

discretionary grant competitions. The Carol M. White Physical Education Program is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under this grant competition, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We invite your participation in this pilot project. We will continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in this e-Application pilot, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value or penalty because you submit a grant application in electronic or paper format.

- You can submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED Form 424), Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs, (ED Form 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- Within three working days of submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance (ED Form 424) to the Application Control Center following these steps:

1. Print ED Form 424 from the e-Application system.
2. Make sure that the applicant's Authorizing Representative signs this form.
3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the e-Application system. (You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number an

identifying number unique to your application).

4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right corner of ED Form 424.

5. Fax ED Form 424 to the Application Control Center within three business days of submitting your electronic application at (202) 260-1349.

6. We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

7. *Closing Date Extension in the case of System Unavailability:* If you elect to participate in the e-Application pilot for the Carol M. White Physical Education Program and you are prevented from submitting your application on the closing date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one business day in order to transmit your application via e-Application, by mail, or by hand delivery. For us to grant this extension:

- (1) you must be a registered user of e-Applications, and have initiated an e-Application for this competition; and
- (2)(a) The e-Application system must be unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (ET), on the deadline date; or

- (b) the e-Application system must be unavailable for any period of time during the last hour of operation (that is, for any period of time between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. (ET)) on the deadline date. The Department must acknowledge and confirm the period of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension you must contact Ethel Jackson by e-mail at [Ethel.Jackson@ed.gov](mailto:Ethel.Jackson@ed.gov) or by telephone at (202) 205-5471 or the e-Grants help desk at (888) 336-8930.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Carol M. White

Physical Education Program at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

We have included additional information on the e-Application pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications) in the application package.

If you want to apply for a grant and be considered for funding, you must meet the deadline requirements included in this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ethel Jackson, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-6123. Telephone: (202) 260-2812 or via Internet: [Ethel.Jackson@ed.gov](mailto:Ethel.Jackson@ed.gov).

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document, or an application package, in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed at the beginning of this section. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternative format the standard forms included in the application package.

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