

National Service-Learning Partnership®



The National Service-Learning Partnership (NSLP) was founded in 2001. It is a national network of members dedicated to advancing service-learning as a core part of every young person's education. Service-learning is a teaching method that engages young people in solving problems within their schools and communities as part of their academic studies taking the students from passive recipients to active participants in their education and community.

NSLP has more than 10,000 members in all 50 states. Members are young people, teachers, parents, administrators, policymakers, education leaders, community partners, businesspeople, and researchers.

The Partnership is funded through grants from W.K. Kellogg Foundation and State Farm Companies Foundation. It is sponsored by the Academy for Education Development, an independent, nonprofit organization committed to solving critical social problems.

Mission

The Partnership concentrates on strengthening the impact of service-learning on young people's learning and development, especially their academic and civic preparation. The Partnership supports members sharing resources, organizing change, and sponsoring innovation.

Services

The Partnership provides:

- A national network of service-learning supporters
- Service-learning tools, resources, and best practices
- A "service-learning marketplace" to offer professional services to advance the practice of service-learning
- Monthly updates with news, resources and opportunities to take action to advance service-learning at state and federal levels
- Federal advocacy representation.

The membership of NSLP has grown rapidly since State Farm Companies Foundation began sponsorship. This has increased NSLP's visibility and stature as one of the largest organizations of service-learning providers. Originally located in New York City the partnership has moved to Washington D.C. to better represent its membership in at the federal level.

State Farm® Background

The State Farm Companies Foundation provided a grant to NSLP in its founding year, 2001. In 2003, NSLP was awarded a three-year, \$500,000 per year grant sponsoring both the newsletters and other projects. State Farm sponsorship continues to this day. NSLP has been very visible with federal agencies and national organizations in providing a common definition and voice for its membership organizations. NSLP is helping to develop service-learning projects with schools and community development corporations that address business issues important to State Farm. Service-learning provides the means for students to positively impact their community as they develop projects to reduce losses from auto, fire and health issues while increasing both financial literacy and academic achievement.

At A Glance:

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National Numbers

- Currently more than 10,000 organizations and individuals are members.
- There were 300 members when State Farm® began sponsorship.

Program Highlights

- Service-learning tools, resources, and best practices highlights.
- Monthly updates with news, resources, and opportunities for involvement in promoting service-learning at state and local levels.

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