



**Nevada Department of Education**  
**2019-2020 National ESEA Distinguished Schools Recognition Program**  
**Instructions for Developing the Application**

***Purpose:***

The purpose of the 2019-2020 National ESEA Distinguished Schools Recognition Program, a project of the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators, is to recognize qualifying schools receiving federal funding from each state for their outstanding achievements in education. Each state may select a maximum of two qualifying schools with no more than one school per category:

- *Category 1:* Exceptional student performance for two consecutive years;
- *Category 2:* Closing the achievement gap between student groups; and
- *Category 3:* Excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g., homeless, migrant, English learners, etc.)

***Selection Criteria:***

The Nevada Department of Education will send invitations to apply for recognition through the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program to qualifying schools based on the current year Star Rating. NDE will convene a review team to evaluate the applications. The top six applicants will be invited to interview with the NDE review team. The review team will determine two schools to be recognized as National ESEA Distinguished Schools, with the remaining four schools recognized as Nevada ESEA Distinguished Schools.

Please use one-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font when completing the application, with a maximum total of 5 pages.

***Timeline:***

- **September 18, 2019-** Invitation to apply sent to qualifying schools for Category 1 and 2; and to districts for Category 3 nominations
- **October 10, 2019-** Completed application due to NDE (send to [rhutchins@doe.nv.gov](mailto:rhutchins@doe.nv.gov))
- **October 11-20, 2019-** Application review
- **October 21, 2019-** Invite 6 finalists to an interview with the review team
- **November 4-7, 2019-** Conduct interviews
- **November 30, 2019-** Official NDE announcement of 2019-2020 National ESEA Distinguished Schools awardees