

FAQ on Renewing NSLVE Authorization Forms

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Why do we need to renew the authorization forms?

As you may recall, campuses must opt-in to NSLVE – participation is not automatic. We will be updating and renewing these forms every five years. The original authorization form expires August 31, 2018.

What does that mean for the 2018 election?

Campuses must submit new authorization forms to receive 2018 data.

When is the deadline?

As soon as possible. We can continue to accept forms until several weeks before we match voting and enrollment records, which we estimate will happen in April or May of 2019. But we do not have the capacity to track down missing forms and would appreciate a quick turnaround by campuses.

How is this authorization form different?

The new form...

1. Asks campuses to identify three people as report recipients, the president/chancellor and the chief institutional researchers, as well as one designee of your choice (optional).
2. Updates the fields of data we receive to match new data fields submitted by your institution to the National Student Clearinghouse.
3. Expires August 2023, which means we can provide you with data through the 2022 election!

Why do we need to identify three report recipients?

We need a new system for helping people on campus find their reports, so we are designating two offices that will receive them, in addition to the old system which allows campuses to designate a report recipient.

It looks like NSLVE is receiving more data. Is this true?

Not really, but it may be packaged differently. The National Student Clearinghouse periodically revises the titles for the data submitted, and we needed a form that captured possible changes. For example,

in 2014, “class level” was augmented by categorizing students as graduate and undergraduate. “Field of study” is the same as “CIP codes.” We made the categories more inclusive so that we can receive information without updating the authorization forms.

Is there any change in protections to student privacy?

No. We never receive students’ names or other information that would allow us to identify an individual student. If you need to learn more about student privacy, watch [this](#).

Our original signatory no longer works here. Who should sign the form?

Forms should be signed by someone with signing authority, such as a president/chancellor, provost, or vice president. Directors of enrollment management and institutional research may also sign.

Where can I find the updated authorization form?

Complete the form [HERE](#). You can also print it, complete it, and return it to us via email to nslve@tufts.edu.

I still have questions. How do I get in touch with someone?

We offer office hours, which you can sign up for [HERE](#).

You can email us at nslve@tufts.edu.

You can call us at 617-627-5605.