

HELP GUIDE

SMALL, RURAL SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT (SRSA) PROGRAM

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

If your district meets the eligibility requirement of the SRSA program, your district will be listed on the spreadsheet labeled “Eligible SRSA Schools in Missouri” at this website. Districts are listed in County/District Code order. The statute establishes the following eligibility requirements: An LEA (Local Education Agency) is eligible for an award under this program if:

- a) The total number of students in average daily attendance at all of the schools served by the LEA is fewer than 600; or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile; and
- b) All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 7 or 8 by the Department’s National Center for Education Statistics; or the Secretary has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the SEA, that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by a governmental agency of the State.

ESTIMATED ALLOCATIONS

Data in this spreadsheet was used to compute the estimated allocation. Keep in mind that the estimated amount may be ratably reduced or increased depending upon the amount appropriated for the program by Congress and upon the amounts needed to distribute funds to all eligible districts. The United States Department of Education (USDE) plans to distribute final allocations in the near future.

Estimated allocations were computed using the following formula:

Initial Amount = (\$20,000 +(\$100 * (# of Average Daily Attendance students ADA – 50))

(NOTE: Initial amount may not exceed \$60,000)

Estimated Allocation = Initial Amount – the amount of funds the LEA received in prior year under the Title II.A Improving Teacher Quality, Title II.D Educational Technology, Title IV.A Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities, and Title V.A Innovative Education programs.

USES OF SMALL, RURAL SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT FUNDS

The application is submitted through the U.S. Department of Education. Funds may be used to carry out activities under:

Title I.A (Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged)

Title II. A (Training & Recruiting High Quality Teachers and Principals)

Title II. D (Enhancing Education Through Technology)

Title III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students)

Title IV.A (Safe & Drug Free Schools)

Title IV.B (21st Century Community Learning Centers)

Title V (Innovative Programs)

DATA REQUIRED

The application form is very short, and asks mostly for identifying information. However, your district will need to have the following information on hand:

- The LEA D-U-N-S number. (If the LEA does not have a D-U-N-S Number, you can obtain a number by calling 1-800-333-0505 or by completing a D-U-N-S Number Request Form. The form can be obtained via the Internet at the following URL: <http://www.dnb.com>.)
- The LEA Tax Identification Number (T-I-N).
- The LEA Identification Number in the National Center for Education Statistics' (NCES) Common Core of Data (known as the NCES LEA ID). The NCES LEA ID number is located in the first column of the spreadsheet on this website.

APPLICATION PROCESS

LEAs eligible for Small, Rural School Achievement Program must apply electronically to the United States Department of Education's electronic grants system in order to receive funds under this program. Once the USDE establishes a closing date for this application, we will notify the LEA through a ListServe message.

The USDE has provided the following instructions to access the application:

- Using an Internet browser application (such as Explorer or Netscape), go to www.G5.gov
- Click on the tab marked "e-application", and read the contents of this page
- Register with the website, and then proceed to login to the system
- Click on "Apply"
- Click on Application for Small, Rural School Achievement Program (REAP), CFDA# 84.358A

At this point, review the instructions for applying. Complete and submit your application.

QUESTIONS

Questions or problems regarding access to the electronic application (such as problems logging in) should be referred to the Helpdesk at 1-888-336-8930 (TTY: 1-866-697-2696, local 202-401-6238), or email edcaps.user@ed.gov. Hours of operation are 8am-6pm Eastern time Monday-Friday.

Questions regarding eligibility requirements, estimated allocations, or uses of funds should be sent to Pat.Kaiser@dese.mo.gov.

Questions regarding the content of the REAP program should be sent to REAP@ed.gov. The USDE asks that you fully exploit other resources and their web page before calling them with REAP questions. They estimate that nearly 4,300 districts are eligible for the small rural schools program, and they will not be able to answer everyone's questions personally.