
Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460;  
telephone number: 202.564.0602; fax  
number: 202.501.2399; e-mail address:  
[stabenfeldt.lynn@epa.gov](mailto:stabenfeldt.lynn@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has  
submitted the following ICR to OMB for  
review and approval according to the  
procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12.  
On March 7, 2006 (71 FR 11407-11411),  
EPA sought comments on this ICR  
pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA  
received no comments on the draft ICR.