



## Fiscal Year 2020 SRSA Application Update

*Based on feedback from small, rural school districts, the U.S. Department of Education simplified the application process for fiscal year 2020 Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) awards.*

### Updates to the new SRSA application:

- The simplified process relies on a single platform to gather applicant information.
- The new application process is estimated to take **no more than 30 minutes to complete**.
- Eligible school districts will access the application through a *unique link* that will be sent via email invitation to school district contacts provided by state educational agencies.
- The approximately 2,500 school districts that are eligible for the SRSA and Rural Low-Income School (RLIS) program (dual-eligible districts) will receive enhanced guidance on how to choose between SRSA and RLIS, including award estimates for both RLIS and SRSA, in the email invitation.
- In order to prepare for the application, districts will need access to the following information:
  - Contact information for the School District:
    - Name and address
    - Authorized Representative
    - Secondary Contact
  - Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
  - A current General Education Provision Act (GEPA) statement (verify statement is on file or submit in the application).
- Each applicant will receive a confirmation email that includes a summary of responses for their school district to keep for their records and directions for next steps.

### Important Dates:

- February 3, 2020: SRSA application invitation sent to eligible school districts via email.
- February 4, March 19, and April 2, 2020: Department-hosted webinars for school districts (invitations forthcoming).
- February 6, 2020: Demonstration of the application process at the [National ESEA Conference](#) in Atlanta, Georgia.
- April 17, 2020: SRSA application period closes.