

The list below constitutes frequently asked questions about the Next Generation Scholars of Maryland grant. This page will be updated with frequently asked questions and answers on a continual basis.

**QUESTION:**

Is this being treated as a continuation or is this a competitive grant?

**ANSWER:**

It is a continuation grant for the nonprofit organizations that received funding in FY24.

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Award information has typically been provided well before September 1, 2024. There is some concern about the notification date being so late. Considering the notification date, and the grant period of July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025, would it be possible to be notified earlier so that the timeframe for spending down funds is not so truncated?

**ANSWER:**

For reference, nonprofit organizations were notified in September 2023 of FY24 grant application approvals. If you wish, FY25 applications can be submitted before the due date, and we will attempt to notify you of approval as soon as possible. Notice of grant awards will not be available until August; however, invoices can be submitted for expenses beginning July 1, 2024.

**QUESTION:**

Is the grant period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025? Historically, the grant ended on August 31.

**ANSWER:**

Because the grant program is transitioning to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, we must adhere to the state fiscal year: July 1 to June 30. Grantees will have the option to amend their grants and extend the grant end date.

**QUESTION:**

Fiscal Year 2025 says it starts as early as 8th grade. Does that mean we are following students up, but not starting with 7th grade this year?

**ANSWER:**

Yes. Grantees may include new 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in the program if they wish, but this is optional.

**QUESTION:**

What does UEI stand for and how often does an organization have to update their UEI number?

**ANSWER:**

UEI stands for Unique Entity Identifier. An organization should update their UEI number annually.