

# **Appalachian Regional Development Initiative: Technical Assistance Workshop**



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# Today's Presentation

- 1. Department Overview**
- 2. General Funding Opportunities**
- 3. Vocational and Adult Education**





# Rural Education Context

## National Data

More than half (**56%**) of all school districts are rural

Nearly a third (**31%**) of all public schools are rural

Nearly a quarter (**23% or 11.3 million**) of public school students attend rural schools.

Nationally, **80.4 percent** of citizens ages 25 and older completed high school.

Nearly one quarter (**24.4%**) have completed college.





# Rural Education Context

## Education in Appalachia

The high school completion rate in the Appalachian Region (**76.8%**) is lower than the national average (**80.4%**)

The percent of residents who completed four years or more of college is **17.6%** in Appalachia, and **24.4%** nationally.

## Central Appalachia

According to the ARC economic assessment, central Appalachia has the lowest rates of educational attainment.

**W Va** -- 75.2% completed high school; 14.8% completed 4 years of college

Overall, roughly 24% of Central Appalachians age 25 or older have attended college, compared with more than half of the U.S. population age 25 or older.

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I ask every American to commit to at least one year or more of higher education or career training. This can be a community college or a four-year school, vocational training or an apprenticeship. But whatever the training may be, every American will need to get more than a high school diploma.

**President Barack Obama**

**January 25, 2011**

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# Implementing the Key Budget Priorities for the US Department of Education

- The proposed 2012 budget consolidates 38 existing authorities into 11 new programs that would give communities more choice
- Competitive grants would support successful programs
- Rural communities would have a fairer chance to compete successfully



# Types of Assistance

## **Formula Grants**

Applicant submits proposal to its home state government

## **Discretionary/Competitive Grants**

Applicant submits grant proposal to administering federal agency



# Grant Application Sites

[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

**Help Desk 1-800-518-Grants**

**e-GRANTS**

[http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-  
apply.html](http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html)

**Help Desk 1-888-336-8936**

[http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite  
-forecast.html](http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html)

**Grants Forecast**

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# www.ed.gov

The screenshot shows the homepage of the U.S. Department of Education website. At the top left is the ED.gov logo and the text "U.S. Department of Education". To the right is a search bar with a "Search" button and a link to "Advanced Search". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Funding", "Policy", "Research", "News", and "About ED".

The main content area features a video player titled "College: The Dream Begins Today". The video description reads: "Watch this Spanish-language video about Demi Moreno, a middle school student who is already making big plans for college -- and taking the tough courses to get there and succeed." Below the video are navigation controls (1, 2, 3, 4, and a play button) and a "READ MORE >>" link.

On the right side, there is a "How Do I Find...?" section with a list of links: "Student loans, forgiveness", "Pell grants", "College accreditation", "Grants", "No Child Left Behind", and "More". A blue arrow points to the "College accreditation" link.

Below the video player are three sections: "News", "Features", and "Get Connected".

The "News" section has a sub-menu with "All", "Blog", "Press Releases", "Speeches", and "Media Advisories". It lists three news items:

- TUESDAY, MAY 10: **Teachers of the Year Pull up to the Table**
- TUESDAY, MAY 10: **Booker T. Washington High School Wins Race to the Top Commencement Challenge**
- MONDAY, MAY 9: **Res Non Verba--Deeds, Not Words**
- MONDAY, MAY 9: **Listening to Champions of Change**

The "Features" section includes:

- Thank a Teacher**: Secretary Duncan invites us all to thank a teacher on our own Facebook page. Includes a "READ MORE >" link and a video thumbnail.
- ESEA Reauthorization**: Read the Obama Administration's blueprint for revising the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Includes a video thumbnail.

The "Get Connected" section at the bottom right has a "Facebook" link.



Search

Advanced Search



### Grants & Contracts

- Grants
- Contracts
- Awards, Accounts & Reporting

- About ED
- Budget & Performance
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- Teaching Resources

- FAQs
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- Web Survey

### Grants » Apply for a Grant

- Grants: How do I...
- Apply for a grant
- Grant opportunities
- Money for college
- Grants awarded
- What grant competitions are open now?
- Apply for aid for college



#### What grants are available from the Department of Education?

The following grants:

- [Apply for aid for college](#) Students can use the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) to apply for Pell Grants and other aid for college.
- formula grants to agencies using formulas determined by Congress. There is no application process.
- discretionary grants to organizations, agencies, and individuals. These are awarded using a competitive process. Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements can apply.

Discretionary grants are what people usually have in mind when thinking about applying for a grant from the Department. The remainder of this page is devoted to discretionary grants and the questions people often ask.

#### What discretionary grants am I eligible for?

Use the [Guide to Education Programs](#) to identify programs you are eligible to apply for.

#### Which grant competitions are accepting applications now?

[Discretionary grant application packages](#) lists most ED competitions that are currently open, with links to application information for each competition.

#### How Do I Find...?

- Student loans, forgiveness
- Pell grants
- College accreditation
- Grants
- No Child Left Behind
- More

Teachers

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#### Related Topics

# Forecast of Funding Opportunities



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## FORECAST OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2011

(As of April 28, 2011)

This document lists virtually all programs and competitions under which the Department (we) has invited or expects to invite applications for new awards and provides actual or estimated deadline dates for the transmittal of applications under these programs. The lists are in the form of charts -- organized according to the Department's principal program offices -- and include programs and competitions we have previously announced, as well as those we plan to announce at a later date.

**Note:** This document is advisory only and is not an official application notice of the Department of Education. We expect to provide updates to this document starting in the first week of November in a fiscal year and continuing through the following July.

**Note on printing:** For best results, print this document in landscape orientation.

### ORGANIZATION OF THIS DOCUMENT

We have assigned to each principal office a separate chart as follows:

[Chart 1 - Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students.](#)

[Chart 2 - Institute of Education Sciences.](#)

[Chart 3 - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.](#)

[Chart 4 - Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools.](#)

[Chart 5 - Office of Innovation and Improvement.](#)

[Chart 6 - Office of Postsecondary Education](#)





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Search

Search for programs that meet any combination of criteria you specify. For example, you might search for discretionary grants for early reading for which local education agencies are eligible.

Contains:

Eligibility: Any

Assistance Type: Any

ED Office: Any



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Related Topics

# Specific Competitive Programs

- Race to the Top
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers
- Promise Neighborhoods
- Investing in Innovation Funds (I3)
- Trade Adjustment Assistance  
Community College and Career  
Training Initiative



# Office of Vocational and Adult Education

## OVAE VISION

*All youth and adults have multiple opportunities to obtain lifelong education and training in order to achieve rewarding careers and family lives, participate in their communities, and attain their personal goals.*



# OVAE Programs and Authorizing Legislation

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## ❑ **Adult Education**

- Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Title II of the Workforce Investment Act)

## ❑ **Career and Technical Education**

- Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006

## ❑ **College Access and Completion**

- Rural students are least likely to go to college
- Obama Administration is trying to eliminate barriers and provide support for postsecondary career training programs



# Where is CTE heading?

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## THEN

### Traditional Vocational Education

- ❑ For specific students
- ❑ Limited program areas offered
- ❑ Separate “track” with a focus on technical education and often lacking academic rigor
- ❑ High school focused
- ❑ Students trained with focus on specific occupational skill set
- ❑ No clear pathway to postsecondary education (dead-end programs)

## NOW

### Emerging Practices

- ❑ For all students
- ❑ 16 Career Clusters and 79 pathways offered
- ❑ Integrated with academics in a rigorous and relevant curriculum
- ❑ High school and post-secondary partnerships providing pathways to employment and/or associate, bachelor’s and advanced degrees
- ❑ Progression of foundational, pathway, occupational and 21st century skills



# For more information on CTE visit CTE.ED.GOV

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Perkins Collaborative Resource Network website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://cte.ed.gov/stategrants/stateprofiles.cfm>. The website header features a large banner image with the text "PCRN PERKINS COLLABORATIVE RESOURCE NETWORK for Program and Data Quality" and a photograph of four individuals in a laboratory or workshop setting. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for Home, Meetings & Conferences, Media, FAQ, Links, and Contact Us. On the left side, there is a "Mark Your Calendar" section for a "May NSWG Call" on May 5, 2011, and a "Legislation & Policy Guidance" section with links for "State Formula Grants", "Title I - Basic State Grants", "Title II - Tech Prep Education", and "State Profiles". The main content area is titled "State Profiles" and includes the text: "Click on a state below to obtain current information on each state's Perkins IV state plans, accountability reports, contact persons, and Web sites." Below this text is a map of the United States with state abbreviations labeled on each state. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system tray with the time 12:55 PM and several open applications including Microsoft Office and the Perkins Collaborative Resource Network.

# Thank You

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