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§ 644.3 Who is eligible to participate in a project?

(a) An individual is eligible to participate in an Educational Opportunity Centers project if the individual meets all of the following requirements:

- (1)(i) Is a citizen or national of the United States;
- (ii) Is a permanent resident of the United States;
- (iii) Is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and provides evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of his or her intent to become a permanent resident;
- (iv) Is a permanent resident of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau); or
- (v) Is a resident of the Freely Associated States—the Federated States of Micronesia or the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

(2)(i) Is at least 19 years of age; or
(ii) Is less than 19 years of age, and the individual cannot be appropriately served by a Talent Search project under 34 CFR part 643, and the individual's participation would not dilute the Educational Opportunity Centers project's services to individuals described in paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section.

(3) Expresses a desire to enroll, or is enrolled, in a program of postsecondary education, and requests information or assistance in applying for admission to, or financial aid for, such a program.

(b) A veteran as defined in § 644.7(b), regardless of age, is eligible to participate in an Educational Opportunity Centers project if he or she satisfies the eligibility requirements in paragraph (a) of this section other than the age requirement in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-16)

§ 644.4 What services may a project provide?

An Educational Opportunity Centers project may provide the following services:

- (a) Public information campaigns designed to inform the community about opportunities for postsecondary education and training.
- (b) Academic advice and assistance in course selection.

(c) Assistance in completing college admission and financial aid applications.

(d) Assistance in preparing for college entrance examinations.

(e) Guidance on secondary school re-entry or entry to a General Educational Development (GED) program or other alternative education program for secondary school dropouts.

- (f) Personal counseling.
- (g) Tutorial services.
- (h) Career workshops and counseling.

(i) Mentoring programs involving elementary or secondary school teachers, faculty members at institutions of higher education, students, or any combination of these persons.

(j) Activities described in paragraphs (a) through (i) of this section that are specifically designed for students of limited English proficiency.

(k) Other activities designed to meet the purposes of the Educational Opportunity Centers program stated in § 644.1.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-16)

§ 644.5 How long is a project period?

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a project period under the Educational Opportunity Centers program is four years.

(b) The Secretary approves a project period of five years for applications that score in the highest ten percent of all applications approved for new grants under the criteria in § 644.21.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11)

§ 644.6 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Educational Opportunity Centers program:

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:

- (1) 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Nonprofit Organizations).
- (2) 34 CFR part 75 (Direct Grant Programs), except for § 75.511.
- (3) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations), except for the definition of "secondary school" in § 77.1.