



Dear Counseling Association Leader:

The New York State School Counselor Association receives inquiries from local and regional counseling associations regarding affiliation with NYSSCA. In December 2010, we added **Affiliate Status** to our by-laws to offer support to these organizations. A NYSSCA Affiliate is an organization which shares NYSSCA's mission and vision:

***NYSSCA's Mission** is to unite, represent, and support professional school counselors in New York State as they provide academic, personal/ social, and career services for their students.*

***NYSSCA's Vision** is for every student in New York State to have access to a certified school counselor who is empowered with the knowledge, skills, connections, and resources to promote student success in the school, the home, the community, and the world.*

### **What does it mean to become a NYSSCA Affiliate?**

#### NYSSCA agrees to:

- ✓ Support and publicize Affiliate conferences, activities, publications, and programs.
- ✓ Display Affiliate logos and website links on websites and printed materials.
- ✓ Invite Affiliate leaders to attend NYSSCA leadership development workshops.
- ✓ Encourage NYSSCA members to become Affiliate members.

#### Affiliates agree to:

- ✓ Support and publicize NYSSCA's mission, conferences, activities, publications and programs.
- ✓ Display the NYSSCA logo and website links on websites and printed materials.
- ✓ Encourage Affiliate members to become NYSSCA members.

### **Are there any financial obligations for an Affiliate?**

There are no dues or other fiscal relationships associated with being a NYSSCA Affiliate. Please note that NYS Law prohibits sharing of our Tax Exempt Status with Affiliates.

### **How does an organization become a NYSSCA Affiliate?**

An organization wishing to affiliate with NYSSCA should submit the application below to NYSSCA through the Executive Director. Applications are reviewed and voted on by the NYSSCA board.

### **How long does the NYSSCA Affiliate status last?**

Once the NYSSCA Board has voted to accept your Affiliate status, it continues until either the Affiliate or NYSSCA Board revokes it. The NYSSCA Board reserves the right to revoke Affiliate status if the group no longer is considered an active association or if the group does not fulfill the agreement.

We encourage local and regional counseling associations to apply for Affiliate status so we can support each other's work on behalf of school counselors in New York State. In this way we will create a mutually beneficial framework that encourages collaborate activities as well as sharing information and resources benefitting counselors throughout New York State. If you have questions, please contact us at [ExecutiveDirector@nyssca.org](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@nyssca.org).

Sincerely,  
Robert S. Rotunda, Ed.D.  
NYSSCA Executive Director



## AFFILIATE APPLICATION

To: NYSSCA Executive Board

Our group wishes to apply for to become an Affiliate of the New York State School Counselor Association (NYSSCA). We agree to abide by NYSSCA Policies in regard to Affiliate Groups in Article III of New York State School Counselor Association, GOVERNING POLICIES, OPERATIONAL PARAMETERS.

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Area represented by group: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Key Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and Phone of Key Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Current Officers (can be attached): \_\_\_\_\_

Logo for our website (can be attached or emailed)

Website that you would like linked on NYSSCA's website: \_\_\_\_\_

Current membership of group: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your organization have By Laws? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is your group incorporated? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

How long has your association been in continuous existence? \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this application to Dr. Robert Rotunda, NYSSCA, PO Box 217, Leicester, NY 14481