

(b) The Secretary may award up to 100 points, including a reserved 15 points to be distributed in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, based on the criteria in § 426.21, § 426.22, § 426.23, or § 426.24.

(c) Subject to paragraph (d) of this section, the maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses after the heading for each criterion.

(d) For each competition, as announced in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, the Secretary may assign the reserved 15 points among the criteria in § 426.21, § 426.22, § 426.23, or § 426.24.

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**§ 426.21 What selection criteria does the Secretary use for the Demonstration Projects?**

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application for a demonstration project:

(a) *Program factors.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews the application to assess the quality of the proposed project, including the extent to which the project will provide—

(1) Vocational education to meet current and projected occupational needs; and

(2) For adequate and appropriate involvement and cooperation of the public and private sectors in the project, including—

(i) A clear identification of the public and private sector entities involved in the project;

(ii) A description of public and private sector involvement in the planning of the project; and

(iii) A description of public and private sector involvement in the operation of the project.

(b) *Educational significance.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the applicant—

(1) Bases the proposed project on successfully designed, established, and operated model vocational education programs that include components similar to the components required by this program, as evidenced by empirical data from those programs in such factors as—

(i) Student performance and achievement;

(ii) High school graduation;

(iii) Placement of students in jobs, including military service; and

(iv) Successful transfer of students to a variety of postsecondary education programs;

(2) Proposes project objectives that contribute to the improvement of education; and

(3) Proposes to use unique and innovative techniques to produce benefits that address educational problems and needs that are of national significance.

(c) *Plan of operation.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the plan of operation for the project, including—

(1) The quality of the project design, especially the establishment of measurable objectives for the project that are based on the project's overall goals;

(2) The extent to which the plan of management is effective and ensures proper and efficient administration of the project over the award period;

(3) How well the objectives of the project relate to the purpose of the program;

(4) The quality of the applicant's plan to use its resources and personnel to achieve each objective; and

(5) How the applicant will ensure that project participants who are otherwise eligible to participate are selected without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

(d) *Evaluation plan.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the project's evaluation plan, including the extent to which the plan—

(1) Is clearly explained and is appropriate to the project;

(2) To the extent possible, is objective and will produce data that are quantifiable;

(3) Identifies expected outcomes of the participants and how those outcomes will be measured;

(4) Includes activities during the formative stages of the project to help guide and improve the project, as well as a summative evaluation that includes recommendations for replicating project activities and results;

(5) Will provide a comparison between intended and observed results, and lead to the demonstration of a clear link between the observed results and the specific treatment of project participants; and

(6) Will yield results that can be summarized and submitted to the Secretary for review by the Department's Program Effectiveness Panel as defined in 34 CFR 400.4(b).

(e) *Demonstration and dissemination.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of the plan for demonstrating and disseminating information about project activities and results throughout the project period, including—

(1) High quality in the design of the demonstration and dissemination plan and procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of the dissemination plan;

(2) Disseminating the results of the project in a manner that would meet the requirement in § 426.31;

(3) Identification of target groups and provisions for publicizing the project at the local, State, and national levels by conducting or delivering presentations at conferences, workshops, and other professional meetings and by preparing materials for journal articles, newsletters, and brochures;

(4) Provisions for demonstrating the methods and techniques used by the project to others interested in replicating these methods and techniques, such as by inviting them to observe project activities;

(5) A description of the types of materials the applicant plans to make available to help others replicate project activities and the methods for making the materials available; and

(6) Provisions for assisting others to adopt and successfully implement the project or methods and techniques used by the project.

(f) *Key personnel.* (10 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of key personnel the applicant plans to use on the project, including—

(i) The qualifications, in relation to project requirements, of the project director;

(ii) The qualifications, in relation to project requirements, of each of the

other key personnel to be used in the project. For the Community-Based Organization Projects, the Secretary determines the qualifications, in relation to project requirements, of health professionals serving as preceptors and counselors and of each of the other key personnel to be used in the project;

(iii) The appropriateness of the time that each person referred to in paragraphs (f)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section will commit to the project; and

(iv) How the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, will ensure that its personnel are selected for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

(2) To determine personnel qualifications under paragraphs (f)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section, the Secretary considers—

(i) The experience and training of key personnel in project management and in fields related to the objectives of the project. For the Program for Model Consumer and Homemaking Education Projects, the Secretary also considers the experience and training of key personnel in consumer and homemaking education; and

(ii) Any other qualifications of key personnel that pertain to the quality of the project.

(g) *Budget and cost effectiveness.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the budget—

(1) Is cost effective and adequate to support the project activities;

(2) Contains costs that are reasonable and necessary in relation to the objectives of the project; and

(3) Proposes using non-Federal resources available from appropriate employment, training, and education agencies in the State to provide project services and activities and to acquire project equipment and facilities. For the Community-Based Organization Projects, the Secretary also determines the extent to which the budget includes in-kind contributions from partnership members.

(h) *Adequacy of resources and commitment.* (5 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the applicant plans to devote adequate resources to the

project. The Secretary considers the extent to which the—

(i) Facilities that the applicant plans to use are adequate; and

(ii) Equipment and supplies that the applicant plans to use are adequate.

(2) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the commitment to the project, including whether the—

(i) Uses of non-Federal resources are adequate to provide project services and activities, especially resources of community organizations and State and local educational agencies; and

(ii) Applicant has the capacity to continue, expand, and build upon the project when Federal assistance under this part ends.

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**§ 426.22 What selection criteria does the Secretary use for the Program for Model Consumer and Homemaking Education Projects?**

(a) The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application for a model consumer and homemaking education project:

(1) *Program factors.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews the quality of the proposed project to assess the extent to which project activities will improve, expand, and update programs that will—

(i) Be conducted for residents of economically depressed areas or areas with high rates of unemployment;

(ii) Encourage participation of traditionally underserved populations;

(iii) Encourage the elimination of sex bias and sex stereotyping; and

(iv) Address priorities and emerging concerns at the local, State, and national levels, such as the articulation of secondary and postsecondary consumer and homemaking education programs and the integration of basic skills in consumer and homemaking education programs.

(2) *Demonstration program design.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the applicant—

(i) Bases the proposed consumer and homemaking education project on successful model education programs that include components similar to the

components required by this program, as evidenced by empirical data from those programs in such factors as—

(A) Student performance and achievement;

(B) Placement of students in jobs, including the preparation of students for the occupation of homemaking; and

(C) Successful transfer of students to a wide variety of postsecondary educational programs;

(ii) Proposes project objectives that contribute to the improvement of consumer and homemaking education; and

(iii) Proposes to use unique and innovative techniques to produce benefits that address educational problems and needs that are of national significance.

(b) The Secretary also uses the criteria and points in § 426.21 (c) through (h) to evaluate an application.

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**§ 426.23 What selection criteria does the Secretary use for the Community-Based Organization Projects?**

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application for a community-based organization project:

(a) *Program factors.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews the quality of a proposed community-based organization project to assess the extent to which the proposed project—

(1) Will assist disadvantaged youths in preparing for technical and professional health careers;

(2) Provides for adequate and appropriate involvement of local schools, institutions of higher education, and businesses in the project, including—

(i) Clear identification of partnership members;

(ii) Involvement of partnership members in the planning of the project;

(iii) Involvement of partnership members in the operation of the project; and

(3) Will coordinate activities to ensure that the project will help meet current and projected occupational needs in the area.

(b) *Other criteria.* The Secretary also uses the criteria and points in § 426.21