

2025 Community Collaboration Challenge Application

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The National Partnership for Student Success Support Hub based at the Johns Hopkins Everyone Graduates Center is launching a 2025 Community Collaboration Challenge– with support from the Leon Lowenstein Foundation–to help connect schools and districts with local organizations that provide high-quality tutors, mentors, student success coaches, wraparound/integrated student support coordinators, and post-secondary transition coaches in their communities. **The Challenge supports opportunities to scale, expand, or pilot evidence-based people powered student supports, and it is designed to bring together communities to plan and prepare for the sustainability of effective efforts. Additional points will be given to 1) applicants looking to utilize people-powered supports as part of a larger strategy to address chronic absenteeism in their communities and/or 2) applicants engaging high school students in NPSS-aligned roles. Priority will also be given to applicants who have been proven conveners in their community and can demonstrate the ability to activate networks to address a common goal.** Successful state-level applicants will identify the districts they intend to engage through the collaboration and how any funds will be used to support district engagement. Similarly, successful non-profit applicants and higher ed institutions should plan to identify school(s) or district(s) identified for collaboration.

The NPSS Hub is looking to support both local and state-level collaboration. Awards will range from \$5,000-\$10,000 and the amount will be determined based on the scale and scope of the proposed activities. All deliverables must be completed by June 30, 2025. Awardees will engage in three virtual sessions designed to support awardees with their design and provide opportunities for collaboration with fellow awardees. Organizations not already part of the NPSS [Supporting Champions](#) network will be accepted and invited to engage in ongoing collaboration and networking opportunities.

Name (Application Point of Contact)*

First Name

Last Name

Point of Contact Email Address*

Point of Contact Phone Number*

Organization/District/Agency Name*

Organization Address (Restricted to United States)*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State



ZIP Code

Organization Category*

- School/School District
- SEA/Other government agency
- 501c3 (including higher ed institutions)
- 501c3 submitted but hasn't yet been approved
- Other

Organization Region*

- Great Plains
- Mid-Atlantic
- Midwest
- Mountain West
- Northeast
- Pacific Northwest
- South
- Southeast
- Southwest
- West Coast

If the applicant is a national organization, please include the impacted region for the requested award.

Does the organization currently utilize AmeriCorps members or AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers*?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Has this organization previously received a Community Collaboration Challenge Award?*

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Organization Phone Number*

Organization Website*

Organization Mission Statement (if applicable)

Program Information: The NPSS Hub is looking to fund nonprofits or public entities (school, district, community-based organization, higher education institutions, local or state government agency, etc.) actively working to address chronic absenteeism in their community and help students accelerate learning and thrive. Competitive applicants strive to expand access to evidence-based supports (tutors, mentors, success coaches, wrap-around/integrated support coordinators, and post-secondary transition supports). When writing your responses to the following questions, explicitly describe your focus to create partnerships, scale opportunities or pilot new programs to support the needs of young people in your community. Additionally, before completing the following questions, please review the Community Collaboration Challenge Rubric the judges will use to determine the 2025 awardees.

1. Background/Geography: List the community, area, or other relevant background information for where this project will take place (300 words max). *

2. Community Type*

- Urban
- Suburban
- Rural
- Other

3. Background/Relevant Highlights: Summarize the organization's, school's, or agency's history. In addition, highlight 2-3 key achievements of the organization, school, or agency's impact on the community listed above. Even though you may have many achievements, please share what is most relevant to this application (400 words max). *

4. Problem Statement: Describe the problem, challenge, or need that you seek to help address with this funding. Extra points will be awarded to applicants that align these efforts to address chronic absenteeism (300 words max). *

5. Which one of the NPSS-aligned supports are you primarily seeking to explore with this opportunity? *

- Tutors
- Mentors
- Student Success Coaches
- Wraparound/Integrated Student Support Coordinators
- Post-secondary Transition Coaches
- Unsure

6. Are there additional NPSS-aligned support roles that will also be explored with this opportunity? If yes, please select from the list below (leave blank otherwise).

- Tutors
- Mentors
- Student Success Coaches
- Wraparound/Integrated Student Support Coordinators
- Post-secondary Transition Coaches
- Unsure

Some applicants may be exploring multiple NPSS-aligned roles and this question is designed to capture this for informational purposes only. It will have no bearing on the applicant's score.

7. What amount of funding are you requesting? *

Awards will range from \$5,000-\$10,000 and the award amount will vary based on scale and scope of the proposed activities.

8. If awarded, Community Collaboration Challenge awards should be used to cover costs associated bringing stakeholders together and collaborate on how to create, expand and/or pilot evidence-based and people powered supports to young people in your community. What is your vision for collaboration? Please describe 1) the types of stakeholders you will convene, 2) 1-3 goals for the work, and 3) 1-3 proposed activities or deliverables, including how they will be effective in achieving your goals. Your response should also include rationale for the requested funding amount (500 words max). *

9. Alignment to the mission of the National Partnership for Student Success (NPSS): The NPSS helps schools, educators, and communities connect all students with the holistic, people-powered supports they need to learn and achieve their potential. Please describe how your intended goals and/or activities align with NPSS' mission. Make sure to include if high school students will be serving in one or more of the NPSS-aligned roles as extra points are given to applicants with this focus (300 words max). *

10. One requirement of this award is to create a shareable resource upon the completion of the work. This could be a toolkit, a brief, a series of blogs, an internal process or structure "how to", etc. The goal is to share your learnings and/or process with other communities working on solutions to support their community. Please outline what you plan to create in the space below (300 words max). *

11. Additional Materials: If you would like to share other materials you have already created that would help describe your activities or goals for funding (e.g., short video, link, or attachment), feel free to include them here.

No File Chosen

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