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Subpart A—General

§ 607.1 What is the Strengthening Institutions Program?

The purpose of the Strengthening Institutions Program is to provide grants to eligible institutions of higher education to improve their academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability in order to increase their self-sufficiency and strengthen their capacity to make a substantial contribution to the higher education resources of the Nation.

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§ 607.2 What institutions are eligible to receive a grant under the Strengthening Institutions Program?

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, an institution of higher education is eligible to receive a grant under the Strengthening Institutions Program if—

(1) It has an enrollment of needy students as described in § 607.3(a), unless the Secretary waives this requirement under § 607.3(b);

(2) It has low average educational and general expenditures per full-time equivalent undergraduate student as described in § 607.4(a), unless the Sec-

retary waives this requirement under § 607.4(c).

(3) It is legally authorized by the State in which it is located to be a junior college or to provide an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's degree; and

(4) It is accredited or preaccredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association that the Secretary has determined to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training offered.

(b) A branch campus of an institution of higher education, if the institution as a whole meets the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1) through (4) of this section, is eligible to receive a grant under the Strengthening Institutions Program even if, by itself, it does not satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (a)(3) and (a)(4) of this section, although the branch must meet the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section.

(c) For the purpose of paragraphs (e)(2) and (f)(2) of this section, an institution's enrollment consists of a head count of its entire student body.

(d) A tribal college or university may receive a grant authorized under section 316 of the HEA if—

(1) It satisfies the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, other than § 607.2(a)(3), and

(2)(i) It meets the definition of the term “tribally controlled college or university” in section 2 of the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978; or

(ii) It is listed in the Equity in Educational Land Grant Status Act of 1994.

(e) An Alaska Native-serving institution may receive a grant under section 317 of the HEA if—

(1) It satisfies the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section; and

(2) It has, at the time of application, an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least 20 percent Alaska Native students.

(f) A Native Hawaiian-serving institution may receive a grant authorized under section 317 of the HEA if—

(1) It satisfies the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section; and