

<sup>2</sup>An individual who is required to submit an IRS Form W-2 or an equivalent document but did not maintain his or her copy should request a duplicate from the employer who issued the original or from the government agency that issued the equivalent document. If the individual is unable to obtain a duplicate W-2 or an equivalent document in a timely manner, the institution may permit that individual to provide a signed statement, in accordance with 34 CFR 668.57(a)(6), that includes—

- (a) The amount of income earned from work;
- (b) The source of that income; and
- (c) The reason why the IRS Form W-2 and an equivalent document is not available in a timely manner.

### Other Sources for Detailed Information

We provide a more detailed discussion on the verification process in the following resources:

- *2016–2017 Application and Verification Guide.*
- *2016–2017 ISIR Guide.*
- *2016–2017 SAR Comment Codes and Text.*
- *2016–2017 COD Technical Reference.*
- Program Integrity Information—Questions and Answers on Verification at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2009/verification.html>.

These publications are on the Information for Financial Aid Professionals Web site at [www.ifap.ed.gov](http://www.ifap.ed.gov).

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1070a, 1070a-1, 1070b-1070b-4, 1070c-1070c-4, 1070g, 1071-1087-2, 1087a-1087j, and 1087aa-1087ii; 42 U.S.C. 2751-2756b.

**Delegation of Authority:** The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Jamiene S. Studley, Deputy Under Secretary, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: June 23, 2015.

**Jamiene S. Studley,**  
Deputy Under Secretary.

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### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2015-ICCD-0082]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; GEAR UP Applications for Partnership and State Grants

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 27, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2015-ICCD-0082 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will ONLY accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Mailstop L-OM-2-2E319, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact James Davis, 202-502-7802.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed,

revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**Title of Collection:** GEAR UP Applications for Partnership and State Grants.

**OMB Control Number:** 1840-0821.

**Type of Review:** A revision of an existing information collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** State, Local and Tribal Governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 545.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 30,460.

**Abstract:** Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), created in the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998 (Title IV, section 404A-404H), is a discretionary grant program which encourages applicants to provide support and maintain a commitment to eligible low-income students, including students with disabilities, to assist the students in obtaining a secondary school diploma and preparing for and succeeding in postsecondary education. GEAR UP provides grants to states and partnerships to provide services at high-poverty middle and high schools. GEAR UP grantees serve an entire cohort of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follow them through

graduation and, optionally, the first year of college.

The purpose of the GEAR UP partnership and state applications is to allow partnerships and states to apply for funding under the GEAR UP program.

Dated: June 22, 2015.

**Kate Mullan,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Applications for New Awards; Transition Programs for Students With Intellectual Disabilities Into Higher Education

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

#### Overview Information

Transition Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities into Higher Education (TPSID)—Model Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2015.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.407A.

**Dates:**

*Applications Available:* June 26, 2015.

*Deadline for Transmittal of*

*Applications:* August 10, 2015.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

**Purpose of Program:** The purpose of the TPSID Program is to support model demonstration programs that promote the successful transition of students with intellectual disabilities into higher education and to enable institutions of higher education (IHEs), or consortia of IHEs, to create or expand high-quality, inclusive model comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs for students with intellectual disabilities.

**Priorities:** This notice contains one absolute priority, three competitive preference priorities, and one invitational priority.

**Absolute Priority:** In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(v), this priority is from allowable activities specified in the statute (see section 767 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), 20 U.S.C. 1140g). For FY 2015 and any subsequent year in which we

make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

A grant recipient must use grant funds to establish a model comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities that:

(1) Serves students with intellectual disabilities;

(2) Provides individual supports and services for the academic and social inclusion of students with intellectual disabilities in academic courses, extracurricular activities, and other aspects of the IHE's regular postsecondary program;

(3) Provides a focus on academic enrichment, socialization, independent living skills, including self-advocacy, and integrated work experiences and career skills that lead to gainful employment;

(4) Integrates person-centered planning in the development of the course of study for each student with an intellectual disability participating in the model program;

(5) Participates with the coordinating center established under section 777(b) of the HEA in the evaluation of the components of the model program;

(6) Partners with one or more local educational agencies to support students with intellectual disabilities participating in the model program who are still eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);

(7) Plans for the sustainability of the model program after the end of the grant period; and

(8) Creates and offers a meaningful credential for students with intellectual disabilities upon the completion of the model program.

**Competitive Preference Priorities:** In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), these priorities are from section 767(c)(3) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1140g(c)(3)). For FY 2015, and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we award up to an additional nine points to an applicant (up to three points for each of the three priorities) that meets these priorities. An applicant may respond to none, one, two, or all three of these priorities and will receive points based on its response to each separate priority.

These priorities are:

**Competitive Priority 1 (Up to three points):** Applicants that propose to form a sustained and meaningful partnership with any relevant agency serving students with intellectual disabilities, such as a vocational rehabilitation agency.

**Note:** Applicants addressing this competitive priority are encouraged to describe the components of their partnership, the expected contributions of each partner to the success of the project, and any interagency agreement or other mechanism for coordination they have with such entities.

**Competitive Priority 2 (Up to three points):** Applicants that provide institutionally owned or operated housing for students attending the institution that integrates students with intellectual disabilities into the housing offered to all students.

**Competitive Priority 3 (Up to three points):** Applicants that propose to involve in the model program undergraduate or graduate students attending the IHE who are studying special education, general education, vocational rehabilitation, assistive technology, or related fields.

Under this competition we are particularly interested in applications that address the following priority.

**Invitational Priority:** For FY 2015 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an invitational priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), we do not give an application that meets this invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

This priority is:

Applicants that propose to use TPSID funds to build, extend, or enhance an existing program, rather than to build a new program from other non-Federal resources that are allocated to the program. Applicants responding to this priority should describe any existing programs at their institutions, including the number and characteristics of the students served, how well integrated students with intellectual disabilities are in regard to academic courses, extracurricular activities, and other aspects of the IHE's regular postsecondary program, and describe how the TPSID grant will build upon current efforts.

**Definitions:** The following definitions are from section 760 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1140).

**Comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities** means a degree, certificate, or nondegree program that—

(A) Is offered by an IHE;