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**Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 7832 and 7833, unless otherwise noted.

#### Subpart A—General

##### § 263.1 What are the Indian Fellowship and Professional Development Programs?

(a) The Indian Fellowship Program provides fellowships to enable Indian students to pursue a course of study leading to—

(1) A postbaccalaureate degree in medicine, law, education, psychology, clinical psychology, or related field; or

(2) An undergraduate or postbaccalaureate degree in business administration, engineering, natural resources, or a related field.

(b) The Professional Development Program provides grants to eligible entities to—

(1) Increase the number of qualified Indian individuals in professions that serve Indian people;

(2) Provide training to qualified Indian individuals to become teachers, administrators, teacher aides, social workers, and ancillary educational personnel; and

(3) Improve the skills of qualified Indian individuals who serve in the capacities described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(c) The Indian Fellowship and Professional Development Programs require individuals who receive training under either program to—

(1) Perform work related to the training received under either program and that benefits Indian people, or to repay all or a prorated part of the assistance received under the program; and

(2) Report to the Secretary on the individual's compliance with the work requirement.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7832 and 7833)

##### § 263.2 Who is eligible to apply under the Indian Fellowship Program?

In order to be eligible for a fellowship an applicant must be—

(a) An Indian as defined in § 263.3 of this part;

(b) A United States citizen; and

(c)(1) Currently in attendance or have been accepted for admission as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited institution of higher education in one of the fields listed in § 263.4 or a related field; and

(2) Recognized by the institution as a degree candidate.

(d) Eligible under 34 CFR 75.60.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833; 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3(a)(1) and 3474)

##### § 263.3 What definitions apply to the Indian Fellowship and Professional Development Programs?

The following definitions apply to the Indian Fellowship and the Professional Development Programs:

*Department* means the U.S.

Department of Education.

*Dependent allowance* means costs for the care of minor children who reside with the Fellow.

*Expenses* means tuition and required fees; required university health insurance; room, personal living expenses, and board at or near the institution; dependent allowance; instructional supplies; and reasonable travel and research costs associated with doctoral dissertation completion.

*Fellow* means the recipient of a Fellowship under the Indian Fellowship Program. The term "Fellow" also includes individual project participants under the Professional Development Program with regard to the payback provisions contained in sections 263.35–263.37 of this part.

*Fellowship* means an award under the Indian Fellowship Program.

*Full course load* means the number of credit hours that the institution requires of a full-time student.

*Full-time student* means a student who—

(1) Is a degree candidate;

(2) Carries a full course load; and

(3) Is not employed for more than 20 hours a week.

*Good standing* means a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grade point scale in which failing grades are computed as part of the average, or another appropriate standard established by the institution.

*Graduate degree* means a postbaccalaureate degree awarded by an institution of higher education beyond the undergraduate level.

*Indian* means an individual who is—

(1) A member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the Indian tribe or band, including any tribe or band terminated since 1940, and any tribe or band recognized by the State in which the tribe or band resides; or

(2) A descendant, in the first or second degree, of an individual described in paragraph (1) of this definition; or

(3) Considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose; or

(4) An Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native; or

(5) A member of an organized Indian group that received a grant under the

Indian Education Act of 1988 as it was in effect October 19, 1994.

*Institution of higher education* means an accredited college or university within the United States leading to a baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate degree.

*Payback* means work-related service or cash reimbursement to the Department of Education for the training received under the Indian Fellowship or Professional Development Program.

*Secretary* means the Secretary of the Department of Education or an official or employee of the Department acting for the Secretary under a delegation of authority.

*Stipend* means that portion of an award that is used for room and board and personal living expenses.

*Undergraduate degree* means a baccalaureate (bachelor's) degree awarded by an institution of higher education.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7832 and 7833)

##### § 263.4 What are the allowable fields of study in the Indian Fellowship Program?

(a) The following are allowable fields for an undergraduate degree under this program:

(1) Business Administration.

(2) Engineering.

(3) Natural Resources.

(b) The following are allowable fields for a graduate degree under this program:

(1) Medicine.

(2) Clinical Psychology.

(3) Law.

(4) Education.

(5) Psychology.

(6) Engineering.

(7) Natural Resources.

(8) Business Administration.

(c) The Secretary considers under paragraphs (a) and (b), on a case-by-case basis, the eligibility of applications for fellowships in related fields of study.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

##### § 263.5 What does a fellowship award include?

(a) The Secretary awards a fellowship in an amount up to, but not more than, the expenses as defined in this part. The assistance provided by the program either—

(1) Fully finances a student's educational expenses; or

(2) Supplements other financial aid, including Federal funding, other than loans, for meeting educational expenses.

(b) The Secretary announces the expected maximum amounts for subsistence and other fellowship costs in the annual application notice published in the **Federal Register**.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)