Eligibility For Organizations With Public University Affiliations

New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) is prohibited by statute from funding public colleges and universities. Therefore, applicants having a close affiliation with a public college or university will be questioned to determine their eligibility for NYSCA support.

NYSCA reviews such organizations on a case-by-case basis to determine if the applicant has a purpose that is broader than the exclusive support of a public college or university, or any component, or whether the applicant supports an institution related to, but not a full component of, a public college or university.

Please answer the following questions fully. NYSCA will assess your responses to determine your eligibility in this regard. If your answers to most of these questions is in the affirmative, it is likely that your organization is ineligible.

1. Does the applicant organization raise funds for and/or contribute funds to the college or university, its staff, faculty, or students?

2. Does the organization receive funds and/or services from the college or university? Does the organization use college or university facilities? What is the principal source of your organization’s revenue? Who determines the organization’s annual budget?

3. What percentage of the organization’s board, staff, or members are also staff, faculty, or students of the college or university? Are your organization’s staff members paid by the organization, or are they paid by the college or university? (If this varies by employee, please detail.)

4. Does the organization perform an educational, research, or administrative function for any college or university division, department, or program? What percentage of the organization’s activities is designed and implemented to complement college or university curricula?

5. Are your organization’s activities open to and promoted to the general public?

6. For presenters: to whom does the ticket buyer issue a check for tickets to your events? Is it the same payee for credit card purchasers of tickets? Are ticket prices the same for college/university audiences and for those not affiliated with the institution?

Please return your responses to Megan White, Deputy Director at megan.white@arts.ny.gov. Thank you.