

- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.

As the Committee deems necessary or on request, the Committee also advises the Secretary about:

- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, HEA.
- The development of standards and criteria for specific categories of vocational training institutions and institutions of higher education for which there are no recognized accrediting agencies, associations, or State agencies in order to establish the interim eligibility of those institutions to participate in Federally funded programs.
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.
- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe.

#### **What Are the Terms of Office for Committee Members?**

The term of office of each member is 3 years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed is appointed for the remainder of the term. A member may be appointed, at the Secretary's discretion, to serve more than one term.

#### **Who Are the Current Members of the Committee?**

The current members of the National Advisory Committee are:

##### *Members With Terms Expiring 9/30/03*

- Mr. David Johnson, III, Student Member, Brigham Young University and University of Utah.
- Dr. Estela R. Lopez, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Connecticut State University System Office.
- Dr. Ronald F. Mason, Jr., President, Jackson State University, Mississippi.
- Dr. Eleanor P. Vreeland, Chairman, Barland Educational Associates, Florida.
- Dr. John A. Yena, President, Johnson & Wales University, Rhode Island.

##### *Members With Terms Expiring 9/30/04*

- Dr. Robert C. Andringa, President, Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, Washington, DC.

• Dr. Lawrence W. Burt, Director, Student Financial Services, University of Texas at Austin.

- Dr. Lawrence J. DeNardis, President, University of New Haven, Connecticut.
- Mr. Steven W. McCullough, Executive Director, Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation.
- Dr. Laura Palmer Noone, President, University of Phoenix, Arizona.

##### *Members With Terms Expiring 9/30/05*

- Honorable Randolph A. Beales, Former Attorney General of Virginia, Attorney at Law, Christian & Barton, LLP, Virginia.
- Dr. Karen A. Bowyer, President, Dyersburg State Community College, Tennessee.
- Dr. Gerrit W. Gong, Assistant to the President, Brigham Young University, Utah.
- Mr. Donald R. McAdams, President, Center for Reform of School Systems, Texas.
- Dr. George A. Pruitt, President, Thomas A. Edison State College, New Jersey.

#### **How Do I Nominate an Individual for Appointment as a Committee Member?**

If you would like to nominate an individual for appointment to the Committee, send the following information to the Committee's Executive Director:

- A copy of the nominee's resume; and
- A cover letter that provides your reason(s) for nominating the individual and contact information for the nominee (name, title, business address, and business phone and fax numbers).

The information must be sent by May 1, 2003 to the following address: Bonnie LeBold, Executive Director, National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, U.S. Department of Education, room 7007, MS 7592, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

#### **How Can I Get Additional Information?**

If you have any specific questions about the nomination process or general questions about the National Advisory Committee, please contact Ms. Bonnie LeBold, the Committee's Executive Director, telephone: (202) 219-7009, fax: (202) 219-7008, e-mail: [Bonnie.LeBold@ed.gov](mailto:Bonnie.LeBold@ed.gov) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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### **Office of Postsecondary Education; Strengthening Institutions (SIP), American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCU), and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNH) Programs; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003**

*Purpose of Programs:* The SIP, TCCU, and ANNH Programs are all authorized under Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). These programs will be referred to collectively in this notice as the "Title III, Part A Programs." Each provides grants to eligible institutions of higher education (IHEs) to enable them to improve their academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability, and increase their self-sufficiency.

*Eligible Applicants:* To qualify as an eligible institution under any of the programs included in this notice, an accredited or preaccredited institution must, among other requirements, have a high enrollment of needy students, and its Educational and General (E&G) expenditures per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student must be low in comparison with the average E&G expenditures per FTE undergraduate student of IHEs that offer similar instruction. The complete eligibility requirements are found in 34 CFR 607.2-607.5. The regulations may also be accessed by visiting the following Department of Education Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister>

**Notes:** 1. A grantee under the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program, authorized under Title V of the HEA, may not receive a grant under any Title III, Part A Program. Further, an HSI Program grantee may not give up that grant in order to receive a grant under any Title III, Part A Program. Therefore, a current HSI grantee may not apply for a grant under any Title III, Part A Program in FY 2003.

2. An IHE that does not fall within the limitation described in NOTE 1 may apply for a FY 2003 grant under all Title III, Part A Programs for which it is eligible, as well as under the HSI Program. An applicant may receive only one grant.

*Applications Available:* January 31, 2003.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 5, 2003.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* May 5, 2003.

*Estimated Available Funds:* The Administration has requested \$76.275