



SSES Updates

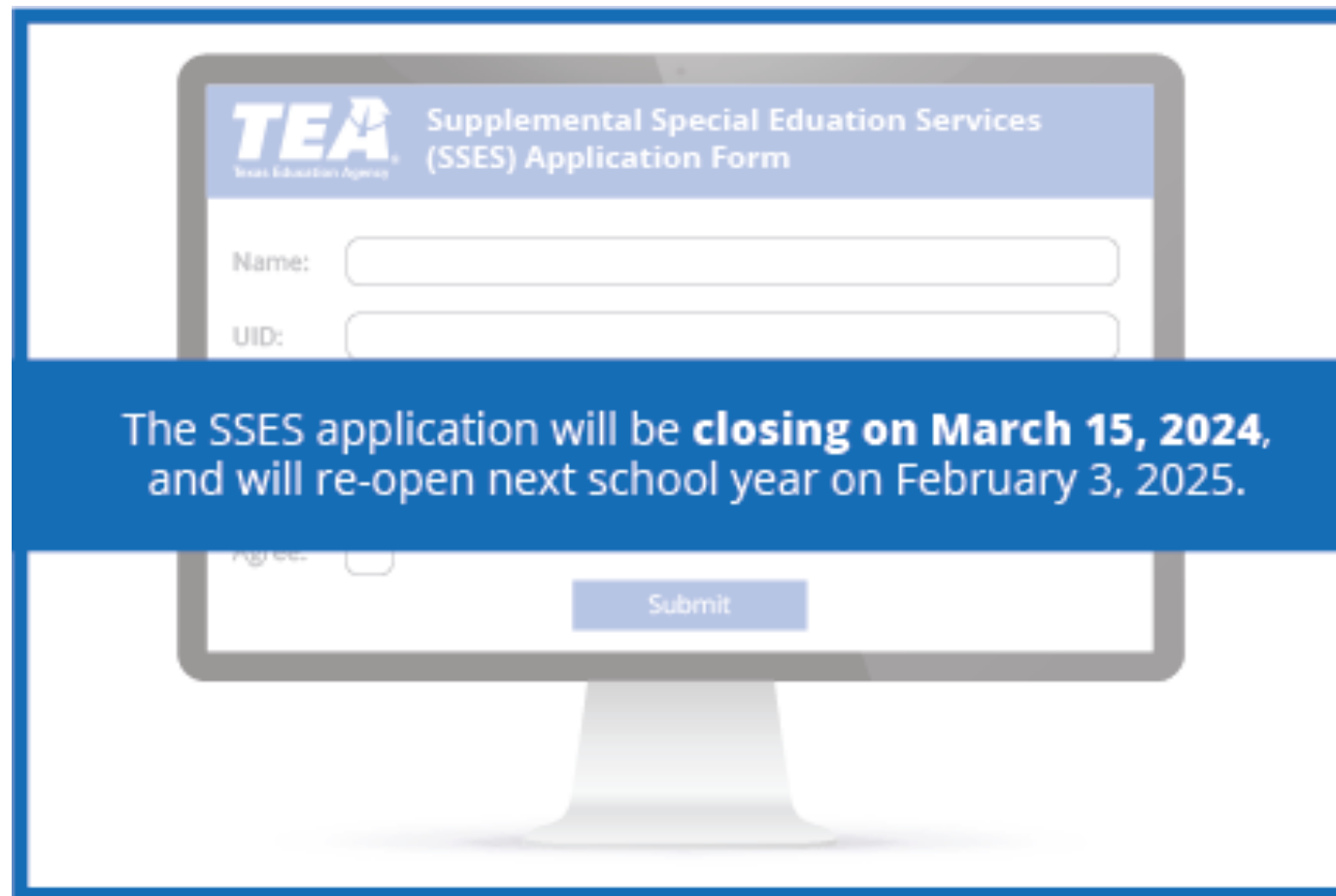
December Special Education Webinars

Agenda

- Application Closing and Application Window
- SSES+ Medically Fragile – Program Ending
- LEA & TEA Communications
- Important SSES Timelines

The SSES Application is Closing for the 2023-24 School Year:

The SSES application will be **closing on March 15, 2024**, and will re-open next school year on February 3, 2025. The SSES program has not changed, and this is still a one-time grant. If families have previously received an SSES account, they will not be eligible to apply next school year.



6-Week Application Window:

Purpose of Moving to an Application Window:

1. **Better user experience** – overall families have a better understanding of the timelines and streamlined communications
2. **More predictable** – with application windows we should have shorter or no waitlist
3. **ARD committee communication** – Because the application opens and closes each year, schools and ARD committees will be able to pull reports to know which students have already taken advantage of the SSES program; and schools will be able to notify eligible families who have not yet applied
4. **Current data** – uses the most updated data to process applications based off when fall snapshot is available and family contact information remains up to date and current
5. **Increased transparency** – funding cycles will have a set amount each year

SSES+ Medically Fragile Program Ending:

SSES + Medically
Fragile specific
program funds expire
in early 2025.

Last chance for families
to apply is before the
application closes on
March 15, 2024.

Families will have
plenty of time to
spend their funds –
December 6, 2024.

Application Closing & SSES+ Medically Fragile Program Ending:

Program Communications on TEA Website:

- General website information updated
- On the application page
- Change/Update FAQs
- SSES+ Medically Fragile FAQs to update application closing and program ending

External Stakeholders:

- ESC SpEd Directors Webinar – Dec. 5th
- LEA SpEd Directors Webinar – Dec. 14th
- Series of Social Media posts from TEA account:
 - Countdown to Application Closing
 - SSES+ Medically Fragile Program Ending

All TEA Website Communications will be Updated on Dec. 15th

Please do not communicate these messages to stakeholders until after this date to give time to ensure all SSES Team members at ESC 10 have ample time to review new FAQs and programmatic changes.

TEA will provide LEAs with a list of eligible students left to apply by January 5, 2024 - this list will indicate if the student is also eligible for SSES+ Medically Fragile.



TEA will provide a letter for LEAs to send out to families with information about the SSES application closing and the SSES+ Medically Fragile program ending.



Important SSES Timelines:

