

NYSSMA® ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS



Dear NYSSMA® members,

We are excited to announce that NYSSMA will sponsor three 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.

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 of the current calendar year submit a proposal to 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 of the next calendar year.
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) (projects including more than one educator are encouraged).

Teams that receive funding will be expected to:

1. Complete projects by June of the next calendar year.
2. Submit receipts by November of the next calendar year.
3. Provide a written report of their findings by November following completion.
4. Present at the Winter NYSSMA® Conference in December following completion (as a part of the Action Research Forum)
5. Publish the findings in *School Music NEWS* in the year following the Winter Conference presentation.

Notification of acceptance will be provided by August 1 of the current calendar year. For questions, please contact NYSSMA® Research Chair at research@nyssma.org