Subpart 2—Space Grant Program and Project Awards

§ 1259.200 Description.
Awards are authorized to establish any Space Grant and/or fellowship program or project if such program or project will further the purposes of the Act.

§ 1259.201 Types of Space Grant program and project awards—regular and special.
(a) A regular Space Grant program or project award shall:
   (1) Be funded by NASA up to 66 percent of the total cost of the Space Grant award and/or fellowship program involved; or
   (2) Be funded up to 100 percent of its cost if funded by another Federal entity.

(b) A special Space Grant program or project award may be funded up to 100 percent of the total cost of the special project if the Administrator or designee, the Director, Educational Affairs Division, finds that:
   (1) No reasonable means is available through which the applicant can meet the matching requirements for a regular Space Grant award under paragraph (a) of this section;
   (2) The probable benefit of such project outweighs the public interest in such matching requirement; and
   (3) The same or equivalent benefit cannot be obtained through the award of a regular Space Grant program or project award under paragraph (a) of this section or the award of a specific national need grant under section 207 of the Act.

§ 1259.202 Application procedures.
(a) The opportunity to apply shall be announced by the Director, Educational Affairs Division.

(b) The application procedures and evaluation guidelines for awards under this section will be included in the announcements of such programs.

(c) The applications will be reviewed by a peer review merit selection panel appointed by the Director, Educational Affairs Division.

§ 1259.203 Limitations.
Public Law 100–147, Section 206(d)(2) and (3), states that:
(a) Funds for awards made under this section may not be used to:
   (1) Purchase land;
   (2) Purchase, construct, preserve or repair any building; or
   (3) Purchase or construct any launch facility or launch vehicle.

(b) Funds may be used to lease any of the items listed in paragraph (a) of this section as long as prior written approval is obtained from the Administrator or designee.

Subpart 3—National Needs Grants

§ 1259.300 Description.
National needs awards may be awarded by the Administrator or designee to meet such needs or problems relating to aerospace identified by the Space Grant Review Panel, by NASA officials or by any person. Such awards may be up to 100 percent of the total cost of the program or project.

§ 1259.301 Identification of national needs.
National needs shall be identified by the Administrator who shall consider specific national needs and problems relating to space proposed by the Space Grant Review Panel, any NASA official or any person.

§ 1259.302 Application procedures.
(a) The Administrator or designee has the authority to make awards to meet identified national needs.

(b) The Director, Educational Affairs Division, shall establish a competitive, merit-based review process to examine unsolicited national needs proposals.

§ 1259.303 Limitations.
The same limitations shall apply as are stated in §1259.203.

Subpart 4—Space Grant College and Consortium Designation

§ 1259.400 Description.
(a) The Administrator may designate Space Grant colleges, Space Grant college consortia and Space Grant regional consortia in order to establish