



March 6, 2025

Dear School Counselor,

Your student has been nominated to participate in the [2025 SUNY Oneonta Migrant Leadership Academy \(SOMLA\)](#) this summer. Please see the enclosed flier for more information about the program. One college credit for *Transition Skills for Emerging Leaders (INTD 1220)* will be granted to students who successfully complete SOMLA. SUNY Oneonta requires an **official** high school transcript to enroll students and grant credit for INTD 1220 upon successful completion. The official transcript must be signed by a school official, show the student's final school year grades, and show that the student has successfully completed their sophomore year.

We have established a system for you to securely upload your student's transcripts. Please upload the official transcript file to the [NYS Migrant Education Program's secure file-sharing service via Citrix](#). To do so, click the hyperlink, and you will simply be required to enter your name and email address before moving the file to our designated folder. Should you need assistance with this process or for an alternative, please reach out to Jennifer Verdugo via email [Jennifer.Verdugo@oneonta.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Verdugo@oneonta.edu) or call 585-739-2821. Once a transcript is received, Jennifer will follow up with you to confirm its receipt and request any additional documentation.

Please be advised that transcripts must come directly from the student's high school, prior to the arrival of students at SUNY Oneonta. The transcripts **must be signed by a school official** to be considered official. We kindly request that you **upload the transcript no later than July 3, 2025**, to avoid any holiday delays.

Thank you in advance for your help with this important matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you,

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Enclosure



# SUNY ONEONTA

## MIGRANT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

[SOMLA] 2025

[HTTPS://WWW.NYSMIGRANT.ORG/EVENTS/SOMLA-2025](https://www.nysmigrant.org/events/somla-2025)

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## WHAT IS SOMLA

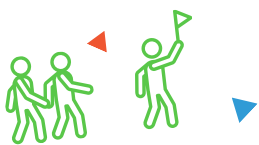
The SUNY Oneonta Migrant Leadership Academy (SOMLA) is a NYS-MEP summer program that provides eligible migrant students with the opportunity to learn about college, work possibilities, leadership qualities, and successful life strategies as they work towards graduating high school. Students explore various life skills, learn about leveraging their individual strengths and create a long-term plan to work on areas of personal growth that reflects their passions and interests. Students get to stay in residence halls just like a traditional college student and have the chance to experience what life is like on campus! Transportation to and from SUNY Oneonta and three meals a day will be provided (and of course, snacks, too!). But that's not all ~ There are other fun activities that you won't want to miss, and you will even have a chance to complete some community service hours for your high school and earn college credit!

## WHY PARTICIPATE

- INSTRUCTION - Take the opportunity to experience classes led by college professors and learn alongside other migrant students in a supportive environment.
- LEADERSHIP - Learn about leadership and engage in activities that help you explore your own potential.
- MENTORSHIP - Build relationships and receive one-on-one support from bilingual staff in small groups.
- DID WE MENTION COLLEGE CREDIT? - One college credit will be granted to students for Transition Skills for Emerging Leaders (INTD 122) after successfully completing the 7-day program. This interactive course is designed to assist students in developing skills necessary toward ultimately obtaining a bachelor's degree. Students will learn critical skills to enhance success in college learning. Students will learn to systematically evaluate their own behavior, skills and attitudes that impact their academic outcomes.
- This opportunity is completely **free** to eligible high-school students who are part of the NYS-MEP!

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

- Currently eligible migrant students who will be in eleventh or twelfth grade in September 2025.
- Students who are willing to actively commit to seven days of academic, leadership, and service activities.



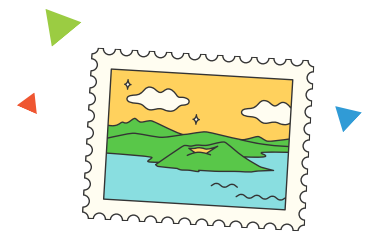
**NYS-MEP students are eligible for a full scholarship to attend SOMLA.**

This is a value of over \$5000 per student! NYS-MEP believes in each student and invests, knowing that SOMLA is a great jumpstart to students' futures. Don't miss out on this opportunity to come make new friends and experience a bit of college life!

## WHEN AND WHERE

Students arrive to the SUNY Oneonta campus on Sunday, July 13, 2025, and depart on Friday, July 18, 2025.

108 Ravine Parkway  
Oneonta, NY 13820



## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Instruction from certified educators
- Exciting activities and meaningful leadership workshops
- One-on-one support from counselors and staff
- Opportunities to connect with peers from across New York State and make friends
- All students will be under adult supervision 24 hours per day and will be transported for any off-campus activities.

