



Western New York Service-Learning Coalition
Membership Application Form for Non-Profits and Community Organizations

The Western New York Service-Learning Coalition (WNYSLC) is a collaboration of colleges, universities and community organizations. We are committed to sharing resources, knowledge, and practices related to service-learning in an effort to strengthen campus-community partnerships and promote student engagement in the community.

As a Coalition, we define service-learning as an educational experience that goes beyond volunteering. Service-learning connects students to the community by integrating academic curriculum with active participation in service, offering structured opportunities for students to reflect on their experiences, and striving to ensure that the service placements are mutually beneficial to students, the organizations, and the community as a whole.

Community organizations, non-profit agencies, and other organizations that engage volunteers, such as health care organizations, are encouraged to become members.

There are distinct benefits to becoming a member of the Coalition:

- The WNYSLC meetings, events, list serve and website provide a resourceful network to promote volunteer opportunities, to increase organizations' visibility and to promote their missions.
- Community organizations note that they recruit more service-learning students and volunteers--and with a wider range of skills--through participation in the WNYSLC.
- Representatives from organizations gain the opportunity to meet with and learn from others about effective volunteer recruitment, supervision, and retention strategies and share expertise.

There is no charge for non-profits or community organizations to become members. Higher education institutions pay annual membership dues. In addition, the Coalition charges modest fees for events.

Strongly volunteer-driven, the Coalition has the following expectations of members:

1. Willingness to support engagement of student volunteers in your organization (additional training is provided through Coalition activities)
2. Active participation in one or more Coalition committees (e.g. Marketing, Membership, Funding) or attendance and participation at events
3. Participation in WNYSLC Annual Meeting (October)
4. Willingness to provide letters of support for activities of the Coalition, e.g. for grant proposals



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DATE: _____

Name of Agency / Organization	
Address:	
Primary Contact Person for WNYSLC**:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Website:	
Description of Service Offered by Agency:	

**Each organization is asked to choose one person as a designee for voting, as each organization is allowed one vote in decisions brought to the Coalition membership by the Steering Committee. Voting takes place at coalition meetings as well as by email. If other members of your organization are interested in being involved, please list their contact information as well. Please use additional pages as needed.

I am interested in being more involved in the following committee(s):

- Membership
- Publicity and Marketing
- Funding

Please check as applies:

- 501c3 organization
- Government organization
- Community Group
- For profit Health & Human Service agency
- Other

Year organization was incorporated (if appropriate) _____

Organizations Executive Director/President _____

Please describe possible service-learning tasks and activities (i.e. public relations, marketing, assessment, tutoring, special event planning, film/video)

How will the addition of service-learning students benefit your organization?

What is your organizations past experience (if any) with service learning students?

Please return form by mail, or email to:

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