

2014 AmeriCorps State and National Individual Reviewer Rubric

Rating Definitions

The following are definitions for the different rating scales that are used for the 2014 AmeriCorps State and National External Review. The Individual Review Forms will indicate if the Selection Criteria and corresponding Standard(s) should be reviewed against the ratings that are in the 5-point or 2-point rating scale.

For each rating, the definition details corresponding characteristics of an application's response quality that would fall within that particular rating. Reviewers should consider the application's characteristics to determine which rating is most appropriate for the respective Selection Criteria and Standards.

Rating	Definition
5-point rating scale	
Greatly exceeds the standard	High quality response, exceeding most aspects of the standard and meeting all other aspects. Strengths are substantial and solid. No weaknesses are identified, or any weakness has a minimal effect on the overall quality of the response.
Exceeds the standard	Quality response, meeting all aspects of the standard, and exceeding some aspects of the standard. Strengths are substantial. Weaknesses are minimal in effect on the overall quality of the response.
Meets the standard	Acceptable response, meeting all or most aspects of the standard. Strengths and weaknesses balance each other in significance. Overall quality of response is satisfactory, with room for improvement.
Partially meets the standard	Low quality response, meeting some aspects of the standard but does not satisfactorily address more than one aspect of the standard. Weaknesses are greater in significance than strengths. Overall quality of response is lacking with room for assumption in key elements.
Does not meet the standard	Very weak response, neglecting to address most aspects of the standard or failing to satisfactorily address most aspects of the standard. Weaknesses are significantly greater than the strengths. Overall quality of response is inadequate, with significant flaws in addressing the standard.
2-point rating scale	
Satisfactory	Response meets all or most aspects of the standard. Overall quality of the response is at least satisfactory.
Unsatisfactory	Response is low-quality and neglects to satisfactorily address more than one aspect of the standard. Overall quality of the response is lacking with room for assumptions in key aspects.