

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records****AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).**ACTION:** Rescindment of system of records notices (SORNs).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the DoD is providing notice to rescind six Privacy Act SORNs. A description of these systems can be found in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

DATES: The rescindment of these SORNs is effective August 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by either of the following methods:

* *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

* *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, Regulatory Directorate, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350–1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rahwa Keleta, Privacy and Civil Liberties Directorate, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, Department of Defense, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350–1700, osd.mc-alex.oatsd-pclt.mbx.pclt-sorn@mail.mil, (703) 571–0070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and as part of its ongoing integration and management efforts, the DoD is removing six Privacy Act SORNs from its inventory. Upon review of its

inventory, DoD determined it no longer needs or uses these systems of records because the records are covered by other SORNs; therefore, DoD is retiring the following:

*These three systems of records [items (a) through (c)] are being rescinded because the records are now maintained as part of the DoD-wide system of records titled DoD–0020, Military Human Resource Records, published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 2024 (89 FR 42459).*

(a) The Department of the Air Force system of records F036 SAFLLA, Presidential Letter of Appreciation Request System (PLARS) (November 18, 2004; 69 FR 67549) was established to process requests for Presidential Letters of Appreciation for appropriate retirees and to submit retiree information in support of the requests, to generate White House memoranda, and to generate reports on the number of submitted, processed, on-hold, rejected, and archived requests during a given period.

(b) The Department of the Air Force system of records F044 AFSG F, Veterinary Personnel Files (June 11, 1997; 62 FR 31793) was established solely for the purpose of recommending individual for assignment, extension or advanced training.

(c) The Department of the Air Force system of records F091 AFIA A, United States Air Force (USAF) Inspection Scheduling System, (June 11, 1997, 62 FR 31793) was established to monitor and schedule USAF Inspection and Safety Center (AFISC) inspection teams and efforts; publish official travel orders for safety and inspection personnel, and count AFISC man-days.

*These three systems of records [items (d) through (f)] are being rescinded because the records are now maintained as part of the Army system of records titled A0025–2 PMG (DFBA) DoD, Defense Biometric Identification Records System, published in the **Federal Register** on February 17, 2015 (80 FR 8292).*

(d) The Department of the Army (DA) system of records A0025–2 SAIS DoD, Defense Biometric Services (September 22, 2009, 74 FR 48237–48238) was established to enhance identity management of DoD persons and streamline business functions through a biometric database and associated data processing/information service for designated populations.

(e) The Department of the Army (DA) system of records A0025–2a SAIS DoD, Defense Biometric Identification Records System (April 17, 2009, 74 FR 17840–17841) was established to control logical and physical access to DoD and DoD controlled information systems and DoD or DoD contractor operated, controlled, or secured facilities and to support the DoD physical and logical security, force protection, identity management, and information assurance programs, by identifying an individual or verifying/authenticating the identity of an individual through the use of biometrics (*i.e.*, measurable physiological or behavioral characteristics) for purposes of protecting U.S./Coalition/allied government and/or U.S./Coalition/allied national security areas of responsibility and information.

(f) The Department of the Army (DA) system of records A0025–2c SAIS DoD, Department of Defense Detainee Biometric Information Systems (September 28, 2005; 70 FR 56645–56646) was established to identify an individual or to verify/authenticate the identity of an individual, who is detained due to overseas military operations and maritime interceptions, by using a biometric (*i.e.*, measurable physiological or behavioral characteristic). Information is used for purposes of protecting U.S./Coalition/allied government and/or U.S./Coalition/allied national security areas of responsibility and information.

DoD SORNs have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or at the Privacy and Civil Liberties Directorate website at <https://dpcl.dod.defense.gov>.

II. Privacy Act

Under the Privacy Act, a “system of records” is a group of records under the control of an agency from which information is retrieved by the name of an individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual. In the Privacy Act, an individual is defined as a U.S. citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A–108, DoD has provided a report of this SORN bulk rescindment to OMB and Congress.

System name	No.	History
(a) Presidential Letter of Appreciation Request System (PLARS).	F036 SAFLL A	November 18, 2004; 69 FR 67549.
(b) Veterinary Personnel Files	F044 AFSG F	June 11, 1997, 62 FR 31793.

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(d) Defense Biometric Services	A0025-2 SAIS DoD	September 22, 2009, 74 FR 48237-48238.
(e) Defense Biometric Identification Records System	A0025-2a SAIS DoD	April 17, 2009, 74 FR 17840-17841.
(f) Department of Defense Detainee Biometric Information Systems.	A0025-2c SAIS DoD	September 28, 2005; 70 FR 56645-56646.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Assistance for Arts Education Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary 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 Assistance for Arts Education (AAE) program.

DATES:

Applications Available: August 11, 2025.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 25, 2025.

The Department will post a preapplication presentation for prospective applicants. To access the preapplication presentation, visit the AAE program web page at <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/grants-birth-grade-12/well-rounded-education-grants/assistance-for-arts-education>.

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 www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/23/2024-30488/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Asheley McBride or Sharon Burton, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-6450. Telephone: (202) 453-6398 or (202) 987-1762. Email:

AssistanceforArtsEducation@ed.gov.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to

access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7-1-1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The AAE program promotes arts education for students, including disadvantaged students and students who are children with disabilities, through activities such as (a) professional development for arts educators, teachers, and principals; (b) development and dissemination of accessible instructional materials and arts-based educational programming, including online resources, in multiple arts disciplines; and (c) community and national outreach activities that strengthen and expand partnerships among schools, local educational agencies (LEAs), communities, or centers for the arts, including national centers for the arts.

Assistance Listing Number: 84.351A.

OMB Control Number: 1894-0006.

Eligible Applicants: To be considered for an award under this competition, an applicant must be one of the following:

- (1) An LEA in which 20 percent or more of the students served by the local educational agency are from families with an income below the poverty line;¹
- (2) A consortium of such LEAs;
- (3) A State educational agency;
- (4) An institution of higher education;
- (5) A museum or cultural institution;
- (6) The Bureau of Indian Education;
- (7) An eligible national nonprofit organization; or
- (8) Another private agency, institution, or organization.

Application Requirement: Applicants that are LEAs must provide, in the application, data from the most recent U.S. Census as evidence that the LEAs meet the statutory requirement that 20 percent or more of the students served by the LEA (or for each LEA within a consortium of LEAs) are from families with an income below the Federal poverty line.

¹ An LEA must show that at least 20 percent of children ages five to 17 that reside within the LEA's boundaries are from low-income families based on the most recent LEA poverty estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. The Census LEA poverty estimates are available at: www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html.

Note: Other applicants that are eligible under the definition of an LEA, such as County Offices of Education, Education Service Districts, and Regional Service Education Agencies, must provide the most recent U.S. Census data for each of the individual LEAs served. For charter schools for which U.S. Census data is not available, eligibility will be based on a determination by the SEA, consistent with the manner in which the SEA determines the charter school LEA's eligibility for the Title I allocations, that 20 percent of the students aged 5-17 in the LEA are from families with incomes below the Federal poverty line. Applicants must submit documentation from the State certifying official verifying that the SEA has determined this eligibility requirement is met for each LEA not listed in the Small Area Income Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) data.

Note: If you are a nonprofit organization, under 34 CFR 75.51, you may demonstrate your nonprofit status by providing: (1) proof that the Internal Revenue Service currently recognizes the applicant as an organization to which contributions are tax deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; (2) a statement from a State taxing body or the State attorney general certifying that the organization is a nonprofit organization operating within the State and that no part of its net earnings may lawfully benefit any private shareholder or individual; (3) a certified copy of the applicant's certificate of incorporation or similar document if it clearly establishes the nonprofit status of the applicant; or (4) any item described above if that item applies to a State or national parent organization, together with a statement by the State or parent organization that the applicant is a local nonprofit affiliate.

Note: A faith-based organization is eligible to apply for and receive a grant under this program on the same basis as any other private organization, consistent with Appendix A to 34 CFR part 75.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds:
\$13,000,000.