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The following message is forwarded from the U.S. Department of Education, and includes important information about REAP.

The upcoming Fiscal Year 2021 SRSA Application's New Features and Reminders

The annual application for the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grant will be available to more than 4,000 SRSA-eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) in February 2021. Each LEA eligible to apply will receive an email, directed to the LEA's **Authorized Representative** listed on the FY 2021 Master Eligibility Spreadsheet, which will be posted [here](#) when available. To ensure the appropriate LEA staff member receives the application link, the Authorized Representative can be changed by emailing REAP@ed.gov or the link can be forwarded to another staff member.

Last year, the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) implemented grantee-provided feedback to reduce the application completion time, now estimated at 30 minutes. Although 96 percent of applicants approved of the FY 2020 SRSA application, the REAP team remains committed to continuous program improvements based on grantee feedback. To further streamline the application process, an **LEA's Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number** will now auto-populate into their FY 2021 SRSA application. The REAP team also encourages LEA's to check their System for Award Management (SAM) registration status prior to applying by entering the LEA's DUNS number into the [SAM Status Tracker](#).

All applicants will be required to submit a current **General Education Provision Act (GEPA) statement**. If the LEA submitted a GEPA statement on the FY 2020 SRSA application, it will auto-populate into the FY 2021 SRSA application and the statement can be updated if needed. If the LEA did not include a GEPA statement on the FY 2020 SRSA application, the field will be blank on the FY 2021 SRSA application and a new statement must be submitted. Please note the GEPA statement is the LEA's explanation of how it will use SRSA funds to address barriers to access and participation in SRSA programs based on any federally protected categories, such as race, gender, national origin, socioeconomic status, disability, or age. A guide on writing GEPA statements, which includes GEPA statements previously submitted to the Department by SRSA grantees that were reviewed and determined to be sufficient, can be found [here](#).

As always, you may direct any questions regarding REAP to REAP@ed.gov. Please send other questions to Kim Watkins-Foote (Kimberly.Watkins-Foote@ed.gov) or Adam Honeysett (Adam.Honeysett@ed.gov).

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