

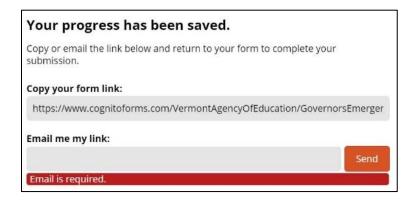
# **GEER EANS Application Prereading**

#### **Introduction and Overview**

This <u>webform</u> will allow you to apply for the Governor's Emergency Education Response Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (GEER EANS) program.

### **Directions for Completing Application**

- Before you begin the application, please review <u>Memo: GEER EANS Application for Independent Schools</u> and have your FY20 total student enrollment and low-income student data available.
- 2. Please make sure to read each section carefully and answer all questions. If an answer is required, you will not be able to continue through the application without completing. If you have any questions about the application, please contact <a href="AOE.geereans@vermont.gov">AOE.geereans@vermont.gov</a>.
- 3. To stop and return to the application at a later time, click SAVE on your most recent page. Each time you click SAVE you will be prompted to provide your email. You will then be emailed a link to use to return to your application at any time from where you left off. The pop-up message you will receive will appear like this:



This application includes 12 sections:

- 1. Overview of Program
- 2. Eligible Applicants
- 3. Independent School Eligibility
- 4. Required School Data
- 5. Other COVID-19 Emergency Funding
- 6. Student Enrollment Data and Allocations
- 7. Allowable Costs and Program Requirements
- 8. Directions for Completing Expense Requests
- 9. Previous Expenses Requests for Reimbursement

#### **Contact Information:**

If you have questions about this document or would like additional information please contact: GEER EANS Team, Agency of Education AOE.geereans@vermont.gov

- 10. Future Expenses Requests for Reimbursement
- 11. Provision of Services and Goods Requests Through the Agency of Education
- 12. Assurances and Signature

DUE DATE: April 30, 2021 (4 p.m.)

## **Overview of Program**

The purpose of the GEER EANS program is to provide services or assistance to eligible independent schools to address educational disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Total funds available for eligible independent schools: \$4,084,000.

Federal Award Period: March 13, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2023.

Each school will receive an allocation based on total student enrollment and an additional amount based on low-income student enrollment.

The amount per pupil is: \$561.03

The additional amount per low-income student is: \$280.55

Agency Administering Program: Agency of Education

Allowable Costs:

- Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems
- Training and professional development for staff on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases
- Physical barriers to facilitate social distancing
- Other materials, supplies or equipment recommended by the CDC for reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain health and safety
- Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
- Educational technology
- Redeveloping instructional plans for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
- Leasing sites or spaces to ensure social distancing
- Reasonable transportation costs
- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss

## **Eligible Applicants**

To be eligible for GEER EANS an independent school must meet the following criteria.

- 1. The school requesting services or assistance is a non-profit school.
- 2. The school requesting services or assistance is a kindergarten, elementary or secondary approved or recognized independent school that has been authorized to operate, and has



maintained this status, in accordance with VT State law and the VT State Board of Education Rules.

- 3. The school requesting services or assistance existed and operated prior to March 13, 2020.
- 4. The school requesting services or assistance did not and will not apply for and receive a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) (15 U.S.C. 636(a) (37)) that is made on or after Dec. 27, 2020.

Please note: a school is eligible if they received a PPP loan *prior* to Dec. 27, 2020, but they must assure that none of the services or assistance they request through GEER EANS has already been supported by a loan under the PPP.

For more information regarding the interaction between PPP loans and GEER EANS, please refer to Questions C-6, C-12 and C-13 in the <u>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)</u>.