

Overview of the Fall 2015 Application and Application Cycle

With the Fall 2015 charter application cycle, the State Public Charter School Authority has adopted a multiple track application format which features questions focused on the particular academic, financial, organizational, and governance opportunities and challenges associated with a variety of common applicant profiles, including those individuals seeking to start a school on their own, those groups which have elected to contract with an education management organization, and successful governing boards of charter schools which are seeking to oversee new schools in Nevada. The table below details some of the differences between these applicant types:

Applicant Types and Application Tracks

	Track A: Start-Up Applicant	Track B: Start-Up Applicant Contracting with EMO	Track C: Start-Up Applicant Independently Replicating a Proven School Model	Track D: Experienced Non-Profit Applicant Which Already Governs High Achieving Charter Schools
Eligible Applicant	Committee to Form	Committee to Form	Committee to Form	Non-Profit Charter Management Organization Which Directly Holds Charters in NV or Other States or Nevada Non-Profit Affiliate of Such a CMO
May Applicant Contract with Education Management Organization (For Profit/Non-Profit)?	No-Not Permitted for Track A	Yes-Required for Track B	No-Not Permitted for Track C	Yes-Permitted But Not Required for Track D
School Type(s)	New School Model Created by Applicant	New School Model or Successful Existing School Model Developed by EMO	Replication: Successful Existing School Model Which Applicant Wants to "Clone" in New Location	Successful School Model Developed by CMO
Earliest Charter Award Date	October/November 2015	October/November 2015	October/November 2015	January 2016

Prospective applicants who are unsure of which application track is most suitable for their particular proposal are encouraged to contact the State Public Charter School Authority by phone at 775-687-9174 or via email at charterstarters@spsca.nv.gov.

The State Public Charter School Authority views the granting of the charter as an investment of public dollars and the public trust in the service of public schoolchildren. The evaluation of each application and each applicant revolves around the same essential question: will this school be an academic, organizational, & financial success?