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outstanding teachers to continue their education, to develop innovative programs, to consult with or assist LEAs, private schools, or private school systems, and to engage in other educational activities that will improve the knowledge and skills of teachers and the education of students.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113, 1113b)

§ 237.2 Who is eligible to apply under the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program?

An individual is eligible to apply for a Christa McAuliffe Fellowship if the individual at the time of application:

- (a)(1) Is a citizen or national of the United States;
 - (2) Is a permanent resident of the United States;
 - (3) Provides evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service that the individual is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a citizen or permanent resident; or
 - (4) Is a permanent resident of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the Northern Mariana Islands;
- (b) Is a full-time teacher in a public or private elementary or secondary school; and
- (c) Is eligible for a fellowship under 34 CFR 75.60.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113b, 1113d(a))

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§ 237.3 How are awards distributed?

(a) Except as provided in section 563(a)(3) of the Act, the Secretary awards one national teacher fellowship under this part to an eligible teacher in each of the following:

- (1) Each congressional district in each of the fifty States.
- (2) The District of Columbia.
- (3) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- (4) Guam.
- (5) The Virgin Islands.
- (6) American Samoa.
- (7) The Northern Mariana Islands.
- (8) The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Republic of Palau).

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(b)(1) If the conditions stated in section 563(a)(3) of the Act apply, the Secretary publishes an alternative distribution of fellowship under this part that:

- (i) Will permit fellowship awards at the level stated in § 237.4; and
- (ii) Is geographically equitable as determined by the Secretary.

(2) The Secretary sends a notice of this distribution to each of the statewide panels established under § 237.20.

(c)(1) If a State fails to meet the applicable filing deadlines for fellowship recommendations established under this program, the Secretary does not make awards in that State.

(2) In redistributing any returned or unused funds from a State, the Secretary takes into consideration, but is not limited to, the following factors:

- (i) The amount of funds available for redistribution.
- (ii) The number of States that request additional funds.
- (iii) The number of States that are willing to match fellowship funds.
- (iv) The requirements in § 237.4(b) relating to minimum awards.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113b(a))

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§ 237.4 In what amounts are fellowships awarded?

(a) *Maximum award.* A fellowship awarded under this part may not exceed the national average salary of public school teachers in the most recent year for which satisfactory data are available, as determined by the Secretary. The Secretary urges statewide panels to award fellowships in the maximum amount.

(b) *Minimum award.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, a fellowship awarded under this part may not be less than half the national average salary of public school teachers in the most recent year for which satisfactory data are available, as determined by the Secretary.

(c) *Partial award.* If, after awarding one or more fellowships that meet the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, a State has insufficient funds for a maximum or minimum award, the State may make one partial

award that may be less than the minimum award.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113b(a)(2))
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§ 237.5 For what purposes may a fellow use an award?

Christa McAuliffe fellows may use fellowships awarded under this part for projects to improve education including:

- (a) Sabbaticals for study or research directly associated with objectives of this part, or academic improvement of the fellows.
- (b) Consultation with or assistance to LEAs, private schools, or private school systems other than those with which the fellow is employed or associated.
- (c) Development of special innovative programs.
- (d) Model teacher programs and staff development.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113b(b))

§ 237.6 What priorities may the Secretary establish?

- (a) The Secretary may annually establish, as a priority, one or more of the projects listed in § 237.5.
- (b) The Secretary announces any annual priorities in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113d(a))

§ 237.7 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program:

- (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR 75.60 and 75.61 (regarding the ineligibility of certain individuals to receive assistance) and part 77 (Definitions That Apply to Department Regulations).
- (b) The regulations in this part 237.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113d(a))
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§ 237.8 What definitions apply?

- (a) The following definitions apply to terms used in this part:
Act means the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Fellow means a fellowship recipient under this part.

Fellowship means an award made to a person under this part.

(b) *Definitions in EDGAR.* The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR 77.1:

- Department
- EDGAR
- Elementary school
- Local educational agency
- Private
- Public
- Secondary school
- Secretary
- State educational agency

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113d(a))

Subpart B—How Does One Apply for an Award?

§ 237.10 How does an individual apply for a fellowship?

- (a) To apply for a fellowship under this part, an individual must submit an application containing a proposal for a fellowship project as described in § 237.5, indicating the extent to which the applicant wishes to continue current teaching duties.
- (b) The application shall provide this application to the appropriate LEA for comment prior to submission to the statewide panel for the State within which the proposal project is to be conducted as described in § 237.20.
- (c) The applicant shall submit the application to the statewide panel within the deadline established by the panel.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113c, 1113d(a))

Subpart C—How Are Fellows Selected?

§ 237.20 What are the statewide panels?

- (a) Recipients of Christa McAuliffe Fellowships in each State are selected by a seven-member statewide panel appointed by the chief State elected official, acting in consultation with the State educational agency (SEA), or by an existing panel designated by the chief State elected official and approved by the Secretary.
- (b) The statewide panel must be representative of school administrators,