

**NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT -- OFFICE OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Pre-Collegiate Preparation Programs Unit**

**LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA (LSA): K-12 SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAM**

**Purpose**

To develop, implement, and integrate service learning and the linking of service activities to learning outcomes into schools wherein students in grades K-12 have opportunities to volunteer their service for the benefit of others and their community; and to increase the number of volunteers in school-based, service-learning programs.

**Eligibility**

Competitive grants are awarded to local education agencies (LEAs) – public elementary, middle, and secondary schools, school districts or consortia of such agencies, in partnership with at least one public or private non-profit organization with demonstrated expertise in the provision of service.

**Target Audience**

LSA serves eligible students who are New York State residents enrolled in grades K-12 in public or non-public schools.

**Program Services**

LSA provides funds to establish service-learning opportunities, and civic engagement activities for in-school youth as part of their regular education program, after school and/or on weekends. LSA programs encourage civics education, positive social behavior and extend learning beyond the classroom into the community by utilizing students' energy, ideas, and commitment to identify and implement solutions that address unmet educational, individual and public safety, human homeland security and environmental needs. Funded programs must include a reflection component, demonstrate the curriculum infusion and integration of service learning, describe how service-learning will help participants achieve New York State's New Learning Standards, and describe how service-learning will be institutionalized by the school district.

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Fiscal Year 2009-2010  
Current Appropriation: \$1.3 million  
# Projects Funded: 23  
Range of Awards: \$13,000-\$85,000  
# Of Student Participants: 38,000