

Note: Henry Maklakiewicz signs this notice in furtherance of DOL's role in providing support to ED.

Kirsten Baesler,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

In concurrence

Henry Maklakiewicz,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice Announcing Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—Expanding Career Pathways and Workforce Readiness of Special Education Teachers And Early Intervention Personnel Through Registered Apprenticeships Competition

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (ED) announces the opportunity to apply for competitive grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Expanding Career Pathways and Workforce Readiness of Special Education Teachers and Early Intervention Personnel Through Registered Apprenticeships competition, Assistance Listing Number 84.325J.

DATES: Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* “APPLY” function by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time July 13, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Expanding Career Pathways and Workforce Readiness of Special Education Teachers and Early Intervention Personnel Through Registered Apprenticeships (84.325J) competition is to fund cooperative agreements that support registered apprenticeship programs that attract, prepare, and retain special education teachers or early intervention personnel. The FY 2026 competition includes an absolute priority, selection criteria, and requirements. The absolute priority is: Expanding Career Pathways and Workforce Readiness of Special Education Teachers and Early Intervention Personnel Through Registered Apprenticeships.

Maximum Award: We will not make an award exceeding \$5,000,000 for a project period of 60 months or an award that exceeds \$1,000,000 for any single budget period.

Eligible Applicants: State educational agencies and other public agencies, including Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Part C lead agencies and State apprenticeship agencies.

Note: Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1461(b)(2), other types of entities such as local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and public charter schools, are not eligible to apply.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1462, 1481-1482.

To Apply: The complete funding opportunity announcement and all information needed to apply, including the priority and program requirements, are available on ED's website at <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/grants-special-populations/grants-special-education-and-individuals-disabilities/personnel-development/84.325J> and on *Grants.gov* at <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/362373>. The application notice and instructions on *Grants.gov* is the official document governing the grant competition.

Accessible Format: On request to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format.

Kimberly Richey,

Acting Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary, Delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice Announcing Personnel Development To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—Personnel Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Personnel Program Competition

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (ED) announces the opportunity to apply for competitive grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Personnel Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services

Personnel program, Assistance Listing Number 84.325K.

DATES: Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* “APPLY” function by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time July 2, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sunyoung Ahn. Telephone: (202) 987-0141. Email: Sunyoung.Ahn@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Personnel Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Personnel (84.325K) competition is to prepare and increase the number of personnel who have the necessary qualifications to serve children with disabilities. Under this absolute priority, the Department will fund grantees that use evidence-based strategies to prepare scholars in special education, early intervention, and related services at the bachelor's degree, certification, master's degree, educational specialist degree, or clinical doctoral degree levels to serve in a variety of settings, including natural environments (the home and community settings in which children with and without disabilities participate), early learning programs, child care, classrooms, and schools. The FY 2026 competition includes an absolute priority, two competitive preference priorities, selection criteria, and requirements. The absolute priority is: Personnel Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Personnel. The two competitive preference priorities are: Applications from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), and Applications from New Potential Grantees.

Maximum Award: We will not make an award exceeding \$1,250,000 per project for a project period of 60 months or an award that exceeds \$350,000 for any single budget period.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education and private nonprofit organizations.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1462 and 1481-1482.

To Apply: The complete funding opportunity announcement and all information needed to apply, including the priority and program requirements, are available on ED's website at <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/grants-special-populations/grants-special-education-and-individuals-disabilities/personnel-development/84.325K> and on *Grants.gov* at <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/362374>. The application notice and instructions on *Grants.gov* is the official document governing the grant competition.