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**New York State Education Department Division of Vocational
and Extension Education Letters of Commendation for WPA
Programs A0123**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	Series includes letters of commendation written to the Service and Operations Divisions for art, music, adult education programs, and infrastructure projects sponsored by the "Works Progress Administration of New York State," under auspices of the State Education Department. They contain considerable information about WPA cultural and educational programs in New York State (outside of New York City). There are separate county indexes for both divisions showing correspondent and title, institution, address, and subject. Operations Division index also shows project number.
Creator:	New York (State). Education Department. Division of Vocational and Extension Education
Title:	Letters of commendation for WPA programs
Quantity:	2 cubic feet
Quantity:	(10 volumes)
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Series:	A0123

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Arrangement

Arranged according to Service Division or Operations Division, and therein alphabetically by county and then chronologically.

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Scope and Content Note

These are letters of commendation written to the Service Division and Operations Division for various art, music, adult education programs, and infrastructure projects sponsored by the "Works Progress Administration of New York State," under auspices of the State Education

Department. They contain considerable information about WPA cultural and educational programs in New York State (outside of New York City).

Volumes 1-4: These volumes contain letters written to the Service Division, which presented musical and theatrical performances, managed nursery schools, conducted adult education programs (sometimes in correctional facilities), assisted in city planning, and conducted tax assessment surveys.

Volumes 5-10: These volumes contain letters written to the Operations Division, which worked on infrastructure projects such as sidewalk, road, and sewer repair and construction.

There are separate county indexes for both divisions. Each letter is assigned a serial number corresponding in sequence to receipt of the letter. The index shows correspondent and title, institution, address, and subject. The index for the Operations Division also shows project number.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Copies of separate county indexes, prepared by the Historical Records Survey in 1942, are available at the repository.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Access Terms

- Adult education
- Public service employment
- Providing public works employment
- Monitoring education

- Educating
- Culture--Study and teaching
- Education and state
- New York (State)
- Cultural policy
- University of the State of New York
- United States. Works Progress Administration
- New York (State). Education Department