

Project Abstract. The purpose of this document is to request funds from the US Department of Education to establish a High School Equivalency Program (HEP) at Michigan State University (MSU) for eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFW) in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and other states. MSU proposes a HEP tailored to the MSFW community who are unable to complete high school in a traditional setting. The program will serve 50 MFSW students and provide two learning modes: synchronous online and hybrid residential. MSU HEP will recruit and screen applicants based on federal guidelines and provide academic support and career counseling. The proposal has three general goals that address the Federal Performance Measurement requirements: 1) outreach and recruitment services to the MSFW population and enrollment of 50 eligible participants, 2) direct instruction, tutoring services, financial assistance, and academic success for participants obtaining an HSE diploma, and 3) placement of HSE attainers in post-secondary education or training programs, upgraded employment, or the military. The proposed plan will enroll a minimum of 50 participants, with 69% of participants successfully attaining their HSE (Performance Measure 1) and a minimum of 80% placed in post-secondary education or training programs, upgraded employment, or the military (Performance Measure 2). MSU HEP is committed to assisting MSFW students throughout their enrollment and supporting them toward HSE graduation. Bilingual professional staff who are knowledgeable about MSFWs' context and familiar with best practices will deliver the proposed plan. MSU has committed valuable resources to supplement a HEP award to ensure all participants have the necessary resources to be successful. The proposed budget conforms to all regulations and ensures all quality implementation of the program's goals and objectives.