

Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs

Title IV Federal Student Aid Eligibility

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Support for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

- Title VII – discretionary grants – Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)
 - TPSID 84.407A
 - Coordinating Center 84.407B
 - <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/tpsid/index.html>
- Title IV – financial aid – Federal Student Aid (FSA)
 - <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/ifap/index.jsp>

Title IV Programs – Financial Aid

- HEA allows an eligible student with an intellectual disability attending an eligible comprehensive transition and postsecondary (CTP) program to receive aid from the following Title IV programs:
 - Federal Pell Grant,
 - Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, and
 - Federal Work-Study
- Implementing regulations can be found at 34 C.F.R. 668, Subpart O

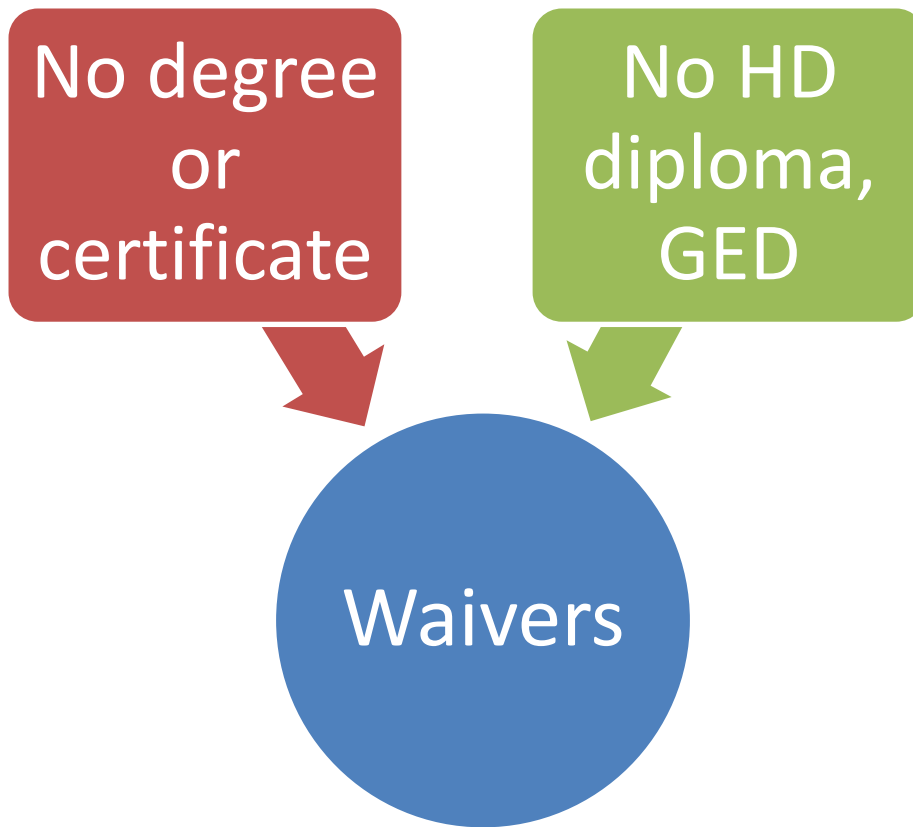
Three Eligibility Pieces

Student
Eligibility

Program
Eligibility &
Approval

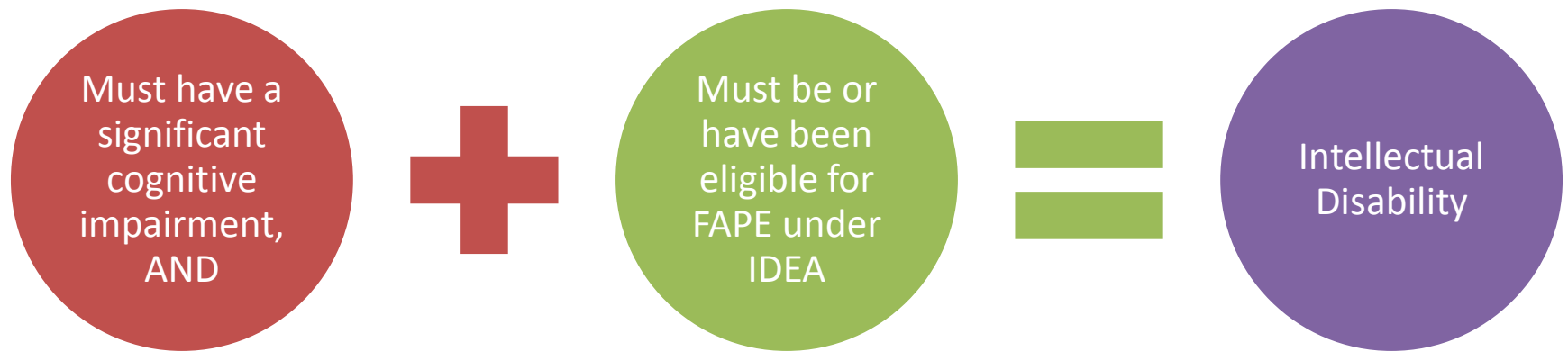
Demonstrating
Financial Need
(FAFSA)

Student Eligibility: Waivers (34 CFR 668.233)



Student must meet all other general, Title IV student eligibility requirements under Part 668, Subpart B

Student Eligibility: Intellectual Disability (34 CFR 668.231)



Institution determines if student meets specialized eligibility criteria (above) and must obtain substantiating documentation of both factors.

Student Eligibility: Documentation

Record from LEA

The student is or was eligible for special education and related services under IDEA **AND**

That the student has an intellectual disability.

When LEA Documentation does not ID the ID

A documented, comprehensive, and individualized evaluation and diagnosis of an intellectual disability by a psychologist or other qualified professional **OR**

A record of the disability from a government agency that identifies the intellectual disability.

Program Eligibility: CTP Defined (34 CFR 668.231)

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- Be offered by an IHE participating in Title IV
 - Be delivered to students physically attending the IHE
 - Be designed to support students with intellectual disabilities (ID) in preparation for gainful employment
 - Include an advising and curriculum structure
 - Require students with ID to interact with non-ID students at least 50%

Program Eligibility: Specifics (34 CFR 668.232)

Program must meet the basic program eligibility requirements in 34 CFR 668.8.

Apply to the Department

Meet the definition of a CTP Program

Have a SAP Policy for the CTP Program

Offer a credential or have identified outcomes

Notify its accrediting agency in writing
AND

Have an established program length.

Approval Process: General Information

- Description IFAP Electronic Announcement 2011-06-06:
<http://ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/060611TitleIVEligInstitComprehensiveTransition.html>
- Requires program representatives and Financial Aid Administrators to work closely
- Apply for Approval using the *Application for Approval to Participate in the Federal Student Financial Aid Programs* (E-App): www.eligcert.ed.gov

Program Eligibility: E-App & Supporting Documentation

Financial Aid
Administrator

Program
Representative

E-App

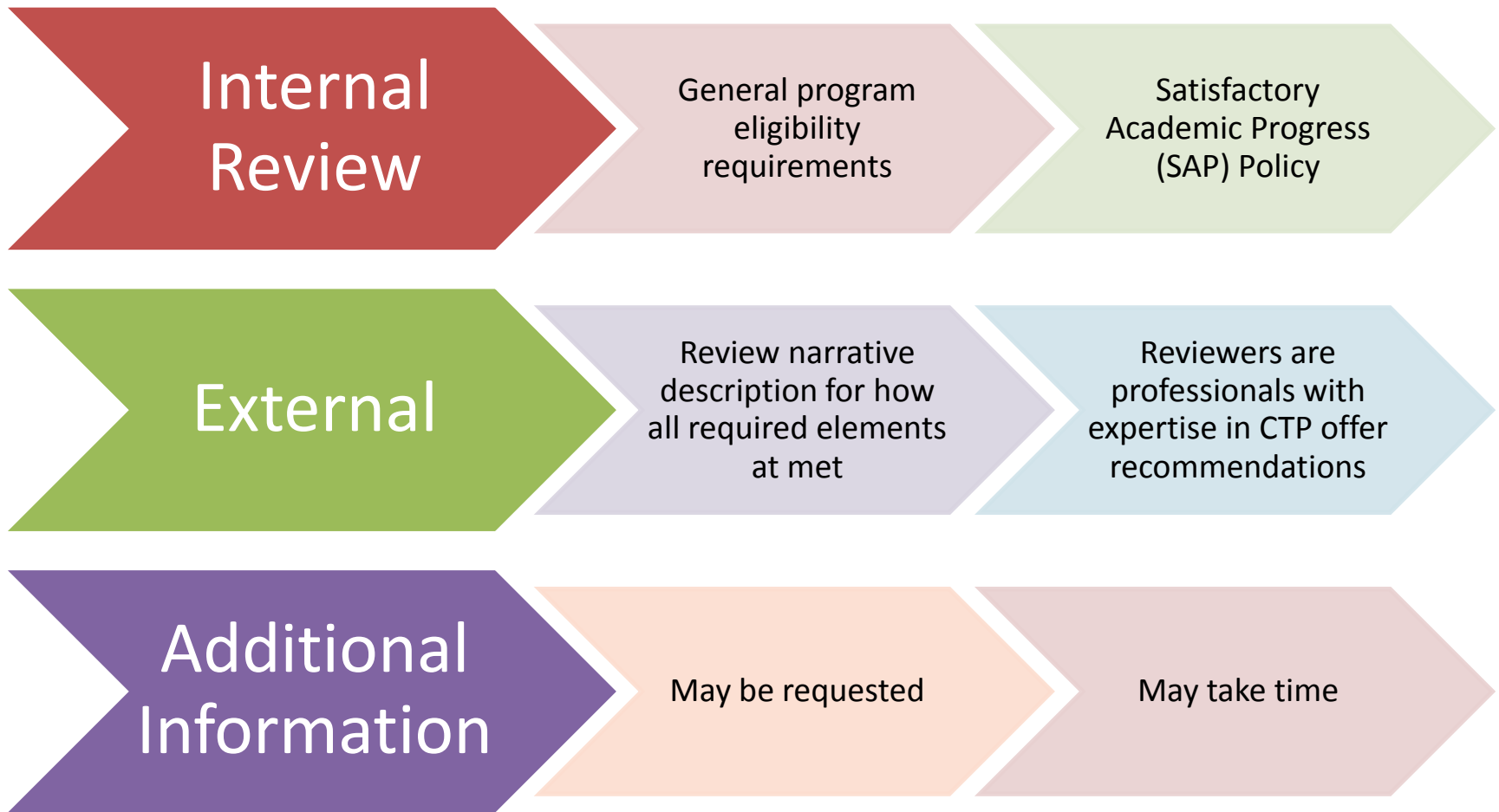
Program
Representative
provides input

Narrative
description of
CTP Program

Satisfactory
academic
progress policy
for CTP
students

Letter to
accrediting
agency

Program Eligibility: Review Process




Program Eligibility: Helpful Hints (Program Description)


Use page numbers and institutional name in header.



Ensure you address all program requirements identified in the definition at 34 C.F.R.668.231.



Clearly identify when each requirement is being addressed by citing to the component of the regulations.



Be explicit – provide examples.



Include supporting materials.

Program Eligibility: Helpful Hints (E-App)

Verify correct program length is identified.

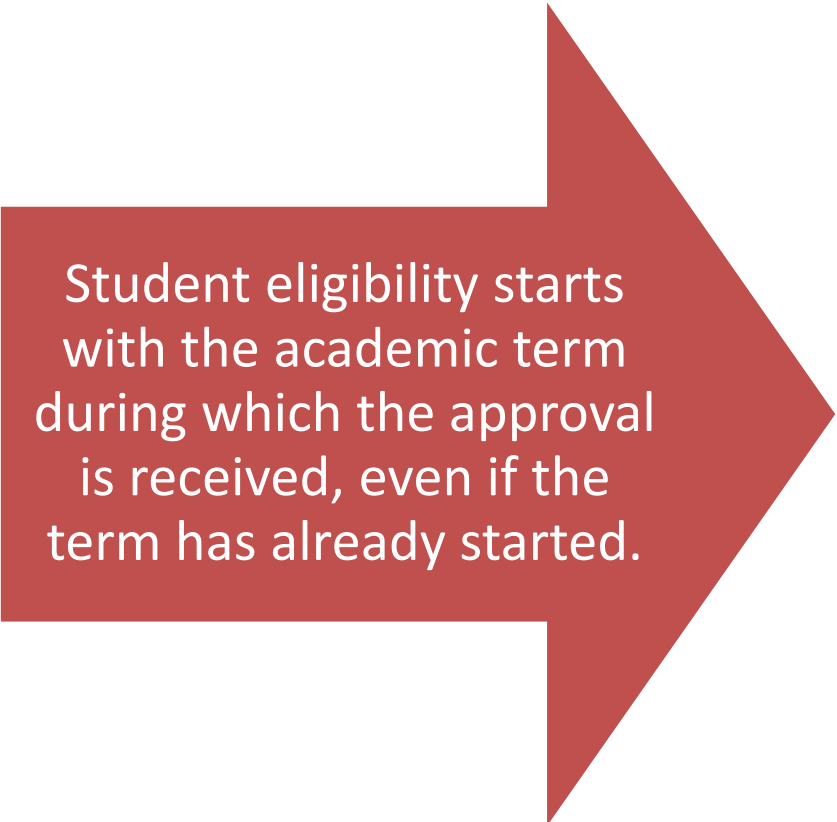


Include non-credit classes and internships/work-based training.

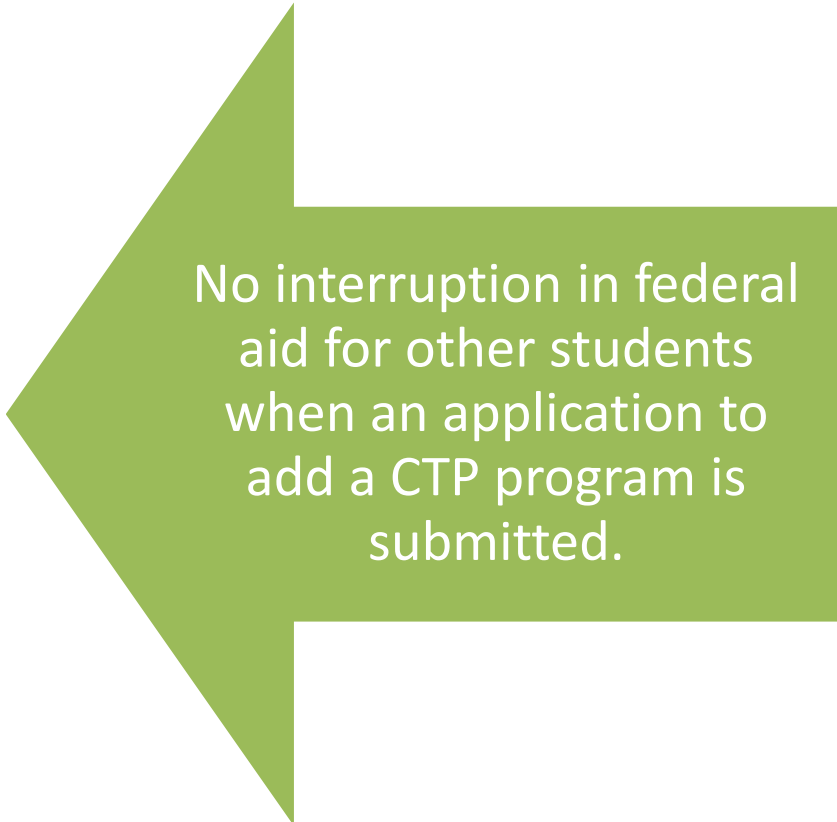


Even if offered in credit hours, must be rooted and reported in clock hours for Title IV purposes because not awarding a degree.

Related Issues



Student eligibility starts with the academic term during which the approval is received, even if the term has already started.



No interruption in federal aid for other students when an application to add a CTP program is submitted.

Demonstrating Financial Need: The Basics

- Apply for Title IV eligibility using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): www.fafsa.ed.gov/
 - FAFSA collects student and parent financial information, determines financial need.
- Financial Need = Cost of Attendance – Expected Family Contribution – Estimated Financial Assistance.
- For more information, see *The EFC Formula 2013-2014* on IFAP at:
<http://www.ifap.ed.gov/efcformulaguide/091312EFCFormulaGuide1314.html>

Demonstrating Financial Need: Completing the FAFSA

Student may complete the FAFSA before program approval has been given.

For all questions, students should select the answer that best reflects their situation.

High School Completion
(Q26)

Grade-Level
(Q29)

Type of Program
(Q30)

Number in College (94)

Experimental Sites

- Experiment for CTP Programs:
 - Parent PLUS Loans (experiment 7)
 - Dual Enrollment (experiment 8)
- Details available in Federal Register Notice
 - Published on October 27, 2011 (76 FR 66698)
 - <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-10-27/pdf/2011-27880.pdf>
- Opening up participation to more schools.
 - DCL GEN-13-21:
<http://ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/GEN1321.html>

Web Resources

- Student Aid on the Web:
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/eligibility/intellectual-disabilities>
- Details the basic student eligibility requirements.
- Links to the regulatory requirements for a CTP Program.
- Contains a list of approved CTP Programs.

Approved CTP Programs

SCHOOL, CITY, STATE	APPROVAL DATE
Clemson University, Clemson, SC	11/12/2010
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC	11/10/2010
Taft College, Taft, CA	11/18/2010
Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC	11/10/2010
The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ	11/22/2010
College of Charleston, Charleston, SC	5/18/2011
California State University, Fresno, CA	11/3/2011
Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL	11/10/2011
Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL	12/7/2011
New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury, NY	11/14/2011
Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC	1/26/2012
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA	2/24/2012
Kent State University, Kent, OH	2/6/2012
Heartland Community College, Normal, IL	3/12/2012
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC	8/15/2012
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	11/9/2012
Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA	4/3/2013
University of California, Los Angeles, CA	4/17/2013
Murray State University, Murray, KY	4/19/2013
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	4/25/2013
Rochester Community and Technical College, Rochester, MN	5/3/2013

As of July 1, 2013. Eight more applications in process.

Students Funded So Far

For the 2011-2012 Award Year:

39	Unduplicated Student Count
39	Number of Pell Grant Recipients
\$179,222	Amount of Pell Grant Funds
15	Number of FSEOG Recipients
\$2,025	Amount of FSEOG Funds
1	Number of Federal Work-Study Recipients
\$462	Amount of Federal Work-Study Funds

Only 6 CTP Programs had been approved before the award year began.

Questions about your application?

Contact the School Participation Team (SPT) for your state.

Boston (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT): 617-289-0133	Dallas (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX): 214-661-9490
New York (NJ, NY, PR, Virgin Islands): 646-428-3750	Kansas City (IA, KS, KY, MO, NE, TN): 816-268-0410
Philadelphia (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, WV): 215-656-6442	Denver (CO, MI, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY): 303-844-3677
Atlanta (AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC): 404-974-9303	San Francisco (AZ, CA, HI, NV, Pacific): 415-486-5677
Chicago (IL, IN, MN, OH, WI): 312-730-1511	Seattle (AK, ID, OR, WA): 206-615-2594