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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCELERATED COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY EXAM FEE GRANT PROGRAM

Application now open – Due Jan. 12

The Accelerated College Opportunity Exam Fee Grant Program (AP/IB Exam Fee Program) is intended to increase the number of eligible students who take Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams and receive scores for which college academic credit is awarded. The program provides funds to high schools to pay all or a portion of AP and IB exam fees on behalf of eligible students*.

*"Eligible student" means a student enrolled in a high school who is a low-income individual, as defined in 20 U.S.C. sec. 9832(3), and who is planning to take one or more advanced placement exams.

Application is now open. [Apply Here](#) by January 12, 2024.

Questions? Contact [Marina Estrada Kokotovic](#)

ASCENT

ASCENT Estimated Program Participants – Due Nov. 13

If your school district is planning to participate in the [ASCENT](#) program next year, please complete the 2024-25 Estimated Number of Program Participants Intent to Participate (ITP) web form by Nov. 13. Even though the ASCENT cap has been lifted, ITPs help us ensure accurate funding for the program.

Questions? Contact [Erica Ryan](#), 720-576-4288

AUTO-ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES GRANT

Grant Application Open – Due Jan. 15

The John W. Buckner Automatic Enrollment in Advanced Courses Grant is intended to increase the number of students enrolled in advanced courses for subjects in which the student has demonstrated proficiency. Approximately \$220,000 is available to be distributed among grantees for a one-year cycle, and funds can be used for high school or middle school (grades 4-8) students. An [FAQ](#) has just been created to address the most common questions on this grant opportunity.

The Request for Application (RFA) Word document is now available for reference only. Because this grant cycle will utilize CDE's new GAINS grant

management system (see below), an Intent to Participate will be due January 8, 2024, and the application will be due in GAINS by January 15, 2024. These steps and timeline are also published on the [Auto-Enrollment website](#).

Questions? Contact [Alena Barczak](#), 303-548-8427

FAFSA/CASFA GRANT

Educator Financial Aid Trainings

The Southern Region training will be held on January 17, 2024 in Trinidad. Use [the registration form](#) to join upcoming trainings and check future dates.

These trainings are designed for K-12 school counselors, advisors, educators, and any who are involved with the FAFSA/CASFA processes at their school, organization, or agency. They will be 1-day, in-person trainings that include updates and changes on the FAFSA, overview of CASFA, ICAP, the FAFSA Completion Portal, My Colorado Journey, and more. Eligible participants who complete this training will receive a \$500 stipend as part of [HB22-1366 Improving Students' Postsecondary Options](#).

Find more [FAFSA-related resources here](#).

Questions? Contact mcj@dhe.state.co.us

INNOVATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM

ILOP Application Webinar – Nov. 15 @ 12pm

Please [register for the ILOP application webinar](#) for an overview of the application and timeline on November 15, 2023 at 12 pm. The ILOP Application process [webpage](#) has more detailed information about the application process.

ILOP 2024-25 Intent to Apply – Due Dec. 6

The [Intent to Apply](#) form for ILOP is available for schools interested in participating in SY2024-25. The Intent to Apply is due by Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 11:59 pm.

Questions? Contact [Erica Ryan](#), 720-576-4288

TEACHER RECRUITMENT EDUCATION AND PREPARATION

TREP Estimated Program Participants – Due Nov. 13

If your school district is planning to participate in the [TREP](#) program next year, please complete the 2024-25 Estimated Number of Program Participants Intent to Participate (ITP) web form by Nov. 13.

Questions? Contact [Erica Ryan](#), 720-576-4288

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CDE's New Grant Management System

This fall, CDE is launching the Grants Administration, Implementation, and Navigation System (GAINS), which will streamline the Department's multiple application systems and processes into a single location and system!

September's recorded trainings and other resources can be found on the [GAINS website](#).

Grant Writing Workshops

CDE is hosting Fall Grant Writing Trainings across the state to help you submit strong applications to CDE grants. Remaining trainings include:

- November 14: Edwards, CO
- November 16: Loveland, CO
- December 14: Monument, CO

Whether your school, district, or BOCES has a designated grant writer or not, [register here](#) to take advantage of these free trainings!

Stakeholder Survey: Colorado Academic Accelerator Program Grant – Due Nov. 17

CDE is seeking input from a variety of stakeholders across Colorado to help develop the new Colorado Academic Accelerator Program grant, which will support student learning in STEM in community learning centers during out-of-school time programs.

[Click here to complete the Stakeholder Survey](#). The survey will take no more than 10 minutes to complete and will close on Friday, Nov. 17.

Stakeholder Focus Groups:

The focus groups will be offered next week (Nov. 13-17). Each 60-minute session will be virtual and not recorded. Register for a focus group with one of the following links:

- [Monday, Nov. 13, 11am](#)
- [Monday, Nov. 13, 1pm](#)
- [Tuesday, Nov. 14, 9:30am](#)
- [Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1pm](#)
- [Friday, Nov. 17, 10am](#)

Questions? Contact COAAP@cde.state.co.us

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