

# Education for Homeless Children and Youth Acknowledgment of Understanding

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## Instructions

This acknowledgment of understanding should be reviewed and signed by the LEA's Program Manager, or whomever functions in that capacity. It should then be maintained in the grant's permanent file.

Beginning March 1, 2010, a certification checklist should be attached to each non-payroll related ARRA expenditure that is greater than \$2,500. The checklist should be reviewed and signed by the LEA's Program Manager, or whomever functions in that capacity. No payments should be processed for expenditures that exceed \$2,500 unless the signed checklist is attached.

If the expenditure is for payroll, the certification checklist should be completed once and placed in the individual's personnel file.

## Acknowledgment

*I certify that I understand that the purpose of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth ARRA grant is to ensure that all homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education available to other children, the Education for Homeless Children and Youth program provides assistance to States, Outlying Areas, and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to: (1) establish or designate an Office of Coordinator of Education of Homeless Children and Youths; (2) develop and carry out a State plan for the education of homeless children; and (3) make subgrants to local educational agencies to support the education of those children. I certify that I understand that LEAs may not use these funds to provide services to homeless students who are attending private schools.*

*I certify that I understand that the following are example activities that are allowed under the Education for Homeless Children and Youth ARRA grant. No expenditures will be made using these funds unless they are for an activity that is allowed by the grant.*

- ◇ Supplemental educational services (ex. Tutoring) and/or the provision of pupil services
- ◇ Expedite evaluations for various educational services or health referral services
- ◇ Professional development activities for educators and pupil services personnel working with homeless students
- ◇ Defraying the excess cost of transportation in order to enable students to attend the school of origin
- ◇ Early childhood education programs for pre-school-aged homeless children
- ◇ Services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youth and unaccompanied youth in public school programs
- ◇ Before and after school mentoring and summer programs with educational activities
- ◇ Payment of fees and costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records of homeless children and youth
- ◇ Education and training for parents of homeless children and youth about rights and resources
- ◇ Development of coordination between schools and agencies providing services
- ◇ Activities to address needs that may arise from domestic violence, including adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for non-school facilities to provide domestic violence-related services
- ◇ Provision of school supplies
- ◇ Extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless students to attend school

*I certify that all expenditures made using ARRA grant funds will be in agreement with the plan submitted to and accepted by the Arkansas Department of Education.*

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**Signature**

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**Title**

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**Date**

**Education for Homeless Children and Youth Certification Checklist**

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**Summary**

*I certify that I understand that the purpose of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth ARRA grant is to ensure that all homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education available to other children, the Education for Homeless Children and Youth program provides assistance to States, Outlying Areas, and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to: (1) establish or designate an Office of Coordinator of Education of Homeless Children and Youths; (2) develop and carry out a State plan for the education of homeless children; and (3) make subgrants to local educational agencies to support the education of those children. I certify that I understand that LEAs may not use these funds to provide services to homeless students who are attending private schools. Generally, funds should be used for short-term projects that have the potential for long-term benefits, rather than for expenditures the LEAs may not be able to sustain once the ARRA funds are expended.*

**Allowable Activities**

I certify that I understand that the following are activities that are allowed under the ARRA Education for Homeless Children and Youth grant. I have indicated by checkmark the category that best describes the expenditure. If the attached expenditure does not fall in one of the categories listed but is an allowable activity, I will provide a description of the activity below.

- Supplemental educational services (ex. Tutoring) and/or the provision of pupil services
- Expedite evaluations for various educational services or health referral services
- Professional development activities for educators and pupil services personnel working with homeless students
- Defraying the excess cost of transportation in order to enable students to attend the school of origin
- Early childhood education programs for pre-school-aged homeless children
- Services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youth and unaccompanied youth in public school programs
- Before and after school mentoring and summer programs with educational activities
- Payment of fees and costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records of homeless children and youth
- Education and training for parents of homeless children and youth about rights and resources
- Development of coordination between schools and agencies providing services
- Activities to address needs that may arise from domestic violence, including adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for non-school facilities to provide domestic violence-related services
- Provision of school supplies
- Extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless students to attend school:  
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- Payroll:** I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (name) will be paid using ARRA funds for the allowable activities indicated above, beginning \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

*I attest that the expenditure agrees with the plan submitted to and accepted by the Arkansas Department of Education.*

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*Signature*
*Title*
*Date*