

## **2008 PEP Grant Important Application Information**

The Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) is pleased to announce that Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant competition opens on February 15, 2008 and closes on March 24, 2008.

PEP grants support the initiation, expansion, and improvement of physical education programs (which may include after-school programs) in order to make progress toward meeting State standards for physical education for kindergarten through 12th grade students by (1) providing equipment and support to enable students to participate actively in physical education activities; and (2) providing funds for staff and teacher training and education.

A physical education program funded under PEP must provide for one or more of the following:

(1) Fitness education and assessment to help students understand, improve, or maintain their physical well-being.

(2) Instruction in a variety of motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental, and social or emotional development of every student.

(3) Development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skills and physical fitness that support a lifelong healthy lifestyle.

(4) Opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activity participation.

(5) Instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition.

(6) Opportunities for professional development for teachers of physical education to stay abreast of the latest research, issues, and trends in the field of physical education.

We will also award five (5) additional points for novice applicants.

For the first time in FY 2008, applicants are invited to undertake a self-assessment process utilizing the Physical Activity Programs and Nutrition Services modules of the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention's School Health Index (SHI). Additional information about this invitational priority, as well as resources can be found in the application package.

Eligible applicants are local educational agencies and community-based organizations. Grantees with current and active grants are not eligible to apply for a grant in FY 2008.

The Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools will offer three 1.5 hour audio conference calls during which staff will take questions from prospective applicants on topics including eligibility requirements, application requirements and the peer review process. These calls will be held on:

February 22, 2008: 1:30-3 PM ET  
February 28, 2008: 2:30-4:00 PM ET  
March 4, 2008: 2:00- 3:30 PM ET.

Information on accessing these calls, as well as the full application package, will be posted on:  
<<http://www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/applicant.html>>  
. You can also access the application at:  
<<http://www.grants.gov>>.

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