

## § 396.5

appropriate to the needs of individuals who are deaf-blind, to facilitate communication between individuals who are deaf-blind and other individuals.

*Qualified professional* means an individual who has either—

(1) Met existing national or state certification or evaluation requirements; or

(2) Successfully demonstrated equivalent interpreting skills through prior work experience.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 771a(f); 29 U.S.C 1905)

### § 396.5 What activities may the Secretary fund?

The Secretary provides assistance for projects that provide training in interpreting skills for persons preparing to serve, and persons who are already serving, as interpreters for individuals who are deaf and as interpreters for individuals who are deaf-blind in public and private agencies, schools, and other service-providing institutions.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 771a(f))

## Subpart B [Reserved]

### Subpart C—How Does One Apply for an Award?

#### § 396.20 What must be included in an application?

Each applicant shall include in the application—

(a) A description of the manner in which the proposed interpreter training program will be developed and operated during the five-year period following the award of the grant;

(b) A description of the geographical area to be served by the project;

(c) A description of the applicant's capacity or potential for providing training for interpreters for individuals who are deaf and interpreters for individuals who are deaf-blind;

(d) An assurance that any interpreter trained or retrained under this program shall meet any minimum standards of competency that the Secretary may establish;

(e) An assurance that the project shall cooperate or coordinate its activities, as appropriate, with the ac-

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tivities of other projects funded under this program; and

(f) The descriptions required in 34 CFR 385.45 with regard to the training of individuals with disabilities, including those from minority groups, for rehabilitation careers.

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(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 718b(b)(6), 777a(a)(5), and 771a(f))

### Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?

#### § 396.30 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

(a) The Secretary evaluates applications under the procedures in 34 CFR part 75.

(b) The Secretary evaluates each application using selection criteria in § 396.31.

(c) In addition to the selection criteria described in paragraph (b) of this section, the Secretary evaluates each application using—

(1) Selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210;

(2) Selection criteria established under 34 CFR 75.209; or

(3) A combination of selection criteria established under 34 CFR 75.209 and selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 771a(f))

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#### § 396.31 What additional selection criteria are used under this program?

In addition to the criteria in 34 CFR 396.30(c), the Secretary uses the following additional selection criterion to evaluate an application:

(a) *Demonstrated relationships with service providers and consumers.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which—

(1) The proposed interpreter training project was developed in consultation with service providers;

(2) The training is appropriate to the needs of both individuals who are deaf and individuals who are deaf-blind and to the needs of public and private agencies that provide services to either individuals who are deaf or individuals who are deaf-blind in the geographical area to be served by the training project;