

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Notice of Extension of Closing Date for Receipt of Applications for Designation as an Eligible Institution for Fiscal Year 1999 for the Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, and Hispanic-Serving Institutions Programs

Purpose: On January 4, 1999, the Department of Education published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 347-349) a closing date notice for applications from institutions that wish to be designated as an eligible institution under the Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions and Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Programs. The first three programs are authorized under Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The HSI program is authorized under Title V of the HEA. The purpose of this notice is to extend the closing date for transmittal of institutional eligibility applications from institutions who wish to compete for new grants under the Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions and HSI Programs. This action is needed due to unforeseen administrative delays.

The closing date for eligibility applications is extended from February 15, 1999 to March 17, 1999 for institutions that wish to apply for new grant awards under the Title III and Title V programs. The Department plans to announce a closing date of April 12, 1999 for applications for new grant awards under the Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally

Controlled Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions and HSI Programs, to be published in a future **Federal Register** notice. Because of time constraints, the Department does not guarantee that it will be able to notify an applicant for designation as an eligible institution before the new grant award closing date of April 12, 1999.

However, the closing date of May 28, 1999 has not changed for applicants who wish to apply only for purposes of obtaining a waiver of certain non-Federal share requirements under the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Work Study (FWS), and Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) programs.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 17, 1999 for Institutions of higher education that wish to compete for new awards under the Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions and HSI Programs. May 28, 1999 for institutions of higher education that plan to obtain a waiver of certain non-Federal share requirements under the FSEOG, FWS, and UISFL programs.

Applications Available: February 10, 1999.

For Applications or Information Contact: Ellen M. Sealey, Margaret A. Wheeler or Anne S. Young, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., (Portals CY-80) Washington, DC 20202-5335. Telephone (202) 708-8866, 708-9926 and 708-8839. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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