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SUBCHAPTER E

GENERATION 2000

OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER APPLICATION



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INTRODUCTION

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) welcomes applications for high-quality charter schools seeking to open for the 2025–2026 school year. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read this entire document and the corresponding Charter Request for Application RFA 701-24-102 before developing any application content.

The Commissioner of Education (the commissioner) is actively committed to attracting charter applicants who are capable of operating high-quality charter schools. The information requested through the application will inform the commissioner’s decision to propose Generation 29 charter awards.

On May 30, 1995, the Texas Legislature created the Public Charter School Program to maintain a portfolio of secular, tuition-free, public charter schools that:

- x Improve student learning;
- x Increase the choice of learning opportunities within the public-school system;
- x Create professional opportunities that att

The commissioner will assign priority points to applications that propose to operate an open-enrollment charter school within the boundaries of the attendance zone of a campus assigned an unacceptable performance rating for the past two years, pursuant to [TEC §39.054](#). The application scoring process will also allow for the award of additional priority points for applicants committed to operating within a Qualified Opportunity Zone.

ELIGIBILITY

Operators of open-enrollment charter schools within the state of Texas must qualify as an eligible entity as defined in [TEC §12.152\(b\)\(3\)](#) and [TEC §12.152\(c\)\(2\)](#).

Completion Check	November 6–November 27, 2023
Remedy Period	December 4–December 8, 2023
Determination Notifications sent to Applicants: Removal or Advancement to External Review	December 20, 2023*
External Review of Complete Applications	January 12–April 8, 2024
Additional Read Window (automatic)	April 8–April 12, 2024
Determination Notifications sent to Applicants: Determination of Advancement to Capacity Interview	April 15, 2024*
Capacity Interviews with representatives from the Texas Education Agency.	May 7–17, 2024
Commissioner Proposes Awards	May 27, 2024
* On or around date listed	

KEY DATES FOR APPLICANTS

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA) PUBLISHED... July 21, 2023

Notification of the RFA publication is posted in the Texas Register, on the TEA Charter School Division website, and subscribers are notified via the TEA GovDelivery System.

APPLICANT INFORMATION SESSION... July 28 and August 4, 2023

Two information sessions will be held via Zoom, an online platform for video conferences and webinars. These sessions are held to provide additional information to applicants about procedures and general considerations for the application process. The attendance of at least one member of the applicant team is required. In addition, the board president must also attend if the applicant has already formed the sponsoring entity at the time of the session.

Applicants must register online for at least one of the information sessions at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e22QZAOrTKy1xE_hkRmt3Q.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE... November 3, 2023

Applications must be submitted electronically. Electronic copies must be submitted Elec

Important: Applicants may contact TEA staff for clarifications regarding required fields in the application and for assembly procedures; however, an applicant must not initiate contact with any TEA staff or SBOE member regarding the content of the application from the time the application is submitted and ending on the date applicants conclude the external review process.

Applications that are removed from consideration (for lack of eligibility, lack of completion, failure to make the required cut score, plagiarism, etc.) ar54 (c)3 (o)1EMC ETc.r2 t srp923

ADDITIONAL REVIEW PERIOD... April 8–April 12, 2024

Applications that fall within five percentage points of the 85% threshold to advance (i.e., between 80 and 84.9%) will receive one additional external review during the additional review period. If the final adjusted score (incorporating the score from the sixth review) exceeds 85%, the application will advance to the capacity interview stage.

CAPACITY INTERVIEWS... May 7, 2023–May 17, 2024

Qualifying applicants (i.e., those meeting the 85% threshold to advance) will be invited to participate in a formal interview with TEA staff. During the interview, applicants will have the opportunity to field questions and demonstrate their capacity to open and operate a high-quality charter school.

Important: Interview days and times are provided by TEA staff and are not subject to negotiation.

Applicants must have: (1) at least

9 Any condition, amendment, modification, revision, or other change to the charter adopted or ratified by the commissioner; and

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- 9 Strength of the proposed board and leadership teams;
- 9 Displays of innovative thought and practice;
- 9 Recruitment strategies that will likely achieve the projected enrollment for the first years of operation;
- 9 Impact statements from any school district whose enrollment is likely to be affected by the proposed charter school, including information relating to any financial difficulty that a loss in enrollment may have on a district;
- 9 Evidence of parental and community support for the proposed charter school;
- 9 Qualifications and backgrounds of all individuals who will be involved in the management and educational leadership of the proposed charter school;
- 9 History of the charter applicant, if applicable;
- 9 Evidence that the proposed governance structure will establish and maintain sound fiscal management and administrative practices;
- 9 Strength of the proposed financial plan;
- 9 Plans to ensure services will begin on the date proposed in the application; and
- 9 Indications that the proposed charter school will expand the variety of charter schools in the following ways:
 - Instructional settings,
 - Diverse student populations and programs,
 - Diverse geographic regions, and
 - Representation in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

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general. Do not repeat content discussed in other sections of the application. If needed, applicants may refer to or cite other responses in the narrative or attachment sections.

SUBMISSION

Applicants are requested to submit the charter application via Sharefile. This service is a web-based interface that allows for the sharing of large files in a secure environment.

- x Click <https://tea.sharefile.com/r-rbc3a3ba5ee044e3db526a2885a1adcdd>.
- x The first screen will require the following:
 - o Email: use the email that was provided for the applicant's main contact;
 - o First/Last Name: use the main contact that was listed in the applicant's proposal;
 - o Company: use the name of the sponsoring entity
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