



CARNEGIE FOUNDATION ELECTIVE CLASSIFICATION FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



What is Community Engagement?

Community engagement describes collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

The purpose of community engagement is the partnership of college and university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching, and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.

What is the Carnegie Foundation Elective Classification for Community Engagement?

Carnegie Elective Community Engagement Classification is a way for Colleges and Universities in the US to gain recognition for institutionalizing community engagement.

SUNY Oswego was Classified in 2010 along with only 4 other SUNY Schools



AWARDS + HONORS

SUNY Oswego earns prestigious Carnegie Community Engagement Classification

January 30, 2020



Examples of the 2020 Signature Programs, highlighted in the application:

- **The Smart Neighbors Project**
- **Alternative Breaks**
- **Focus-Forward Mentoring Program**
- **Vote Oswego**
- **Circle of Security Parenting**
- **Digital Oz**



2026 Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement Application Timeline



November 4, 2024

Deadline to secure application and initiate process



December 2025

Notification to campuses of their classification status



January 26, 2024

Applications Available on GivePulse and Carnegie Elective Classifications Website



April 1, 2025

Application deadline



January 2026

Public announcement of 2026 Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement designated campuses



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