

Responses to Questions for RFP #1099
AmeriCorps Student Support Corps

New York State Commission of National and Community Resources

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Q1	I see that the RFP lists a minimum of 5 MSY. How do Member Service Years (MSY) work? Is it one individual with a five-year commitment or 5 individuals with a one-year commitment?
A1	One MSY is the equivalent of one full time members term of service at 1700 hrs. Contracts awarded under this RFP are for two years. Terms of service are completed on an annual basis; therefore, the minimum requirement would be 5 full time members per year to reach the 5 MSY. The 5 MSY minimum can be reached with full- or part-time member positions or a combination. For more information, see Section 4.2.c of RFP 1099 and 2022 Mandatory Supplemental Information for the definition of MSY.
Q2	Can schoolteachers on staff serve as AmeriCorps members if they do not have an overlapping effort? For example, would it be permitted for a teacher clock out after their regular school hours and then clock in as an AmeriCorps teacher to earn a stipend during the afterschool program?
A2	Yes, it is possible from a technical perspective; however, the Commission strongly discourages this practice. Since there must be a clear delineation between teacher's duties and AmeriCorps duties even if the same space is being used, program activities might likely be considered displacement of current employees, which is prohibited by the AmeriCorps statute and regulations and could likely lead to disallowances of expenses.
Q3	Is it okay to have members placed at host sites you are partnered with, and would it be a conflict of interest to ask them to pay a cost share?
A3	This is permissible and should not be a conflict of interest. Many AmeriCorps programs charge a fee-for-service which can be allotted to any allowable expense of the program.
Q4	How does an organization join a consortium? Are there any New York City groups looking for partners?
A4	A consortium is a partnership. Each consortium must include one or more local school districts and/or BOCES, plus at least one or more additional partners. See Section 4.1 for additional information. The Commission does not have information about potential consortiums. Please feel free to reach out to related organizations in your community.
Q5	Do all partners need to be in Grants Gateway, or just the lead agency?
A5	Just the lead agency must be prequalified (if not exempt). As per Section 2.3 Purpose and Funding Availability, the lead agency must meet the eligibility requirements to run an AmeriCorps program (see Section 3.0) and satisfy all NYS contracting requirements (see Section 7.0)

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Q6	If I don't apply for funding under RFP 1099, will I be able to apply during the continuation period?
A6	The NYS Student Support Corps is for new projects beginning in 2023. It currently has no "continuations" as there are no grants associated with it. The most this project will exist will be for two program years, using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money. Its future after the second year is uncertain at this time and would depend upon federal funding beginning in 2025. We do not currently know whether there will be a second round of funding available for open competition. If you wish to apply for an SSC grant, you must respond to this RFP by the date/time specified.