

doctoral and first-professional degree, and post baccalaureate certificate at HSIs currently receiving an award under this program.

VII. Agency Contacts

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If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

VIII. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice.

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Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Daniel T. Madzelan, Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis for the Office of Postsecondary Education, to perform the functions of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: June 15, 2009.

Daniel T. Madzelan,

Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Family Education Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Pell Grant, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan, Academic Competitiveness Grant, National Science and Mathematics Access To Retain Talent Grant, and Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Programs

ACTION: Notice of deadline dates for receipt of applications, reports, and other records for the 2008-2009 award year.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces deadline dates for the receipt of documents and other information from institutions and applicants for the Federal student aid programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, for the 2008-2009 award year. The Federal student aid programs include the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Family Education Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Pell Grant, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan, Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (National SMART Grant), and Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) programs.

These programs, administered by the U.S. Department of Education (Department), provide financial assistance to students attending eligible postsecondary educational institutions to help them pay their educational costs.

Deadline and Submission Dates: See Tables A and B at the end of this notice.

Table A—Deadline Dates for Application Processing and Receipt of Student Aid Reports (SARs) or Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs) by Institutions

Table A provides information and deadline dates for application processing, including receipt of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and corrections to and signatures for the FAFSA, receipt of

SARs and ISIRs, and receipt of verification documents.

The single date for the receipt of a FAFSA is June 30, 2009, regardless of the method that the applicant uses to submit the FAFSA. The deadline date for the receipt of a signature page for the FAFSA (if required), corrections, changes of addresses or schools, or requests for a duplicate SAR is September 21, 2009. Verification documents must be received by the institution no later than the earlier of 120 days after the student's last date of enrollment or September 28, 2009.

For all Federal student aid programs except Parent PLUS, a SAR or ISIR with an official expected family contribution must be received by the institution no later than the earlier of the student's last date of enrollment or September 28, 2009. For purposes of only the Federal Pell Grant, ACG, or National SMART Grant programs, a valid SAR or valid ISIR for a student not meeting the conditions for a late disbursement must be received no later than the earlier of the student's last date of enrollment or September 28, 2009. A valid SAR or valid ISIR for a student meeting the conditions for a late disbursement under the Federal Pell Grant, ACG, or National SMART Grant programs must be received according to the deadline dates provided in Table A.

In accordance with the regulations in 34 CFR 668.164(g)(4)(i), an institution may not make a late disbursement later than 180 days after the date of the institution's determination that the student withdrew or, for a student who did not withdraw, 180 days after the date the student otherwise became ineligible. Table A provides that an institution must receive a valid SAR or valid ISIR no later than 180 days after its determination of a student's withdrawal or, for a student who did not withdraw, 180 days after the date the student otherwise became ineligible, but not later than September 28, 2009.

Table B—Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant Programs Submission Dates for Disbursement Information by Institutions

Table B provides the earliest submission and deadline dates for institutions to submit Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant disbursement records to the Department's Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System and deadline dates for requests for administrative relief if the institution cannot meet the established deadline for specified reasons.

In general, an institution must submit Federal Pell Grant, ACG, or National

SMART Grant disbursement records no later than 30 days after making a Federal Pell Grant, ACG, or National SMART Grant disbursement or becoming aware of the need to adjust a student's previously reported Federal Pell Grant, ACG, or National SMART Grant disbursement. In accordance with the regulations in 34 CFR 668.164, we consider that Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant funds are disbursed on the date that the institution: (a) Credits those funds to a student's account in the institution's general ledger or any subledger of the general ledger, or (b) pays those funds to a student directly. We consider that Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant funds are disbursed even if an institution uses its own funds in advance of receiving program funds from the Department. An institution's failure to submit disbursement records within the required 30-day timeframe may result in an audit or program review finding. In addition, the Secretary may initiate an adverse action, such as a fine or other penalty for such failure.

Other Sources for Detailed Information

We publish a detailed discussion of the Federal student aid application process in the following publications:

- *2008–2009 Funding Education Beyond High School.*
- *2008–2009 Counselors and Mentors Handbook.*

- *2008–2009 ISIR Guide.*
- *2008–2009 Federal Student Aid Handbook.*

Additional information on the institutional reporting requirements for the Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant programs is contained in the 2008–2009 *COD Technical Reference*. You may access this reference by selecting the "Publications" link at the Information for Financial Aid Professionals Web site at: <http://www.ifap.ed.gov>.

Applicable Regulations: The following regulations apply: (1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR part 668, (2) Federal Pell Grant Program, 34 CFR part 690, and (3) Academic Competitiveness Grant and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant Programs, 34 CFR part 691.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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Dated: June 15, 2009.

James F. Manning,

Acting Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.

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Table A. <u>Deadline Dates for Application Processing and Receipt of Student Aid Reports (SARs) or Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs) by Institutions</u>			
Who submits?	What is submitted?	Where is it submitted?	What is the deadline date for receipt?
Student	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – “FAFSA on the Web” (original or renewal)	Electronically to the Department’s Central Processing System (CPS)	June 30, 2009 ¹
	Signature Page (if required)	To the address printed on the signature page	September 21, 2009
Student through an Institution	An electronic FAFSA (original or renewal)	Electronically to the Department’s CPS	June 30, 2009 ¹
Student	A paper original FAFSA	To the address printed on the FAFSA or envelope provided with the form	June 30, 2009
Student	Electronic corrections to FAFSA using “Corrections on the Web”	Electronically to the Department’s CPS	September 21, 2009 ¹
	Signature Page (if required)	To the address printed on the signature page	September 21, 2009
Student through an Institution	Electronic corrections to FAFSA	Electronically to the Department’s CPS	September 21, 2009 ¹
Student	Paper corrections to FAFSA using a SAR, including change of mailing and e-mail addresses or institutions	To the address printed on the SAR	September 21, 2009
Student	Change of mailing and e-mail addresses, change of institutions, or requests for a duplicate SAR	To the Federal Student Aid Information Center by calling 1-800-433-3243	September 21, 2009
Student	SAR with an official expected family contribution (EFC) calculated by the Department’s CPS (except Parent PLUS)	To the institution	The earlier of: - the student’s last date of enrollment; or - September 28, 2009 ²
Student through CPS	ISIR with an official EFC calculated by the Department’s CPS (except for Parent PLUS)	To the institution from the Department’s CPS	The earlier of: - the student’s last date of enrollment; or - September 28, 2009 ²

Student	Valid SAR (Pell, ACG, and National SMART Grant Only)	To the institution	Except for a student meeting the conditions for a late disbursement under 34 CFR 668.164(g), the earlier of:
Student through CPS	Valid ISIR (Pell, ACG, and National SMART Grant Only)	To the institution from the Department's CPS	- the student's last date of enrollment; or - September 28, 2009 ² For a student receiving a late disbursement under 34 CFR 668.164(g)(4)(i), the earlier of: - 180 days after the date of the institution's determination that the student withdrew or otherwise became ineligible; or - September 28, 2009 ²
Student	Verification documents	To the institution	The earlier of: ³ - 120 days after the student's last date of enrollment; or - September 28, 2009 ²

¹ The deadline for electronic transactions is 11:59 p.m. (Central Time) on the deadline date. Transmissions must be completed and accepted before 12:00 midnight to meet the deadline. If transmissions are started before 12:00 midnight but are not completed until after 12:00 midnight, those transmissions do not meet the deadline. In addition, any transmission submitted on or just prior to the deadline date that is rejected may not be reprocessed because the deadline will have passed by the time the user gets the information notifying him/her of the rejection.

² The date the ISIR/SAR transaction was processed by CPS is considered to be the date the institution received the ISIR or SAR regardless of whether the institution has downloaded the ISIR from its SAIG mailbox or when the student submits the SAR to the institution.

³ Although the Secretary has set this deadline date for the submission of verification documents, if corrections are required, deadline dates for submission of paper or electronic corrections and, for a Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant, the submission of a valid SAR or valid ISIR to the institution must still be met. An institution may establish an earlier deadline for the submission of verification documents for purposes of the campus-based programs, the FFEL Program, and the Federal Direct Loan Program. Students completing verification and submitting a valid SAR or valid ISIR while no longer enrolled will be paid based on the higher of the two EFCs.

Table B. Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant Programs Submission Dates for Disbursement Information by Institutions

Who submits?	What is submitted?	Where is it submitted?	What are the earliest disbursement, submission, and deadline dates for receipt?
Institutions	At least one acceptable disbursement record must be submitted for each Federal Pell Grant recipient, ACG recipient, and National SMART Grant recipient at the institution.	To the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System using either: - the COD Web site at: www.cod.ed.gov ; or - the Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG)	Earliest Disbursement Date: January 14, 2008 Earliest Submission Dates: An institution may submit actual or anticipated disbursement information as early as May 19, 2008, but actual disbursement information no earlier than: (a) Under the advance payment method: (1) 30 calendar days prior to the disbursement date of a Federal Pell Grant; or (2) 7 calendar days prior to the disbursement date of an ACG or National SMART Grant; (b) 7 calendar days prior to the disbursement date under the Just-in-Time or Cash Monitoring #1 payment method; or (c) The date of disbursement under the Reimbursement or Cash Monitoring #2 payment methods. Deadline Submission Dates: Except as provided below, an institution is required to submit disbursement information no later than the earlier of: (a) 30 calendar days after the institution makes a disbursement or becomes aware of the need to make an adjustment to previously reported disbursement data; or (b) September 30, 2009.¹ An institution may submit disbursement information after September 30, 2009, only: (a) for a downward adjustment of a previously reported award or disbursement; (b) based upon a program review or initial audit finding per 34 CFR 690.83 or 691.83; (c) for reporting a late disbursement under 34 CFR 668.164(g); or (d) for reporting disbursements previously

				blocked as a result of another institution failing to post a downward adjustment.
Institutions	Request for administrative relief based on a natural disaster or other unusual circumstances, or an administrative error made by the Department	Via COD Web site at: www.cod.ed.gov	The earlier of: - a date designated by the Secretary after consultation with the institution; or - February 1, 2010	
Institutions	Request for administrative relief if a student reenters the institution within 180 days after initially withdrawing and the institution is reporting a disbursement for the student within 30 days of the student's reenrollment but after September 30, 2009 ²	Via COD Web site at: www.cod.ed.gov	The earlier of: - 30 days after the student reenrolls; or - May 3, 2010	

¹ The deadline for electronic transactions is 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on September 30, 2009. Transmissions must be completed and accepted before 12:00 midnight to meet the deadline. If transmissions are started before 12:00 midnight but are not completed until after 12:00 midnight, those transmissions will not meet the deadline. In addition, any transmission submitted on or just prior to the deadline date that is rejected may not be reprocessed because the deadline will have passed by the time the user gets the information notifying him/her of the rejection.

² Applies only to students enrolled in clock-hour and nonterm credit-hour educational programs.

NOTE: The COD System must accept origination data for a student from an institution before it accepts disbursement information from the institution for that student. Institutions may submit origination and disbursement data for a student in the same transmission. However, if the origination data is rejected, the disbursement data is rejected.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)—Special Focus Competition: Graduate Programs at Institutions of Higher Education Serving Hispanic Americans; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
(CFDA) Number: 84.116V.*

Dates: Applications Available: June 18, 2009.

*Deadline for Transmittal of
Applications:* August 3, 2009.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental
Review:* October 1, 2009.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) supports innovative grants and cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education. It supports reforms, innovations, and significant improvements of postsecondary education that respond to problems of national significance and serve as national models. Under the FIPSE Program, the Secretary may make grants for special projects concerning areas of national need.

Priority: Under this competition, we are particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority.

Invitational Priority: For FY 2009 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:

Under this priority we are particularly interested in projects that propose innovative efforts to expand graduate-level academic offerings at colleges that enroll a significant number of Hispanic American students.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1138–1138d.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except Federally recognized Indian Tribes.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education (IHEs) only.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds:

\$10,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$200,000–\$300,000 for a two-year project period. \$100,000–\$150,000 for a one-year project period.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$250,000 for a two-year project period. \$125,000 for a one-year project period.

Maximum Award: We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$300,000 for a two-year project period or \$150,000 for a one-year project period. The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Estimated Number of Awards: 40.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months.

III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

IHEs, other public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies, and combinations of these institutions and agencies.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

This program does not require cost sharing or matching.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address To Request Application Package

You can obtain an application package via the Internet or from the Education Publications Center (ED Pubs). To obtain a copy via the Internet, use the following address: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>. To obtain a copy from ED Pubs, write, fax, or call the following: Education Publications Center, P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone, toll free: 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call, toll free: 1-877-576-7734.

You can contact ED Pubs at its Web site, also: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html> or at its e-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov.

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this program or competition as follows: CFDA number 84.116V.

Individuals with disabilities can obtain a copy of the application package

in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the person or team listed under *Accessible Format* in Section VIII of this notice.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

Requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this program.

Page Limit: The application narrative (Part III of the application) is the section in which the applicant addresses most of the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate the application. The application narrative must be limited to no more than 20 pages, using the following standards:

- A “page” is 8.5” × 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, except titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions. Charts, tables, figures, and graphs in the application narrative may be single spaced and will count toward the page limit.

- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger, or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch). However, you may use a 10 point font in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial. An application submitted in any other font (including Times Roman and Arial Narrow) will not be accepted.

- The page limit does not apply to Part I, the title page; Part II, the budget summary form (ED Form 524); Part IV, assurances, certifications, and the response to Section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA); the table of contents; the project abstract; or the appendix. The appendix may include only the project evaluation chart, summaries of the qualifications of key personnel, letters of support, and references. If you include any attachments or appendices not specifically requested, these items will be counted as part of the program narrative (Part III) for purposes of the page limit requirement.

We will reject your application if you exceed the page limit.

3. Submission Dates and Times

Applications Available: June 18, 2009.

*Deadline for Transmittal of
Applications:* August 3, 2009.

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Electronic Grant