

Eligibility for Titles III & V Grant Programs



Process:

Requirements:

NIA in Federal Register

A Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) is posted in the *Federal Register* annually. This typically occurs in the winter for the current fiscal year.

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Pre-Eligibility

Data from IPEDS is reviewed to pre-determine who meets the Eligibility Requirements.

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Check your Status

Institutions of Higher Education may check their status by visiting [HTTPS://HEPIS.ed.gov/](https://HEPIS.ed.gov/). If you do not have an account, click on "New User." If you do have an account, click on "Forgot Your Password" to reset your password.

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Ineligible

Eligible

If your institution is eligible, you will be able to download your letter of eligibility. You are not required to do anything else.

Download Letter



Institutions should maintain a copy of their letter in their records. Letters are only maintained for one year.

Eligible Institutions may be considered for the following programs:

- ANNAPISI** - Asian & Pacific Islander UG enrollment $\geq 10\%$
- ANNH** - Alaska Native UG enrollment $\geq 20\%$ or Native Hawaiian UG enrollment $\geq 10\%$
- NASNTI** - Native American UG enrollment $\geq 10\%$
- HSI, HSISTEM, & PPOHA** - Hispanic FT UG enrollment $\geq 25\%$
- MSEIP** - Total minority enrollment except Asian $\geq 50\%$
- PBI and PBI-MA** – Black enrollment $\geq 40\%$ & at least 1,000 undergraduate students
- SIP** - No demographic requirements

Notes:

Institutions may be deemed eligible for more than one program depending on their student data. The base year is the year preceding the most recently completed academic year.

NEEDY STUDENTS

At least 50 percent of an institution's students received financial assistance under the Pell Grant, SEOG, or Federal Work Study programs. Or the percentage of an institution's undergraduate degree-seeking students enrolled at least half-time and received Federal Pell Grants exceeds the median percent at similar (type and control) institutions.

CORE EXPENSES PER FTE

Core Expenses are regular operational expenditures of postsecondary institutions (excluding auxiliary enterprises, independent operations, and hospital expenses). These are divided by the FTE (12-month undergraduate enrollment for the academic year). This measure is compared to the average value for similar (type and control) institutions. The Core Expenses per FTE measure must be lower than the average for the institutional group.

Apply for Eligibility

Click the "Start an Application" button to begin the process to submit data required in the application for eligibility (ED Form 1049). The Application Booklet and Instructions are available under the Help link at the top of <https://HEPIS.ed.gov/main/help/>.

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Submit a Waiver Request

If your application is not approved, you are able to request a waiver. Follow the instructions available in the booklet (include supporting data).

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Eligibility Closes

Eligibility closes and waiver requests are reviewed. Decisions are available approximately two weeks after the eligibility ends.

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Eligibility Matrix Available

In early spring, the Federal Eligibility Matrix is posted online. The Matrix contains lists of Titles III and V grant programs with institutions meeting the program definition for that Fiscal Year and/or having a current grant in that program.

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To learn about the eligibility process and to review the Eligibility Matrix visit <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/itudes/eligibility.html>.