

**Fellows Program (FP)**  
**2025-2026**  
**A New York State My Brother's Keeper Initiative**

**Questions and Answers**

**Question 1:** We were recently discussing the Fall Retreat mentioned in the RFA. Are we required to attend even though we won't be submitting our MBK Fellows RFAs until later this month?

It is an expectation as part of the program. The date has not been scheduled yet – more information to follow. As per the RFA on pages 6-7:

“3. Fellows and their mentors or school district representatives will attend the MBK Fellows Retreat, expected to be held during the fall of the Fellows' 12th-grade year.”

**Question 2:** Does the MOA require *original signatures*, or are scanned/emailed copies acceptable?

You can scan/email your MOA(s)

**Question 3:** Since our project is below \$25,000, we understand that MWBE requirements do not apply. Do we still need to submit paperwork indicating “not participating” or “total waiver” and include that in our application?

No, however applicants are still encouraged to utilize MWBE vendors whenever possible.

The following M/WBE requirement applies only when an applicant submits an application for grant funding that exceeds \$25,000 for the full grant period:

Applicants are required to comply with NYSED's Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) policy. The M/WBE participation goal for this grant is 30% of each applicant's total discretionary non-personal service budget each year of the grant.