

INQUIRY – SYP-E&E-PY26 – Questions & Answers – 8-7-25

Q1. (See page 4) I am curious why the new criteria that participating Explore vendors have to be accredited educational institutions was inserted this year? Was there a problem or concern that prompted this change?

- CSCF Response: To ensure high-quality, campus-based experiences that clearly connect career paths to educational pathways. Accredited institutions are best positioned to deliver on this goal.

Q2. (See page 5) **Does this mean institutions other than accredited educational institutions may submit a proposal if they meet the criteria listed below?**

It reads “Eligible entities are accredited post-secondary educational institutions with physical facilities participants must visit/be on-site for some portion of the offering. Furthermore, **organizations that can demonstrate previous successful deployment of programs** providing opportunity to youth (i.e. young adults from low-income earning families or who are disabled; justice-involved; foster; and young adult parents) are **especially sought to propose and share information on their impact.**”

- CSCF Response: Yes—for Engage only. Explore requires accredited educational institutions, but Engage is open to nonprofits, for-profits, and other qualified organizations.