

**Institutional Application and Agreement
to Participate in the Work Colleges Program
for the 2027–28 Award Year**

Submission Deadlines, Signature and Mailing Instructions:

NEW Applicant Deadline: The deadline for new applicants (*those not previously approved to participate in the Work Colleges Program*) to submit the Institutional Application and Agreement to Participate in the Work Colleges Program for the 2027–28 Award Year is **October 30, 2026**. Electronic submission of the application must occur before 12:00 midnight (ET).

All supporting materials must be scanned and submitted via email to the Work Colleges Program liaison at alanna.nelson@ed.gov.

RETURNING Applicant Deadline: The deadline for returning applicants to submit the Institutional Application and Agreement to Participate in the Work Colleges Program for the 2027–28 Award Year is **March 1, 2027**. Electronic submission of the application must occur before 12:00 midnight (ET).

Mailing the Signature Page: In addition to electronic submission of the form, a wet signature must also be provided. A printed and signed copy of the signature page must be postmarked by the applicable deadline above and mailed to:

U.S. Department of Education
P.O. Box 1130
Fairfax, VA 22038

For overnight delivery, mail to:

U.S. Department of Education
4050 Legato Road, #1100
Fairfax, VA 22033

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Institution Name: [prefilled by COD]

Street Address: [prefilled by COD]

City: [prefilled by COD] **State:** [prefilled by COD] **Zip Code:** [prefilled by COD]

OPEID: [prefilled by COD]

Authorized Official: [prefilled by COD]

Title: [prefilled by COD]

Telephone No.: [prefilled by COD]

Email Address: [prefilled by COD]

Agreement

The undersigned authorized official hereby assures the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education (the Secretary) that the institution will comply with all provisions of Section 448 of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended (HEA), and the applicable program regulations, and makes the following assurances:

- The institution is a public or private nonprofit, four-year, degree-granting institution with a commitment to community service;
- The institution has operated a comprehensive work-learning-service program for at least two years;
- The institution requires students, including at least one-half of all students who are enrolled on a full-time basis, to participate in a comprehensive work-learning-service program for at least five hours each week, or at least 80 hours during each period of enrollment, except summer school, unless the student is engaged in an institutionally organized or approved study abroad or externship program;
- The institution provides students participating in the comprehensive work-learning-service program with the opportunity to contribute to their education and to the welfare of the community as a whole;
- The institution has a comprehensive work-learning-service program that:

- A. Is an integral and stated part of the institution's educational philosophy and program;
 - B. Requires participation of all resident students for enrollment and graduation;
 - C. Includes learning objectives, evaluation, and a record of work performance as part of each student's college record;
 - D. Provides programmatic leadership by college personnel at levels comparable to traditional academic programs;
 - E. Recognizes the educational role of work-learning-service supervisors; and
 - F. Includes consequences for non-performance or failure in the work-learning-service program similar to the consequences for failure in the regular academic program.
- The institution understands that in addition to any separately allocated funds, the institution may transfer allocated 2027–28 Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program funds to the Work Colleges Program to provide flexibility in strengthening the self-help-through-work element in financial aid packaging for eligible students;
 - The institution will match Federal funds used for the Work Colleges Program on a dollar-for-dollar basis from non-Federal sources; and
 - The institution understands that available Federal funds may be used:
 - A. To support the educational costs of qualified students through self-help payments or credits provided under the work-learning-service program of the institution within the limits of Part F of Title IV of the *HEA*;
 - B. To promote the work-learning-service experience as a tool of postsecondary education, financial self-help, and community service-learning opportunities;
 - C. To carry out activities described in Sections 443 and 446 of the *HEA*;
 - D. For the administration, development, and assessment of comprehensive work-learning-service programs, including—
 - i. Community-based work-learning-service alternatives that expand opportunities for community service and career-related work; and

- ii. Alternatives that develop sound citizenship, encourage student persistence, and make optimum use of assistance under Part C of Title IV of the HEA in education and student development;
- E. To coordinate and carry out joint projects and activities to promote work service learning; and
- F. To carry out a comprehensive, longitudinal study of student academic progress and academic and career outcomes, relative to student self-sufficiency in financing their higher education, repayment of student loans, continued community service, kind and quality of service performed, and career choice and community service selected after graduation.

Application for Funds

I am requesting a separate allocation of \$_____ for an anticipated _____ (enter anticipated # of students) students for the Work Colleges Program for the 2027-28 Year. (Do not include any amount you anticipate transferring from your 2027-28 FWS allocation.)

This Agreement may be terminated either by the Institution or by the Secretary under the applicable regulations governing this program. The Secretary will establish the termination date.

Signature of Authorized Official of the Institution

Date_____

U.S. Department of Education Authorizing Official

Date_____