



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Higher Education Programs

Dear Educational Opportunity Centers Participants:

As you know, the Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Program provides Federal financial assistance in the form of discretionary grants to: (a) institutions of higher education; (b) public and private agencies and organizations including community-based organizations with experience in serving disadvantaged youth; (c) secondary schools; and (d) combinations of such institutions, agencies and organizations. The specific goal of the EOC Program is to help youth and adults from disadvantaged backgrounds complete secondary education and enroll in programs of postsecondary education; and to publicize the availability of, and facilitate the application for, student financial assistance for persons who seek to pursue postsecondary education. EOC Program grantees are required to submit performance reports to collect consistent project data from all grantees.

The Department uses the information collected to make decisions on whether to issue non-competing continuation grants to funded grantees under the EOC Program. In addition, the information contained in the report is used to assess prior experience points during the competitive cycle of the program. The TRIO Programs Annual Performance Report (APR) System collects program-level data for annual reporting.

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In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law No. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. 552a), you are hereby notified that the Department of Education is authorized to collect information to implement the Educational Opportunity Centers Program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Pub. Law 102-325, Sec. 402F). The principal purpose for collecting this information is to administer the program, including tracking and evaluating projects' progress in meeting approved goals and objectives. The information that is collected on this form will be retained in the program files and may be released to other Department officials in the performance of their official duties.

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Sincerely,

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