

(1)(i) A copy of the applicant's documentation of tribal enrollment or membership; or

(ii) A copy of the parent's or grandparent's documentation of tribal enrollment or membership, with supporting birth certificates or similar documents showing the applicant's descentance from the enrolled member;

(2) A letter of certification on official letterhead with the appropriate signature from a federally or State recognized tribe or band; or

(3) A certificate of degree of Indian blood (CDIB) issued by an authorized representative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or an official of a federally recognized tribe;

(b)(1) Evidence that the applicant is currently in attendance or has been accepted for admission as a full-time student at an accredited institution of higher education in one of the eligible fields of study listed in § 263.4; or

(2) For an applicant who has not yet been accepted for admission, documentation of having been accepted by an accredited institution of higher education by a date to be specified by the Secretary;

(c)(1) The most current official high school and, if appropriate, undergraduate transcripts for undergraduate applicants; or

(2) The most current official undergraduate and, if appropriate, graduate transcripts for graduate applicants;

(d) The certification required under 34 CFR 75.61; and

(e) The certification contained within the application regarding agreement to fulfill the requirements of the payback provision that is signed and dated by the applicant.

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#### § 263.22 How does the Secretary evaluate applications?

(a) The Secretary reviews and ranks an application with other applications for the same field and related fields of study.

(b) The following criteria, with the total number of points available in parenthesis, are used to evaluate an application for a new fellowship award:

(1) *Official academic record* (60 points). The Secretary considers the quality of the applicant's academic record by reviewing—

(i) The applicant's grade point average and, if applicable, scores from such standardized tests as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Testing Assessment Program (ACT), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), and achievement tests; and

(ii) The applicant's official transcripts and any grade reports.

(2) *Letters of recommendation* (15 points). The Secretary considers the applicant's potential for success in completing the academic requirements for his or her field of study by reviewing one letter of recommendation from each of the following categories:

(i) A school principal, teacher, academic or non-academic instructor or counselor, a college professor, or academic advisor.

(ii) A member of the community or civic leader who has observed the applicant in educational, social, or civic activities.

(iii) A tribal representative or an Indian community member.

(3) *Commitment essay* (25 points). The Secretary considers the applicant's commitment by reviewing an essay, written by the applicant that addresses—

(i) The applicant's career goals and why the chosen field of study will benefit Indian people;

(ii) The applicant's life experiences and personal and family expectations that will enhance the applicant's anticipated career accomplishments; and

(iii) The applicant's anticipated commitment to providing service to Indian people.

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#### Subpart C—What Conditions Must Be Met by Fellows?

##### § 263.30 What are the basic requirements of a fellow?

A fellow shall—