

September 27, 2019

Dear District Administrator:

On September 17, 2019, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) notified states of the available application for 2019 Temporary Emergency Impact Aid program. The 2019 Emergency Impact Aid program will provide assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and non-public schools that have enrolled students displaced during the 2018-19 school year by Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and other disasters or emergencies declared during the 2018-19 school year under section 401 or 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act. View this document for a full list of all covered disasters or emergencies: [2019 Eligible Disasters List](#).

Under the Emergency Impact Aid program, ED will award grants to eligible state education agencies (SEAs) on the basis of quarterly counts of displaced students. SEAs will provide payments to eligible LEAs to assist with the cost of educating students who were displaced by a covered disaster or emergency during the 2018-19 school year and who were enrolled in public schools, including charter schools, and non-public schools. LEAs and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools must submit applications to SEAs in order to be eligible.

**In order to meet the federal statutory deadline, LEAs must submit applications to DPI by October 14, 2019.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

1. LEAs are not required to apply for these funds. Applying for these funds does not guarantee funding.
2. LEAs that receive Impact Aid Basic Support Payments may not include a child already counted in that formula towards displaced students generating Emergency Impact Aid.
3. The LEA application for Emergency Impact Aid must be received by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) by October 14, 2019 as per federal requirement. There will be a period in which LEA data can be amended after October 14, 2019.
4. LEAs must maintain a list of students, along with relevant data, for auditing purposes.
5. The DPI ESSA Ombudsman will provide non-public schools with notification of this application. The non-public schools will provide LEAs with the data necessary to complete the non-public portion of the application.

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Is my district serving potentially eligible students?**

A student is eligible if he/she resided in a designated county during an eligible qualifying event seven days prior to a declaration of a major disaster or emergency. Refer to the person(s) in your district such as homeless liaisons, counselors, principals, etc. who know of students that moved from these areas. Find out each student's county of origin. Then see the list of eligible disasters on <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/eia/eligibility.html>.

**What is the definition of “displaced students”?**

Displaced students are students who:

- resided in an area for which the federal government later declared a major disaster or emergency related to a covered disaster or emergency seven days prior to the date that the major disaster or emergency was declared for the area; and
- as a result of their displacement by a covered disaster or emergency, are enrolled in an elementary school or secondary school other than the school that the student was enrolled in, or was eligible to be enrolled in, on the date that is one week prior to the date that the major disaster or emergency was declared for the area.

This definition can also include students who, on the date a count is taken, are enrolled in a school in their original LEA but, because of the impact of one of the covered disasters or emergencies, are not in their original school.

**Were students that moved from qualifying disaster counties/states enrolled in my district on one or more of the following dates?**

- Quarter 1: October 1, 2018
- Quarter 2: December 1, 2018
- Quarter 3: February 1, 2019
- Quarter 4: April 1, 2019

Students MUST have been enrolled in the LEA on this date; otherwise, the LEA may not include the student in the data submitted to DPI.

This is a formula grant, and the aid, per student, is as follows:


- \$8,500 (student not having a disability and not English learner);
- \$9,000 (English learner); or
- \$10,000 (student with a disability).

The final award may be pro-rated if total requests exceed the federal appropriation.

LEAs must submit a request to apply to the Emergency Impact Aid program by completing the Google form by following this link: <https://forms.gle/QY4hqdz4YpbeUZxq9>. LEAs will be required to submit student-level data for the Emergency Impact Aid program. After the LEA completes the Google form, the LEA contact listed in the Google form will receive an email from Clara Pfeiffer through a secure portal with an Excel spreadsheet that must be completed with student-level data and a certification form that must be signed. Submitting this information through a secure portal is essential in order to protect personally identifiable information.

For questions about the application process, please contact Susan Piazza, Director of Student Services/Prevention and Wellness, at [susan.piazza@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:susan.piazza@dpi.wi.gov) or (608) 266-5198, or visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/disasterrelief> for more information.

Sincerely,



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