



NYSSMA[®] ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS INFORMATION



Dear NYSSMA[®] members,

We are excited to announce that NYSSMA[®] will sponsor two action research projects for expenses up to \$700 (each). These grants are intended to encourage New York State researchers and practitioners to work together on collaborative research projects conducted by teachers in their own classrooms. Projects should explore questions of interest to the teacher and of value to others in similar circumstances. Applicants must be NYSSMA[®] members at the time of application, and at the time of presentation at the NYSSMA[®] Winter Conference. Exceptions can be made for university researchers who are not involved in the field of music education or pre-service music teacher training.

Evaluation Criteria

- Completeness of proposal
- Value of the proposed research to the broader profession
- Ability of the recipients to complete work by the deadline

Details

No later than July 1, 2026, submit a proposal to Mara E. Culp, NYSSMA[®] Research Chair, at research@nyssma.org. The proposal should include:

1. A description of the project (approximately 500 words)
2. A reference list of related literature
3. A timeline for completion that concludes no later than June 2027
4. A budget for up to \$700 with details of how funds will be spent (may include equipment, meals, travel, and other related expenses)
5. A team consisting of a university researcher(s) and a school music educator(s) with affiliations and email addresses for all applicants, as well as NYSSMA[®] ID numbers (projects including more than one educator are encouraged)

Teams that receive funding will be expected to:

1. Complete projects by June 2027
2. Submit receipts by November 2027
3. Provide a written report of their findings by November 2027
4. Present in December 2027 at the NYSSMA[®] Winter Conference (as a part of the Action Research Forum; registration waived for the day of the presentation for up to two research team members)
5. Publish the findings in *School Music News* in 2028

Notification of acceptance will be provided by August 1, 2026. For questions, please contact Mara E. Culp, NYSSMA[®] Research Chair, at research@nyssma.org