



# Next Generation Scholars Program Frequently Asked Questions

<b>Question</b>	Is Indirect Cost Rate Allowable?
<b>Answer</b>	Yes, but capped at 10%

<b>Question</b>	Do we need to start cohort for 7&8 graders, or can we start with 9 <sup>th</sup> grade?
<b>Answer</b>	You must start with 7 <sup>th</sup> grade.

<b>Question</b>	Do you need to stop doing cohorts for existing high schoolers you are currently working with?
<b>Answer</b>	No, you can continue but you must also do cohorts for students in grade 7 and it doesn't have to be a cohort.

<b>Question</b>	Are students only eligible for college scholarship if they have completed all the cohorts leading to high school graduation?
<b>Answer</b>	No. Next Generation Scholarship is not just for NGS cohorts. Pre-qualification for guaranteed access is for those in cohort grade 7-12. However, any student can qualify for NGS college scholarship if they meet the income requirement.

<b>Question</b>	Is there an average cost per student that MSDE would like to see in the proposal?
<b>Answer</b>	No

<b>Question</b>	Is there a minimum or maximum you can ask for this grant?
<b>Answer</b>	No

<b>Question</b>	Does MSDE require an average cohort size?
<b>Answer</b>	No. It depends on the program and the region; the range can be from 10-300 per cohort.

<b>Question</b>	How do you create the budget based on cohort size if you don't know until the students sign up?
<b>Answer</b>	You will have to do a projection of cost based on model size and expense from prior experience.

<b>Question</b>	In-kind contributions: do they represent all the funds being used to operate the program that is not coming from MSDE's budget?
<b>Answer</b>	Yes

This page will be updated with frequently asked questions and answers on a continual basis.