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Program Guidance

Programs will be grouped and selected based on type and ages served (see chart below).

- If your program enrolls younger children but uses older youth as staff, please only apply under the program type that matches the population you're serving.
- If your program enrolls a broad age range (e.g. K – 12), we recommend you complete two separate applications; one for the K-8 youth and one for the older youth, based on the programming provided to each population.
- If your program has multiple sites but has the same program model at every site, please apply once but list all site addresses and submit a program budget inclusive of all sites' projected expenses.

Proposals will be assessed based on the program history and performance, program staff, program content, family and community engagement, evaluation plan and proposed budget.

Decisions will also be informed by individual foundations' funding priorities.

Program Type	Age Ranges	Description
<p>Comprehensive Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prekindergarten – Grade 8 or • Grades 9 – 12 / Ages 14 – 24 	<p style="text-align: center;">(MUST MEET ALL CRITERIA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operates five or more hours per day, at least four days a week. • Program duration is at least four weeks. • Participants formally enroll in the program. • Program includes the following elements on a daily or weekly basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ food (daily); ○ enrichment (daily); ○ academic enrichment (weekly or daily); and ○ physical activity (weekly or daily).
<p>Specialized Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any 	<p style="text-align: center;">(MEETS SOME OR ALL CRITERIA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operates less than five hours per day and/or less than four days per week. • Program duration is less than four weeks. • Has a drop-in structure where participants self-select when to attend and are not required to formally enroll. • Has a single focus or specialized focus (e.g. mentoring, STEM, arts, workforce training). • Operates outside of typical summer enrichment hours (e.g. on weekends, in the evenings).