COMMUNITY-ENGAGED ALLIANCE

ACCE
Alliance for Campus Community Engagement

2026 9/11 Day Campus Service Grants

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Overview

The 9/11 Day Campus Service Grants support higher education institutions in developing and executing meaningful service and remembrance projects around the September 11 National Day of Service. Grants of **$1,250 and $2,500** will be awarded to selected campuses to implement programming that honors the spirit of unity, service, and reflection tied to 9/11.

Funding Availability

- **Grant Amount**: $1,250 and $2,500 per campus
- **Funding Period**: Activities must occur between **September 1–25, 2026**

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include:

Accredited colleges and universities that are members of the ***Alliance for Campus Community Engagement (ACCE)***, for the 2026-2027 academic year. These include:

- **Community-Engaged Alliance-** Serving Indiana
- **Engage KY** - Serving Kentucky
- **Community Campus Coalition** - Serving Ohio
- **LEAD California** - Serving California
- **Montana Campus Network for Civic Engagement** - Serving Montana
- **North Carolina Campus Engagement** - Serving North Carolina
- **Pacific Education Alliance for Civic Engagement (PEACE)**-Serving Hawaii
- **Seed Coalition** - Serving Iowa and Minnesota
- **Transform Mid-Atlantic** - Serving Maryland, Washington, D.C., & Delaware
- **Washington Campus Coalition for the Public Good** - Serving Washington State

Project Requirements

1. Project Implementation

- Conduct service projects that engage students, faculty, staff, and community members in remembrance and civic action aligned with 9/11 Day, the September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance.
- Applicants are encouraged to partner with local organizations that address needs of the campus and/or surrounding community such as:
    - Hunger Relief (Meal Pack, Food Drive, etc.)
    - Care Package Assembly and Distribution
    - Veteran or First Responder Appreciation
    - Disaster Response, Environmental Stewardship/Conservation
    - Other
- Target volunteer engagement of at least 100 individuals per campus including faculty, staff, students, and community members.
- Projects must be conducted between **September 1 and September 25, 2026**.

2. Educational Component

- Incorporate a brief educational segment in each event to discuss the significance of 9/11 (particularly on this 25th anniversary), America's 250th, and the role of national service.
- Use resources from 911day.org/teachers.

3. Branding and Promotion

- Acknowledge **9/11 Day** and **ACCE** in all promotional materials. Media toolkits will be provided to campuses.
- Use provided logos and recognition language on all materials such as flyers, shirts, websites, social media, and press releases.
- Tag **@911day** and **@ACCE** in social media promotions:
    - One pre-event post
    - One post during or immediately following the event
    - One event wrap-up post per campus

4. Media and Documentation

- Collect and submit:
  - At least **20 high-quality photos** and **2–3 video clips** per event
  - Signed media releases (to be provided to campuses) for all individuals featured in the media
  - A narrative summary highlighting outcomes, challenges, and 2–3 student stories or testimonials

5. Reporting

- **Final report** (due within one week after the event)

A reporting portal and submission instructions will be provided to grantees.

Application Instructions

Applications must include:

1. Campus contact information
2. Proposed project summary (including location, expected number of volunteers, and community partners)
3. Timeline of activities
4. Plan for media, branding, and social media
5. Brief budget narrative (how the $2,500 will be spent)
6. Agreement to meet all deliverables outlined in this RFP

Deadline to Apply: Friday, June 26, 2026, at 5:00 PM ET Notification of Award: No later than July 13, 2026

Signed Campus MOU received by granting organization no later than July 24, 2026

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed based on:

- Alignment with the goals of 9/11 Day
- Clarity and feasibility of the proposed project
- Engagement of a variety of campus and community stakeholders
- Capacity to meet reporting and branding requirements

How to Apply

Complete the online application by the deadline above:
https://cea.givepulse.com/survey/take/4kZIIxymRxWKu8CKoueK

Application Questions

- Name of 9/11 Day of Remembrance/event coordinator
- Institution/Organization
- Title
- Email
- Address
- Phone
- Requested Amount
- Eligibility
- Criminal history background check
- Agree to provide salary and fringe to track time on grant project narrative
- Organizational capacity
- Deliverables
- Promotion
- Event Location

Application questions

- **Indiana**: Community-Engaged Alliance - Cynthia Tindongan, cynthia@engagedalliance.org
- **Kentucky**: Engage Kentucky - Mindy Wilson, mindy.wilson@engageky.org
- **Maryland, Washington, D.C., Delaware**: Transform Mid-Atlantic - Anthony Wagner, wagner@transformmidatlantic.org
- **Ohio**: Community Campus Coalition - Stephanie Dodd, sdodd@communitycampuscoalition.org
- **North Carolina**: North Carolina Campus Engagement - Leslie Garvin, lgarvin@ncengage.org
- **Hawaii:** Pacific Education Alliance for Civic Engagement - Atina Pascua, atina@hawaii.edu
- **Montana:** Montana Campus Network for Civic Engagement - Josh Vanek, vanek@mtengage.org
- **Washington:** Washington Campus Coalition for the Public Good - Rachel Vaughn, vaughnr3@wwu.edu
- **Iowa and Minnesota**: Seed Coalition - Rob Barron, barron@seed-coalition.org
- **California**: Lead California - Piper McGinley, piper@leadcalifornia.org