Higher Education Funding
Discretionary* Funding, Fiscal Years 2009-11

The President proposes to reduce higher education discretionary* spending in fiscal year 2011 by $180 million, or 4.4 percent. The budget plan includes increases in certain areas, such as Aid for Institutional Development, and cuts in spending elsewhere, such as scholarships and fellowships. In addition, the Administration proposes to shift Federal Pell Grants* to mandatory spending beginning in 2011; and to fold Teacher Quality Partnerships* and Teach for America* under a new program, Teacher and Leader Pathways, as part of its Elementary & Secondary Education Act reauthorization plan.

* Adjusted for comparability. Amounts for 2009-11 exclude Federal Pell Grants, which are proposed to be shifted to mandatory spending; and Teacher Quality Partnerships and Teach for America, which are folded into an Elementary & Secondary Education Act reauthorization proposal.

** Excludes funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Sources: U.S. Department of Education. Includes programs authorized under the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-315) and related programs. Excludes student aid administration. For more information, contact Tom Zembar at 202.822.7109 or TZembar@nea.org. Updated February 1, 2010.