



The U.S. Department of Education today announced the award of more than \$28.8 million in grants to 42 states to cover a portion of the fees charged to low-income students for taking advanced placement (AP) tests.

Based on the anticipated number of test-takers and other factors, the grants under the [Advanced Placement Test Fee Program](#) are expected to be sufficient to pay all but \$10 of the cost of each advanced placement exam taken by low-income students. States may opt to require students to pay a portion of the costs.

"This Administration has taken unprecedented steps to boost college- and career readiness for our young people, especially first-generation college goers," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said. "Participation in Advanced Placement courses gives these students a jump start in college by challenging them to develop stronger study and critical-thinking skills. These grants will eliminate some financial roadblocks and enable more minority students to gain access to rigorous AP courses, which will help them succeed in today's knowledge economy."

By subsidizing test fees for low-income students, the program is intended to encourage those students to take AP tests and obtain college credit for high school courses, reducing the time and cost required to complete a postsecondary degree.

The grants can be used to help pay for low-income students taking approved AP tests administered by the College Board, the International Baccalaureate Organization and Cambridge International Examinations. Levels of funding per state were determined on the basis of state estimates of the numbers of tests that would be taken by low-income students. Following is a list of the grant recipients.

The Advanced Placement Test Fee grants program is administered by the Office of Elementary

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and Secondary Education. For additional information on the program and these new awards, visit <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/apfee/index.html> .

Below is the list of 2013 Discretionary Grants for the Advanced Placement Test Fee Program:

State Applicant Amount

AK State of Alaska Department of Education & Early Development \$13,235
AL Alabama Department of Education \$252,130
AZ Arizona Department of Education \$701,728
CA California Department of Education \$10,757,186
CO Colorado Department of Education \$701,150
CT Connecticut State Department of Education \$334,680
DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education \$42,000
DE Delaware Department of Education \$60,750
HI Hawaii State Department of Education \$99,330
IA Iowa Department of Education \$59,175
ID Idaho State Department of Education \$76,500
IL Illinois State Board of Education \$2,191,745
IN Indiana Department of Education \$471,134
KS Kansas State Department of Education \$99,000
KY Kentucky Department of Education \$473,640
LA Louisiana Department of Education \$158,085
MA Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \$525,874
MD Maryland State Department of Education \$709,357
ME State of Maine, Department of Education \$80,415
MI Michigan Department of Education \$497,000
MO Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \$169,015
MS Mississippi Department of Education \$191,233
MT Montana Office of Public Instruction \$44,452
NC North Carolina Department of Public Instruction \$882,011
NE Nebraska Department of Education \$45,000
NH New Hampshire Department of Education \$23,055
NJ New Jersey Department of Education \$565,335
NM New Mexico Public Education Department \$144,500
NV Nevada Department of Education \$335,683
NY New York State Education Department \$2,807,665
OH Ohio Department of Education \$327,846
OR Oregon Department of Education \$381,510
PA Pennsylvania Department of Education \$610,970
RI Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, \$92,205
SD South Dakota Department of Education \$22,500
TN State of Tennessee \$344,613
TX Texas Education Agency \$2,364,204
VA Virginia Department of Education \$401,947
VI Virgin Islands Department of Education \$17,955
VT Vermont Agency of Education \$26,100

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WA Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction \$694,658

WV West Virginia Department of Education \$93,600

Totals \$28,890,171