



Indian Education Discretionary Grant Programs – CFDA 84.299A Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Youth Program: Accessing Choices in Education (ACE) Grant Competition for 2020

Questions and Answers from the Pre-Application Webinars held on July 23 and 30, 2020.

Section 3: Competitive Preference Points

Question 22:	Must a Tribe be the applicant in order to receive the 11 points under Competitive preference Priority 1?
Answer:	As stated in the NIA, to meet this priority, an application must be submitted by an Indian Tribe, Indian organization, BIE-funded school, or Tribal college or university (TCU).
Question 23:	For the Competitive Preference Priorities, can a Tribe get the rural points also?
Answer:	A Tribe that is lead applicant could also get the rural points if its project includes an LEA that is eligible under the Small Rural School Achievement (SRSA) or Rural Low-Income School (RLIS) programs, or if the project includes a BIE-funded school that has NCES locale code 41, 42 or 43.
Question 24:	For the rural CPPs, where can we find out whether an LEA is eligible under SRSA or RLIS?
Answer:	<p>The SRSA and RLIS programs publish a list of all LEAs that are eligible for SRSA or RLIS grants. Note that the ACE competition gives CPP points for LEAs that are eligible for SRSA and RLIS, regardless of whether the district actually received a grant through one of those programs. The list is a spreadsheet that can be downloaded from the SRSA program website via the link below. The spreadsheet posted on the SRSA website lists eligibility under both SRSA and RLIS.</p> <p>https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/rural-insular-native-achievement-programs/rural-education-achievement-program/small-rural-school-achievement-program/</p>
Question 25:	How many Native students in an LEA need to be served for the application to be deemed "competitive"?
Answer:	There is no advantage for an applicant serving a higher number of Native students. The applications will be judged on the basis of the selection criteria set forth in the NIA.
Question 26:	Please clarify the difference between Competitive Preference Priorities 1 and 2. Specifically, since a TCU is eligible to apply under CPP 1, would they still receive 11 points under the Tribal Lead Applicant category?
Answer:	Under Competitive Preference Priority 1, a Tribal entity (Indian Tribe, Indian organization, BIE-funded school, or TCU) will receive the full 11 points if it applies alone or if it is the lead applicant in an application submitted by a consortium.

<p>Competitive Preference Priority 2 awards points for an application in which the Tribal entity is not the lead applicant. Note that an application cannot receive points for both Priorities 1 and 2.</p>
