

Definition of Low-Income Individual

As indicated in the Advanced Placement Test Fee *Federal Register Notice* for this competition and stated in Section 1707(3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, for the purposes of these program funds, the term “low-income individual” means an individual who is determined by a State educational agency or local educational agency to be a child, ages 5 through 19, from a low-income family, on the basis of:

- data used by the Secretary to determine allocations under section 1124 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act;
- data on children eligible for free or reduced-price lunches under the National School Lunch Act;
- data on children in families receiving assistance under part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families); or
- data on children eligible to receive medical assistance under the Medicaid program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, or through an alternate method that combines or extrapolates from those data.

Documentation of Status of Low-Income Individual

As indicated in the Advanced Placement Test Fee *Federal Register Notice* for this competition, Section 1704(d)(3) of the authorizing statute requires that a student’s status as a low-income individual include documentation required under chapter 1 of subpart 2 of part A of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as referenced below:

(1) Except in the case of an independent student, as defined in section 480(d), documentation of an individual’s status pursuant to subsection (g)(2) shall be made by providing the Secretary with:

- (a) a signed statement from the individual’s parent or legal guardian;
- (b) verification from another governmental source;
- (c) a signed financial aid application; or
- (d) a signed United States or Puerto Rico income tax return.

(2) In the case of an independent student, as defined in section 480(d), documentation of an individual’s status pursuant to subsection (g)(2) shall be made by providing the Secretary with:

- (a) a signed statement from the individual;
- (b) verification from another governmental source;
- (c) a signed financial aid application; or
- (d) a signed United States or Puerto Rico income tax return.