

NPEFS Awards Criteria

Total possible points: **30**

Points needed for an award: **20**

Main File & Fiscal Data Plan Submission Date	Points
By March 1, 2016	15
By March 15, 2016	10
By April 15, 2016	5
After April 15, 2016	-10

Note: Both the main file and fiscal data plan must be submitted by the applicable dates, and the authorizing official must have signed off on the data.

Resubmission of Main File	Points
0-1 resubmissions	5
2-3	0
4 or more	-5

Note: These counts only apply to resubmissions after Census Bureau staff have reviewed the data. Resubmissions based on your own review do not count towards these totals.

Submission Notes	Points
No questions regarding state data; major shifts in data have been thoroughly explained	10
State responds and resubmits within 2 weeks of receiving notes from the Census Bureau	5
State takes longer than 2 weeks to respond and resubmit, or does not respond by September 3	-5

The purpose of the NPEFS Awards is to recognize excellence in data reporting, based on providing quality data in a timely fashion. Awards for FY 2015 submissions will be given at the 2017 Summer Data Conference.