

Frequently Asked Questions for the FY 2025 Summer Migrant Education Program Request for Proposal

You may submit questions for the FAQ list to migrant@isbe.net.

Question: Does a migratory worker have to work in the agricultural or fishing industries if they have a job? Are there other types of positions that count as "qualifying seasonal or temporary work"?

Answer: Yes, the worker must have made a qualifying move to seek agricultural work that may include contact with the livestock, poultry, meat, agricultural crops, or fishing. The worker may be working in another non-agriculture job until the agricultural job is available, but further investigation by a certified recruiter will be needed. If you feel that a family is eligible, please access the [MEP Referral System](#). The completed information will go to Illinois Migrant Educational Services at Northern Illinois University, where the state recruiting coordinator will assign a certified recruiter to contact the worker to determine if they are eligible.

Question: Are applicants required to serve migratory children in the entire established service region that they apply to serve?

Answer: Yes, an applicant's proposal should address service provision in an entire [established service region](#) where eligible migratory children are likely to be found.

Question: Has there been any agreement made with a provider to administer dental and physical exams for the summer program? If not, should funds be requested to be budgeted for that purpose?

Answer: There has been no contract established between ISBE and a health and/or dental provider for the summer term. Illinois Department of Public Health's free mobile units may be used. Otherwise, a grantee can seek to have Summer Migrant Education Program Grants funds budgeted to pay county health clinics, school-based health clinics, and nonprofit health entities for such services.