

# EPA School Bus Grant Opportunities

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# EPA Open Grant Opportunities

- #1: [2021 American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) Electric School Bus Rebates](#)
- #2: [2021 DERA School Bus Rebate Program](#)

- **Rebate Application Form and Supporting Documents**
- [2021 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act \(DERA\) School Bus Rebates Program Guide \(pdf\)](#)
- [2021 DERA School Bus Rebates Application \(pdf\)](#)
  - Please right-click to save the application pdf to your computer and then open in [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#). You may run into errors if trying to open the application in your web browser.
- [2021 DERA School Bus Rebates Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) - October 7, 2021 \(pdf\)](#)

# Key Differences

	ARP Electric School Bus Rebates	DERA School Bus Rebates
Eligible Applicants	Targeted eligibility to underserved school districts, tribal schools, and private fleets serving those schools.	All public school districts and private fleets serving those schools
Replacement Bus Fuel Type	Must be electric	Can be electric, diesel, gasoline, propane, or CNG buses meeting current emission standards
Bus Size	Old and new buses must be Type C or Type D school buses	Old and new buses must have Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) greater than 10,000 lbs
Rebate Amount	\$300,000 per bus for up to 4 buses for a maximum rebate amount of \$1.2 million	\$20,000 - \$65,000 per bus depending on fuel type of the replacement bus for up to 10 buses with a maximum rebate amount of \$300,000
Number of Applications	Eligible applicants can only submit 1 application	Eligible applicants with fleets larger than 100 school buses can submit up to 2 applications

**Rebate reimbursement  
is based on the fuel  
type of the  
replacement bus:**

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\$20,000 for diesel and gasoline

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\$25,000 for propane

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\$30,000 for CNG/LNG

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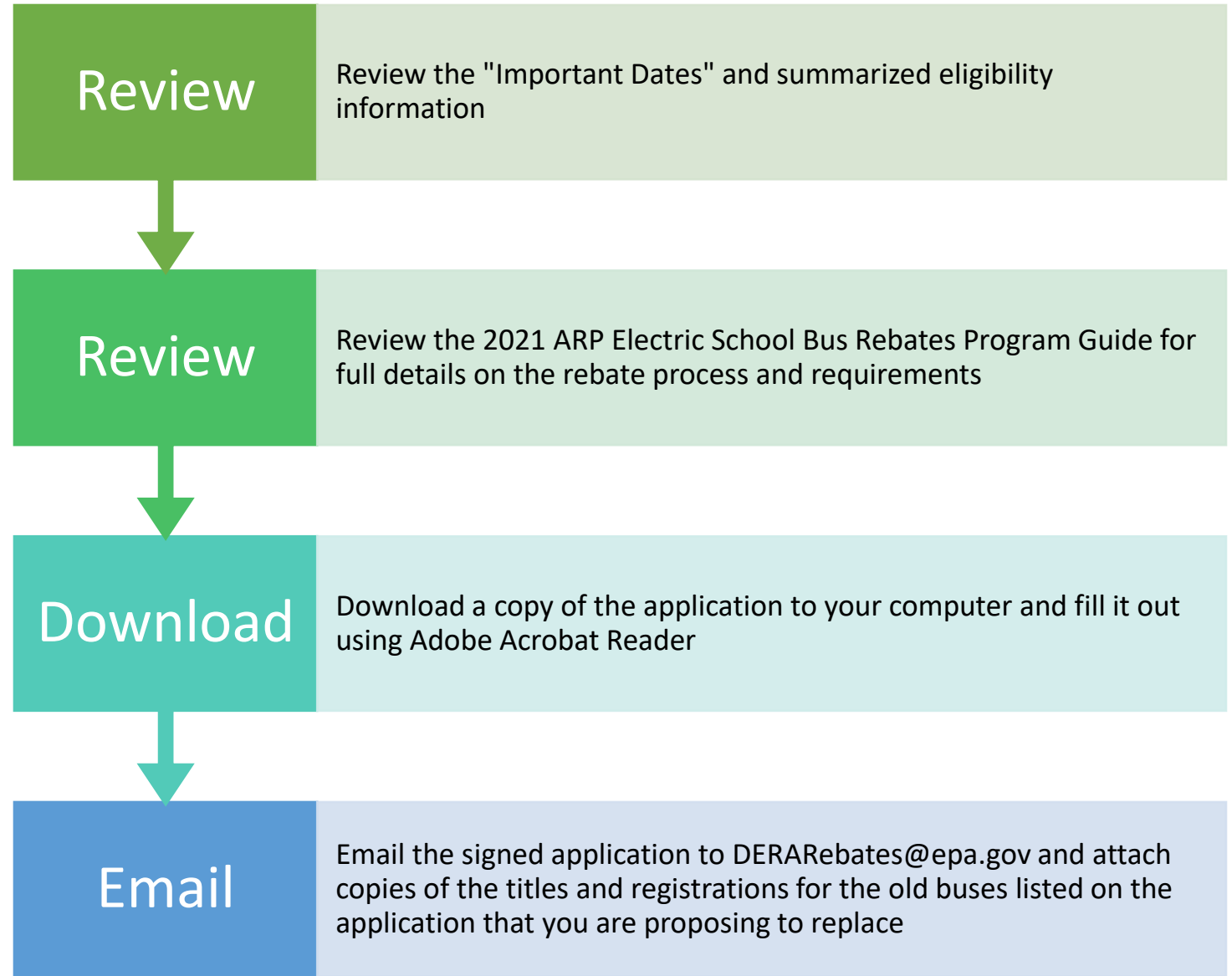
\$65,000 for battery or hydrogen electric

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Maximum rebate funding amount per  
application is \$300,000



# How To Apply



# Important Dates



Event	Date
Deadline for emailing applications with scans of bus titles and registrations to <a href="mailto:DERARebates@epa.gov">DERARebates@epa.gov</a>	4:00 PM EST Friday, November 5, 2021
Official selection letters emailed to selectees and list of applicants that were not selected posted online	January - February 2022 (Estimated)
Deadline for submitting copies of purchase orders for replacement buses and EV chargers	April 2022 (Estimated)
Deadline for submitting documentation of delivery of replacement buses and EV chargers and scrappage of old buses. EPA will send rebate payment within one month of receipt of complete materials.	September 2022 (Estimated)

# Eligible Applicants



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Regional, state, local, or tribal agency that has jurisdiction over transportation and air quality, **including public school districts and municipalities**

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Private entities that operate school buses under a contract with an entity listed above

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Fleets with up to 100 school buses may submit **one** application listing up to **10** buses for scrappage and replacement

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Fleets with more than 100 school buses may submit up to **two** rebate applications, each listing up to **10** different buses for scrappage and replacement

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# Eligible Old School Buses to be Replaced

Used to transport 10+ pre-primary, primary, or secondary school students to or from schools

Diesel school buses powered by a 2006 or older model year engine;

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,001 lbs or more;

Owned by the applicant or state government without any liens on the title;

Operational - Able to start, move in all directions, and have all operational parts; and

Have accumulated at least 10,000 or more miles transporting students over either the previous 12 months or calendar year (Jan.-Dec.) 2019, or been in use for at least four days per week on average transporting students between 9/1/2019 and 2/29/2020.



## Eligible Replacement Buses

Must not be ordered prior to receiving signed EPA selection letter;

Powered by a 2017 or newer model year engine, or operate solely on electricity;

Be purchased, **not** leased or leased-to-own;

Not funded with any other federal funds or Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds;

Operate in a similar manner and over similar routes as the original school bus; and

Meet Federal safety standards.

# Questions?

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