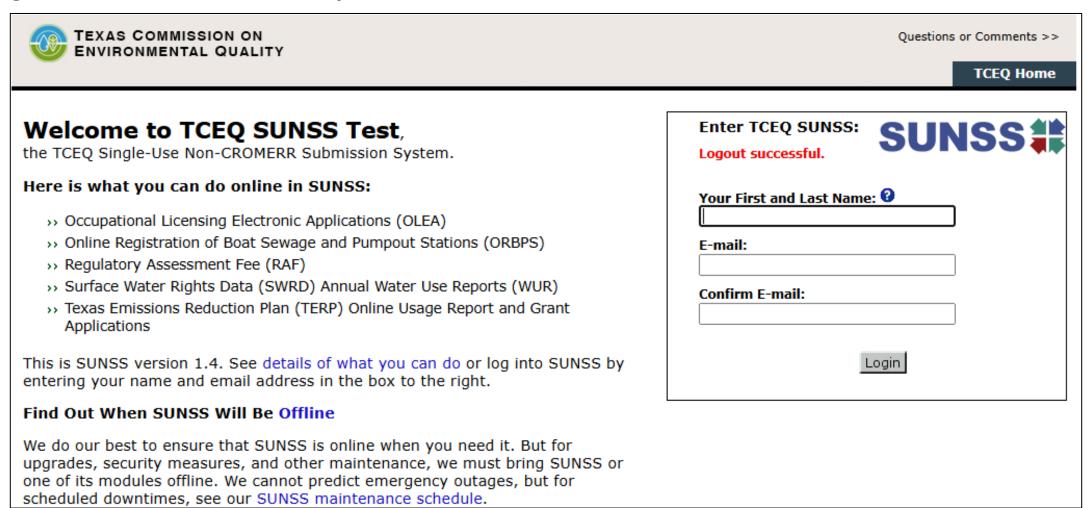


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### **Logging into SUNSS**

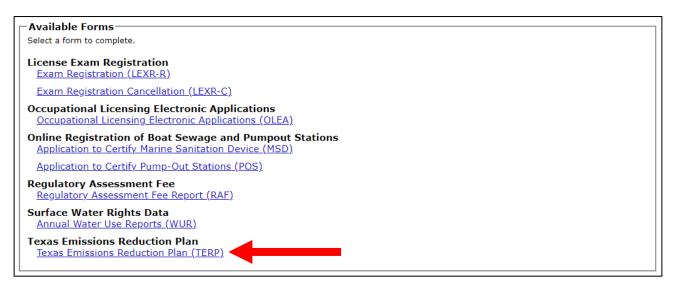
Log in to **SUNSS** with your first name, last name, and email.





### **Creating a New TERP Activity**

To begin the process of creating your TCSB online application, first you must create a new TERP Activity. Click on the link to **Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)**.



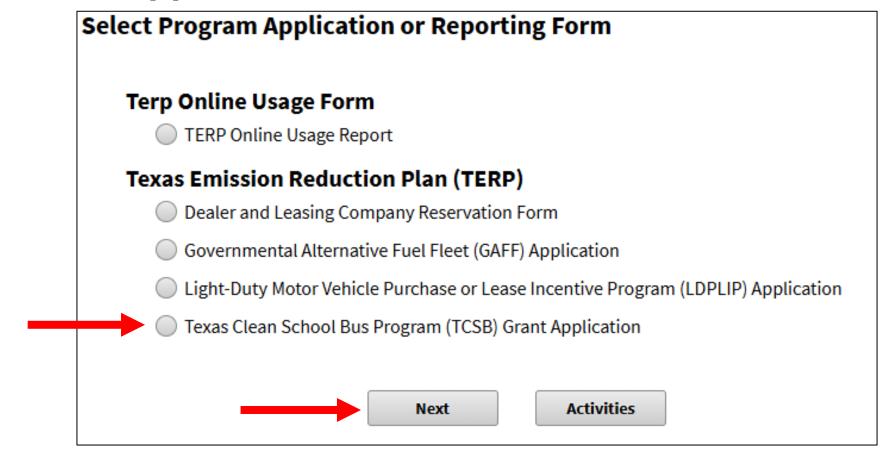
#### Click on **New TERP Activity**.





#### **Select Program Application**

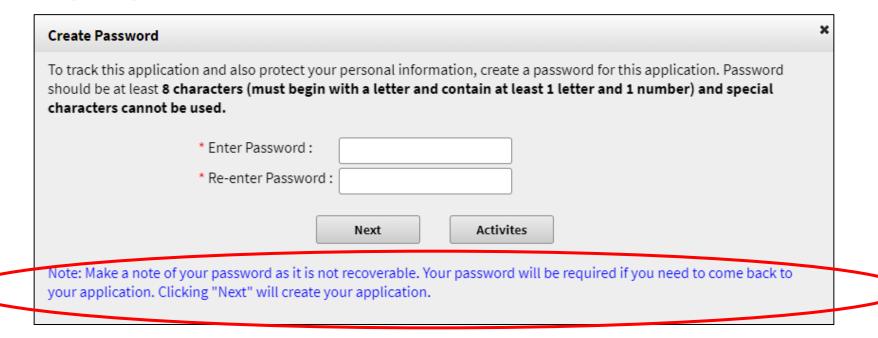
Select TCSB Application, then click Next.





#### **Creating an Application Password**

Create a unique password and then click Next.



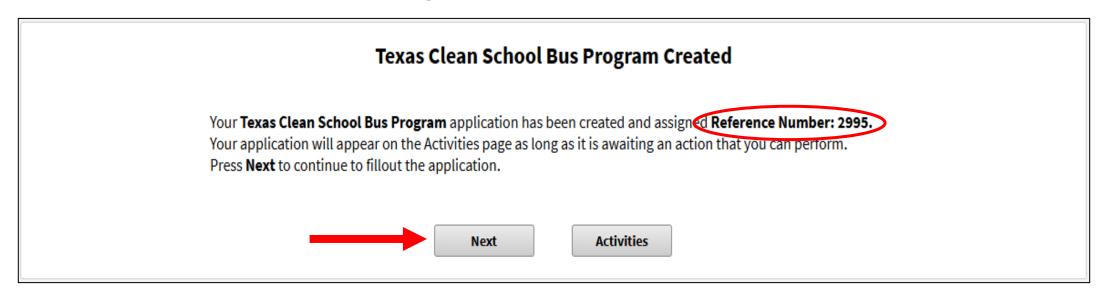
#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- Don't forget your password!
- You are unable to recover or reset it. If you forget your password, you will need to start over and create an entirely new application.



### **Creating an Application**

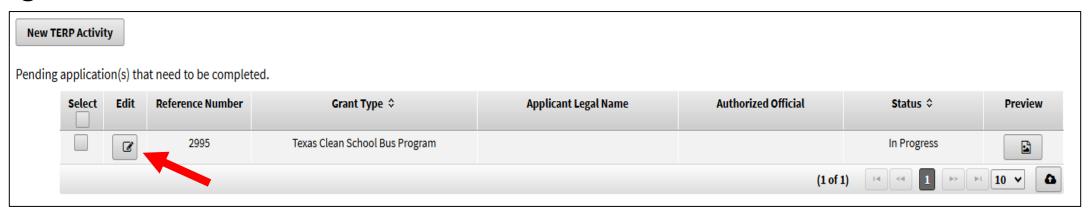
- Once you have created a password to a new TCSB application, a reference number will be assigned.
- Make note of this reference number along with your unique password.
- Click Next to start entering information into the application.





### **Editing an Application**

Click **Edit** and then enter the password to edit an application in progress.





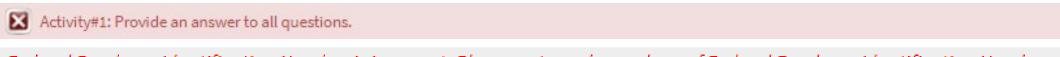


#### **Potential Warning or Error Messages**

• Yellow warning messages: Warns that something could be wrong in the application. Check the entry, if nothing is wrong, proceed with application.

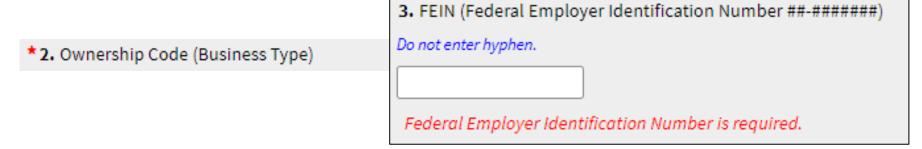
12100 PARK 35 CIR, AUSTIN, TX, 78753 address provided is not recognized by the US Postal Service. Please review the address with USPS.com and correct if necessary.

 Red error messages: Indicates an error in the application. The entry must be corrected to continue.



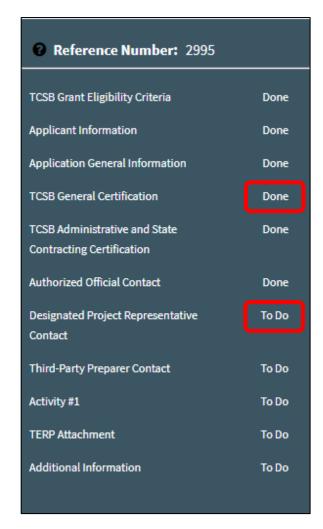
Federal Employer Identification Number is incorrect. Please enter only numbers of Federal Employer Identification Number

• Red asterisks: Indicates a mandatory question. Some questions will not be marked with asterisks but become mandatory depending on how the other question(s) are answered.





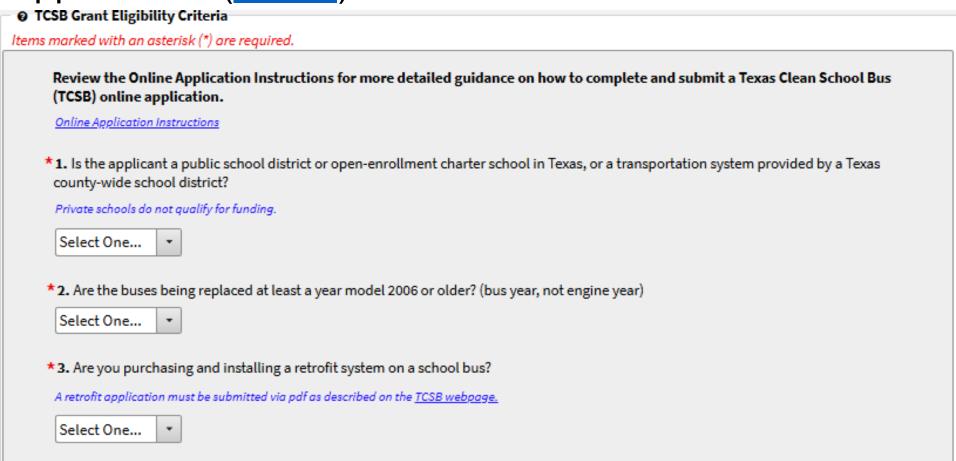
### **Navigating an Application**



- The menu bar on the left of the screen, shows you the different sections of the application.
- You are unable to jump forward in the application or skip sections. The application will automatically move to the next section once the current one is saved.
- The application is dynamic depending on the answers you provide; additional required sections may appear.
- A "Done" indicates the section is completed.
- A "To Do" message indicates that this section needs to be completed.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

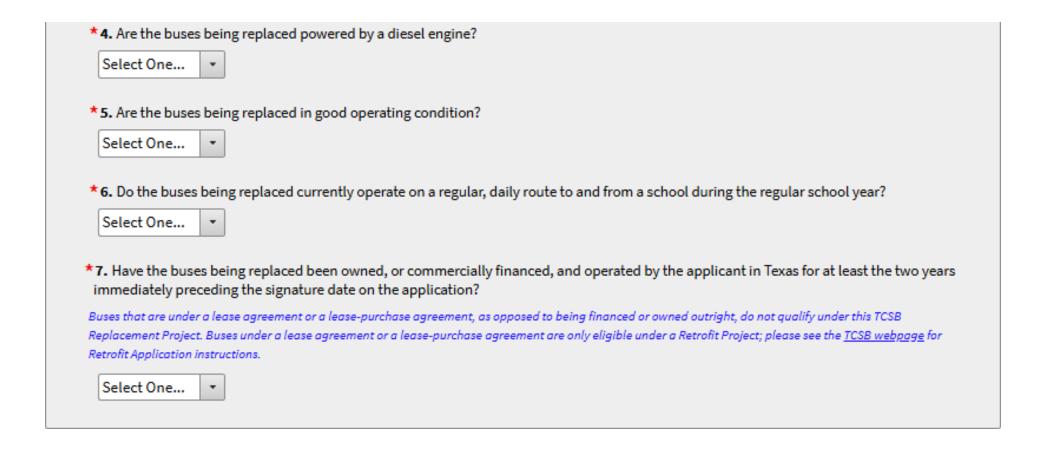
To determine if you are eligible, please reference the Request for Grant Applications (RFGA).





### **Eligibility Criteria (Continued)**

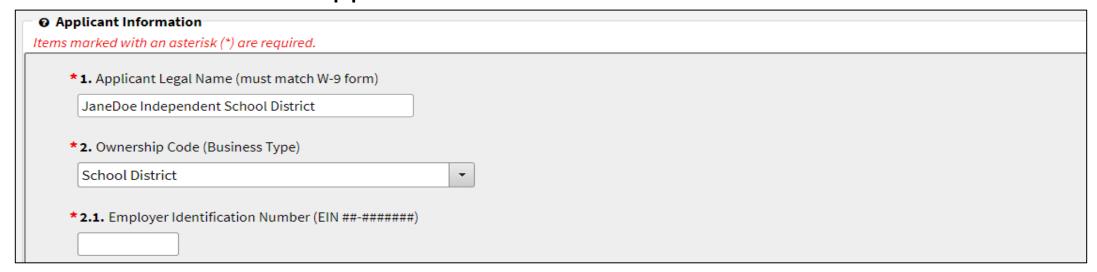
#### Requirements for current bus(es).





### **Applicant Information**

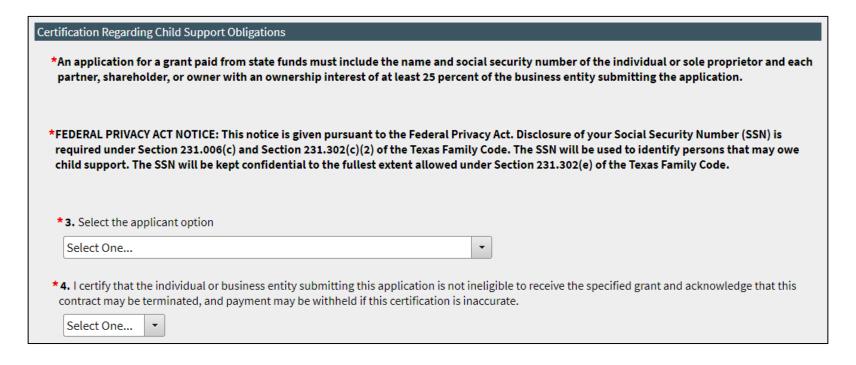
- Applicant Legal Name: Legal name of the grant applicant. This must match the name shown on IRS Form W-9.
- Ownership Code: Select from the drop-down list.
- Employer Identification Number (EIN): This nine-digit number, also referred to as a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), must match the W-9 referenced later in the application.





#### Certification of Eligibility to Receive a State-Funded Grant

- Applicant option: Select the applicable option from the drop-down menu.
- Certification statement: Select either Agree or Do Not Agree to the certification statement.





#### **Use of a Third-Party Preparer**

**Third-Party Preparer:** Select **Yes** or **No** to indicate if the online application is being filled out by a third-party preparer.

 If Yes is selected, please note that a required Third-Party Preparer Contact section will appear in the application menu.



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

If **Yes** is selected:

- The Third-Party Preparer (TPP) and Authorized Official (AO) must electronically sign the application.
- The TPP must share the SUNSS password they used to create the application with the AO.
- The AO will login with the name and email address listed in the application, using the password the TPP provided to complete their signature page.



### **Project & Fuel Type Selection**

- Project Fuel Type: This is the fuel type for the new bus.
- Percent of Annual Operations: If applying for multiple busses and they all operate in the same area, the answer should be yes.





### Primary Area & Usage Percentage

- Primary Area: Select the area(s) where the grant-funded equipment will be used.
  - Highlight the Area in the Available column, then click the "Add arrow" button to move it to the Selected column.
- Enter % in Area: Enter the usage percentage in the selected area.
  - Be sure to confirm that your intended county selection is listed in blue text.





### **Selection of Other for Primary Area**

If **Other** is selected for the Primary Area, enter the **Primary County of Operation**.





#### **TCSB General Certifications**

**General Certifications:** By selecting **Agree** to these certifications, you are certifying that you understand and certify compliance with the listed statements.

#### O TCSB General Certification

Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.

This section includes specific requirements and statements for funding under TCSB. These terms apply to any contract awarded by TCEQ from this application. The TCSB RFGA and the draft contract, located on the TCSB webpage, contain additional terms and conditions that the applicant should review before submitting an application.

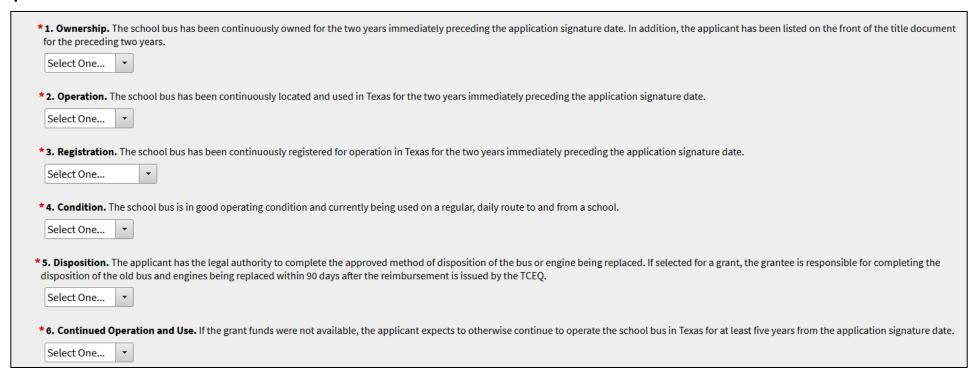
Click here for TCSB webpage

By signing this application, you understand and certify compliance with all the statements below, as well as with any state statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the application, acceptance, and use of funds for this project. If any of these certifications materially change after submittal of the application, you will provide prompt notification to TCEQ within three business days of becoming aware of the change. Failure to notify TCEQ and/or any changes to your certifications may make the application ineligible and may make any resulting contracts voidable.



### **TCSB General Certifications (Continued)**

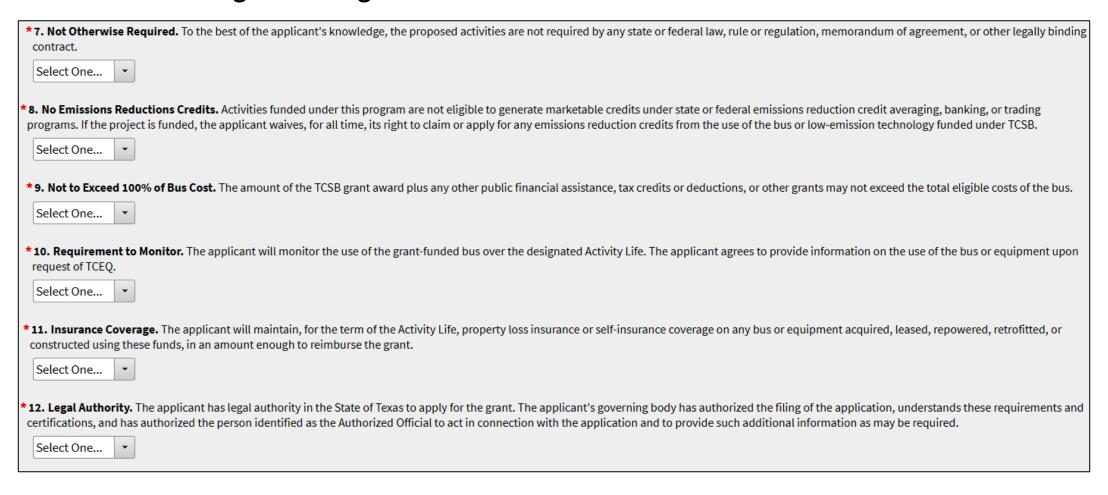
- Read through and agree to all the certifications.
- Continuous registration means no gaps in registration of more than 30 days.
  - Select No if there is a gap over 30 days in the previous two years and submit a waiver request for each bus.





### **TCSB General Certifications (Continued)**

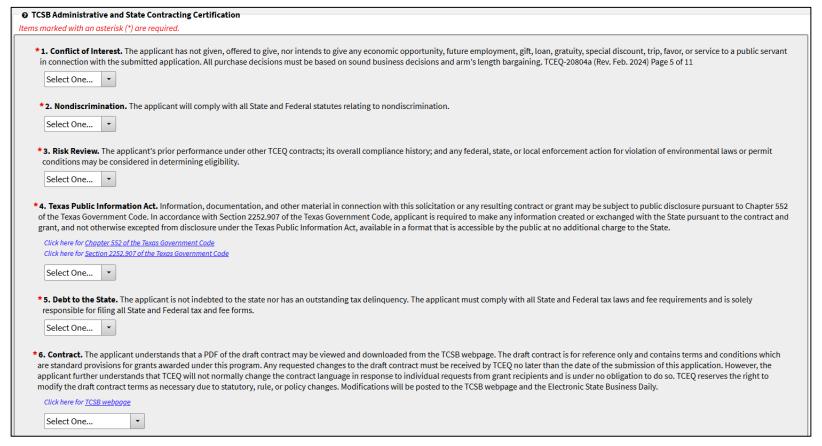
#### Please read through and agree to the certifications.





## TCSB Administrative and State Contracting Certifications

**Certifications:** By selecting **Agree** to these certifications, you are certifying that you understand and certify compliance with the listed statements.

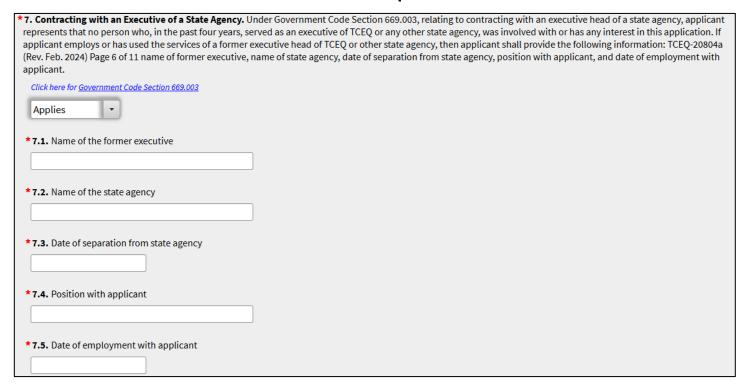




#### **Executive of a State Certification**

#### **Contracting with an Executive of a State Agency:**

- First, select Applies or Does Not Apply in the drop-down menu.
- If Does Not Apply is selected, move on to certification #8.
- If this Applies, then further information will be required.





### **Authorized Official (AO) Contact**

- AO has signing authority for changes to the contract.
- Enter all required fields with the AO information.
  - First & Last Name
  - Title
  - Email Address

- Primary Phone Number
- Mailing Address, including City, State,
   Zip Code, and County

#### Authorized Official Contact

Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.

\*The applicant or an employee who has legal authority to sign for or speak on behalf of the applicant.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THIRD-PARTY PREPARERS:**

Once you complete and electronically sign the application, the authorized official must log into SUNSS using the first name, last name, and email address that you entered on this screen.

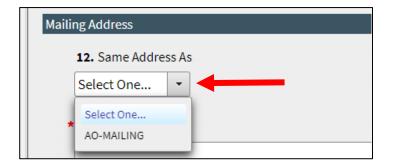


### Designated Project Representative (DPR) Contact

- The DPR will be the first point of contact for application questions.
- Enter all required fields with the DPR information.
  - First & Last Name
  - Title
  - Email Address



- Primary Phone Number
- Mailing Address, including City, State,
   Zip Code, and County



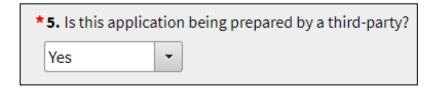
#### Please note:

If the DPR and AO are the same individual, select **AO-CONTACT** in the drop-down menu to copy the AO's contact information into the DPR fields. Under the Mailing Address section, select **AO-MAILING** to copy the AO's mailing address into the DPR fields.



### **Third-Party Preparer (TPP) Contact**

- The TPP can assist with the application process.
- Enter all required fields with the third-party preparer's (TPP) information.
  - Company Name
  - First & Last Name
  - Title



- Email Address
- Primary Phone Number
- Mailing Address, including City, State,
   Zip Code, and County



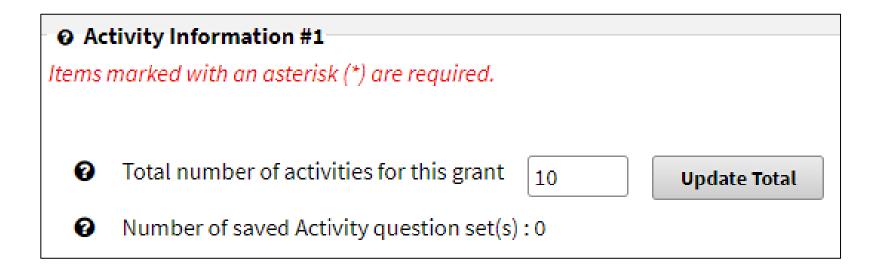
#### Please note:

This type of contact section will only appear and be required in your application if **Yes** was selected for question #5 listed under the Applicant Information section.



### **Activity Information**

Enter the total number of activities for this grant, then click **Update Total**.



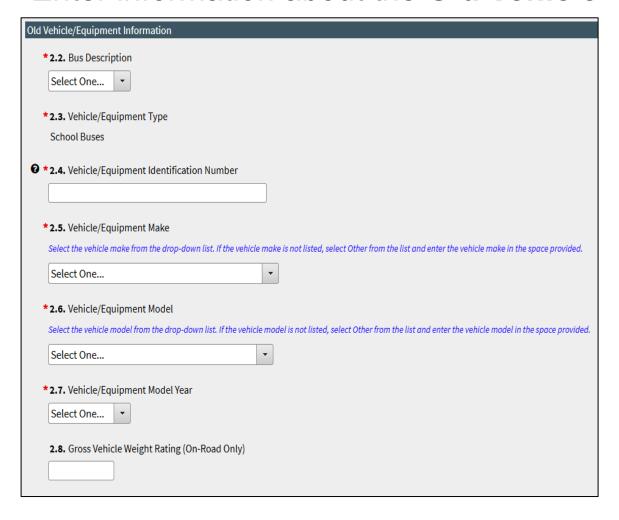
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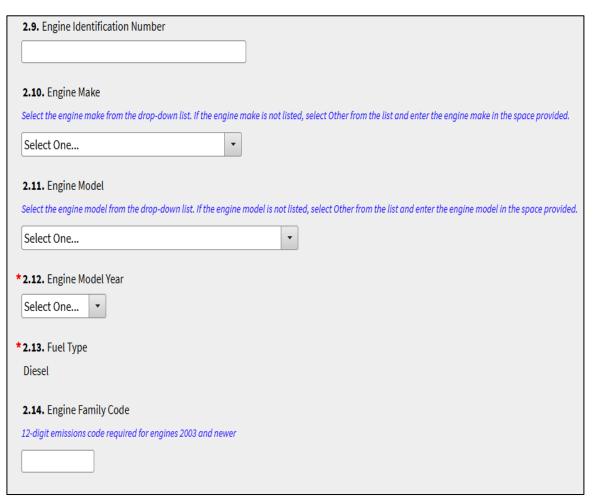
10 activities is the max number of activities per application. If you have more than 10 activities, an additional application(s) will be required.



### **Activity Entry**

#### Enter information about the Old Vehicle.







### **Activity Entry (Continued)**

- Daily route: Explain the route the bus takes to transport students to and from the school, including the city and county.
- Continuous Registration: For any bus(es) with a registration gap of more than 30 days, an applicant must submit a waiver request. These are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

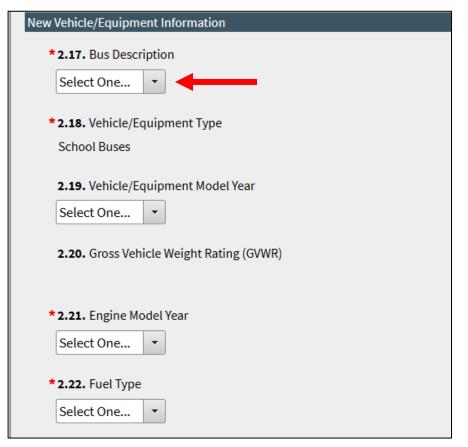
*2.15. Describe the current, daily route that the old school bus (i.e., the school bus being replaced) takes to and from school, including the cities and counties travelled between.
★2.16. Was the vehicle being replaced continuously registered in Texas for the past two years?
If not, waiver form must be filled out and uploaded for the registration requirement.
Select One 🔻

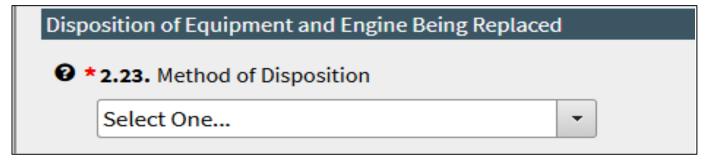


### **Activity Entry (Continued)**

#### Enter information about the **New Vehicle**:

The most common type of bus replacement project has the same old and new type bus. Refer to the Maximum Grant Amount Tables for allowable exceptions.





#### **Disposition Types:**

- Standard Disposition involves destroying the equipment in alignment with the requirements outlined in the RFGA.
- Alternative Disposition allows for the applicant to propose different destruction methods.
- Permanent Removal from North America cannot include Mexico or Canada.



#### **Grant Amounts by Vehicle Class**

#### TCEQ has established pre-determined grant amounts for Bus Types A through D:

#### School Bus Type A

A van conversion or body constructed utilizing a cutaway front-section vehicle with a left side driver's door. The Type A bus shall be **no less than 10,000 lbs. and may not exceed 19,500 Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)**. The entrance door is behind the front wheels. No single rear wheel vehicles will be allowed.

#### School Bus Type B

A school bus constructed utilizing a stripped chassis. The entrance door is behind the front wheels and has a GVWR of greater than 10,000 lbs.

#### School Bus Type C

A body installed upon a flat back cowl chassis or an integrated conventional chassis/body combination, with a hood and front fender assembly and a GVWR of **more than 10,000 lbs**. The engine is in front of the windshield and the entrance door is behind the front wheels. This type is also known as a "conventional school bus."

#### School Bus Type D

A body installed upon a chassis, with the engine mounted in the front, mid-bus, or rear with a GVWR of **more than 10,000 lbs**. The engine may be behind the windshield and beside the driver's seat; at the rear of the bus, behind the rear wheels; or between the front and rear axles. The entrance door is ahead of the front wheels. This type is also known as "transit-style school bus".



### **Grant Amounts by Vehicle Class (Continued)**

FY26 Texas Clean School Bus Program (TCSB) Maximum Grant Amount Tables. These tables may also be found in the RFGA.

#### **School Bus Type A**

Model Year of Old Bus	Fuel Type of New Bus	Maximum Grant Amount
2003 or older	Diesel	N/A
2003 or older	LNG, LPG, CNG, Gasoline	\$104,720
2003 or older	Electric	\$238,000
2004 to 2006	Diesel	N/A
2004 to 2006	LNG, LPG, CNG, Gasoline	\$65,450
2004 to 2006	Electric	\$148,750

#### **School Bus Type B**

Model Year of Old Bus	Fuel Type of New Bus	Maximum Grant Amount
2003 or older	Diesel	\$101,620
2003 or older	LNG, LPG, CNG, Gasoline	\$103,768
2003 or older	Electric	N/A
2004 to 2006	Diesel	\$62,734
2004 to 2006	LNG, LPG, CNG, Gasoline	\$64,855
2004 to 2006	Electric	N/A

#### **School Bus Type C**

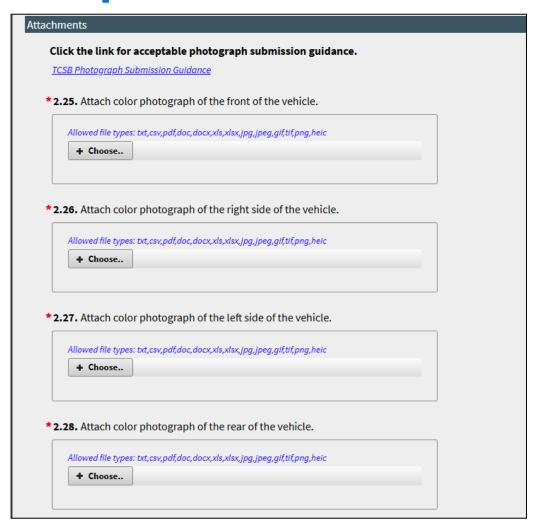
Model Year of Old Bus	Fuel Type of New Bus	Maximum Grant Amount
2003 or older	Diesel	\$106,721
2003 or older	LNG, LPG, CNG, Gasoline	\$126,616
2003 or older	Electric	\$333,200
2004 to 2006	Diesel	\$63,366
2004 to 2006	LNG, LPG, CNG, Gasoline	\$79,135
2004 to 2006	Electric	\$208,250

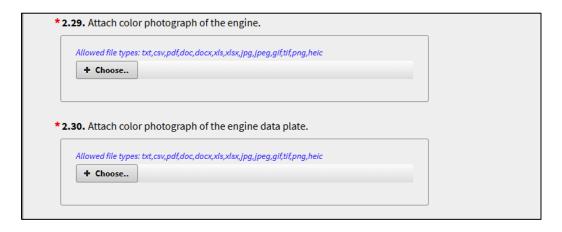
#### **School Bus Type D**

Model Year of Old Bus	Fuel Type of New Bus	Maximum Grant Amount
2003 or older	Diesel	\$116,676
2003 or older	LNG, LPG, CNG, Gasoline	\$153,510
2003 or older	Electric	\$380,800
2004 to 2006	Diesel	\$70,508
2004 to 2006	LNG, LPG, CNG, Gasoline	\$95,944
2004 to 2006	Electric	\$238,000



### **Required Attachments**





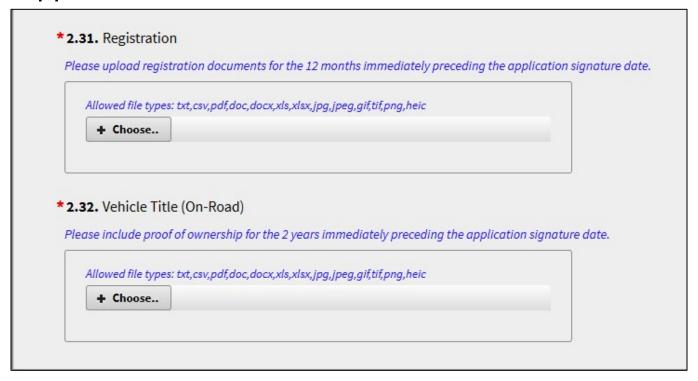
#### **Please Note:**

Refer to our <u>School Bus Photo Guidance</u> for examples of acceptable photos.



### Required Attachments (Continued)

- The applicant must provide 12 months of continuous registration prior to the submission date. Most will need to upload two years of registration to meet this requirement.
- Applicant must upload a copy of the bus title to show ownership for at least the two
  years prior to the application submission date.

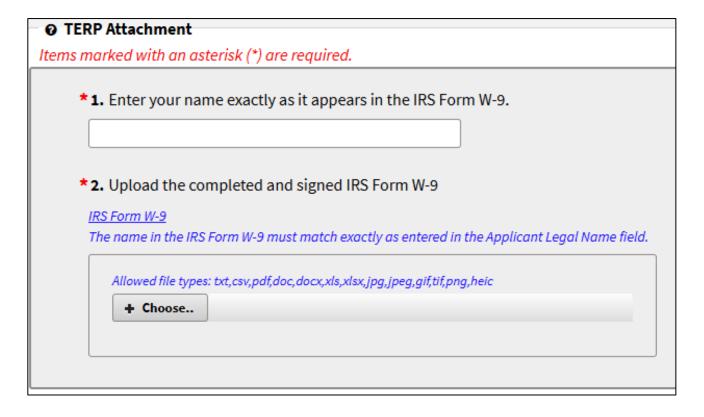




### Required Attachments (Continued)

Upload a completed and signed IRS Form W-9.

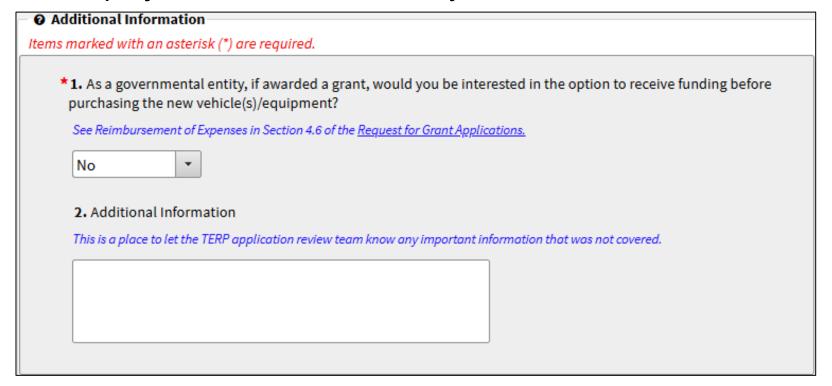
This form is required and must be submitted with the application.





#### **Additional Information**

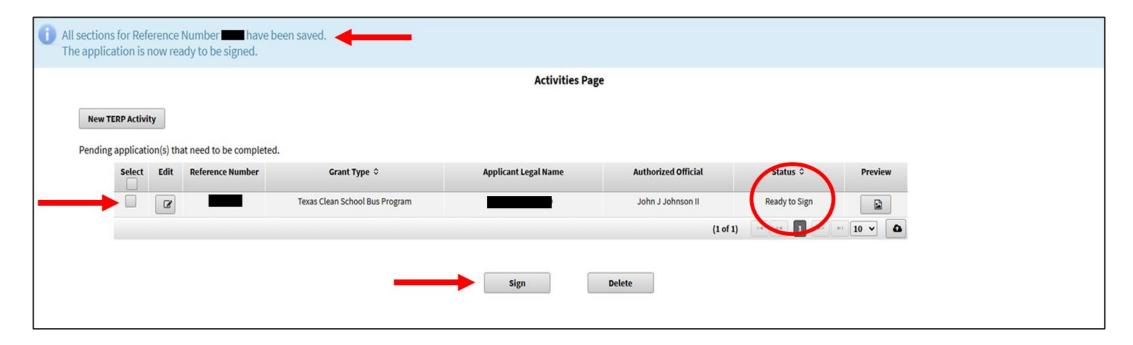
- If Yes is selected for Question 1 signifying an interest in advanced funding, TERP staff
  will evaluate the request on a case-by-case basis and contact the applicant with next
  steps.
- Question 2 is an opportunity for the applicant to add any additional relevant information for the project that was not already covered.





#### **Electronically Signing the Application**

- The Activities Page indicates when all sections of the application have been completed and saved.
- The status of the application will show when the application is ready to be signed.
- Select the application, click the Sign button, and enter the password was created for the application.





### **Third-Party Preparer (TPP) Signature**

This section will only appear and be required if the application was completed by a TPP.

• The TPP will need to apply checkmarks to the certification statements, type their name exactly as it appears in the application, and click **Electronically Sign your Application**.

The TPP must share the unique password they used to create the application with the AO.

It is recommended that the TPP click **View/Print Application** to print a copy of the application

for their records.





### **Authorized Official (AO) Signature**

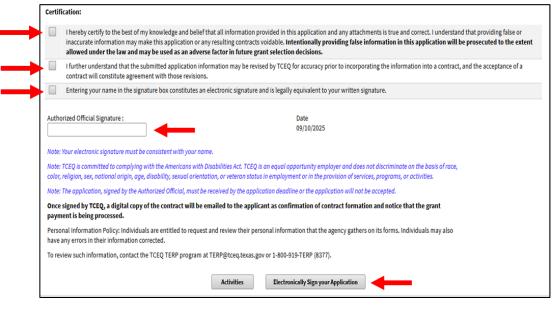
If the application was **not** completed by a TPP, the only signature required will be from the AO.

 The AO will login with the name and email address listed in the application if TPP was used, using the password the TPP provided to complete their signature page.

• The AO will need to apply checkmarks to the certification statements, type their name exactly as it appears in the application, and click **Electronically Sign your Application** to submit it.

• It is recommended that the AO click View/Print Application to print a copy of the application for

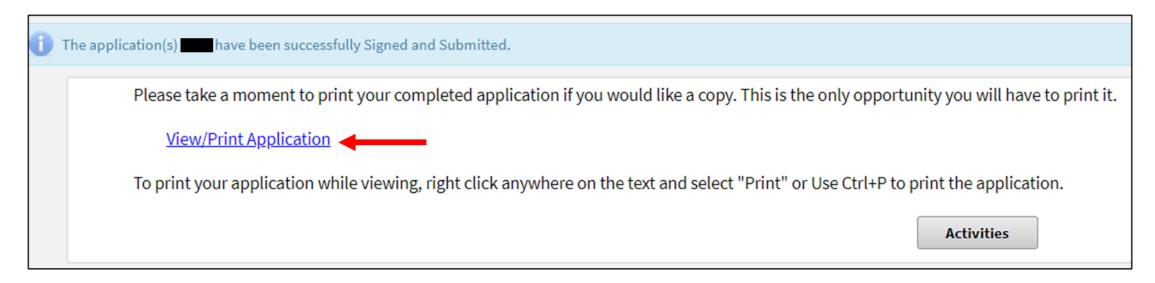
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### **Application Signed & Submitted**

Once electronically signed, the system will indicate that the application has been successfully submitted to the TCEQ.



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Click View/Print Application to download a copy of the submitted application for your records.



#### **Email Confirmation of Submission**

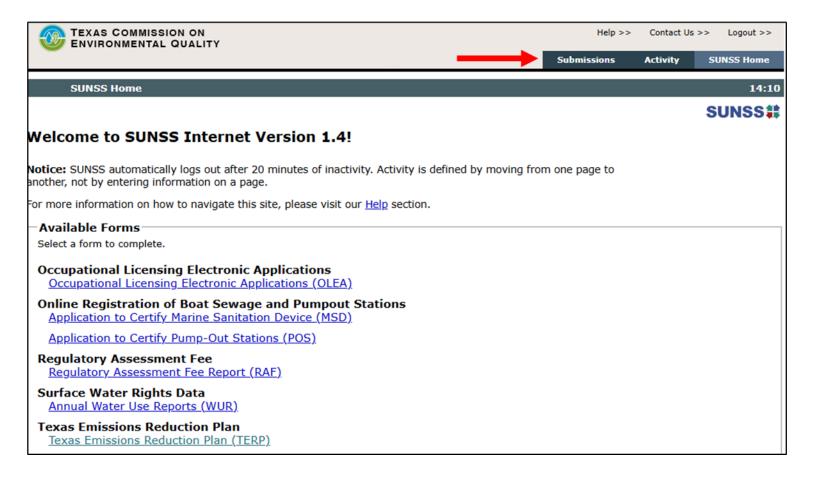
An automated email will be sent to confirm the application was submitted.

From: noReply@tceq.texas.gov <noReply@tceq.texas.gov> Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:01 AM To: JaneDoe@noreply.com Subject: UAT:TCSB Application Submitted CC: BCC: This confirms the submittal of your Texas Clean School Bus Program (TCSB) Grant Application to the TCEQ. Your application was successfully submitted at 09/10/2025 10:01:12 AM. The confirmation number for this submittal is: 2189 The hash code for this submittal is D600AE3F5B0A802F978AC362D94E49E52510F7B942B435B72997D3A7879836B9 You may access the copy of record (submitted report) from the submit log which is available by selecting Submissions from the Home page of SUNSS https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/sunss/. If you have any questions, please contact the STEERS Help Line at 512-239-6925 or by e-mail at steersts@tceq.texas.gov.



#### Retrieving a Submission

Using the Confirmation Number provided in the submission email, log into SUNSS with your password and select the **Submissions** button.





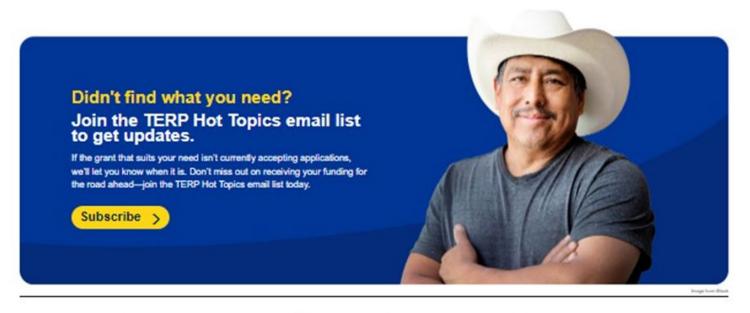
### Retrieving a Submission (Continued)

In the drop-down menu, select **View COR** (copy of record) to access a downloadable version of the application that was submitted.





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#### Questions

- If you have any questions, please see the Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) online at: <a href="https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/tcsb">www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/tcsb</a>.
- Applicants with questions regarding eligibility to apply for a grant should contact TERP staff at 1-800-919-TERP (8377) or <u>TERP@tceq.texas.gov</u>.





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