2022-2025 Florida Public Charter Schools Grant Program (CSP)
Request for Proposal (RFP)
PLANNING, PROGRAM DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

Applicant Technical Assistance Webinar

March 15, 2022

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INTRODUCTIONS

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AGENDA

- Method for Answering FAQs
- Funding Authority
- Overview of Competition Process
  - Two Stage Application Process
  - Eligible Applicants
  - Proposal Requirements
- Stage I Method of Review
- Stage II Summary
- Highlights of the RFP
- Demonstration of System

Method of Answering Frequently Questions

- During the webinar all participants can type their questions within the *Questions* box
- E-mail questions to charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org with "CSP Question" in the subject header by close of business on Friday, March 18, 2022.
- A list of FAQs and answers will be posted no later than Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

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FUNDING AUTHORITY

Federal Funds: Title IV, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) (20 U.S.C. 7221-7221j).

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OVERVIEW

Two Stage Application Process

- Stage I:
  - Open to all eligible applicants
  - Proposal is submitted online via Survey Monkey Apply
- Stage II:
  - Invitation Only
  - Proposal is submitted online via FDOE's ShareFile system
  - Budgets submitted with proposals

STAGE I – Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants must meet the following conditions:

- Submitted a charter school application to a local school district using the Department's model charter school application (Form IEPC-M1, effective February 2016, or later) as adopted in State Board of Education Rule 6A-6.0786; and
  - Charter application has been approved by the district;
  - Charter application is pending; or
  - Charter application is denied and pending an appeal.

STAGE I – Eligible Applicants

- Applicants must open no later than fall 2023.

- Applicants that submitted the Department's model charter school application to a local school district and subsequently applied to and were denied funding in any CSP competition held between 2016 and the present time cannot submit a revised charter application for this competition.

STAGE I - Proposal Requirements

Proposal Requirements

- Eligibility Form
- Overview Form
  - Census tract number must be provided here, if applicable.
- Charter School Application
  - The charter school application submitted as part of this CSP proposal must be the exact application submitted to the district for its review and approval.

STAGE I - Proposal Requirements

Proposal Requirements, continued

- Attachments A-Z from the model charter school application, as applicable
- Addenda A, A1, B from the model charter school application, as applicable
- Addenda AA-FF from the model charter school application, as applicable
- Attestation

STAGE I - Proposal Requirements

Proposal Requirements, continued

- Stage I proposals do not need Superintendent signature.
- A grant budget is not required.

STAGE I - Proposal Requirements

Online Submission

- Submit online via Survey Monkey Apply: https://flcsp-apply.smapply.io/prog/CSP22-25/
- Stage I proposal due by March 31, 2022, 5:00 pm EDT.
- The due date refers to the date and time the proposal must be fully submitted through the Survey Monkey Apply online application system.
- System will lock at 5:00 pm EDT

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STAGE I METHOD OF REVIEW

The Department will utilize separate and distinct review processes for **established operators** (operators who have opened at least five charter schools in Florida) and **new operators** (operators who have opened less than five charter schools in Florida).

STAGE I Review – New Operators

Completeness Review

- Completed by Department staff.
- Confirms all required sections are included and complete.

Capacity Review

- Completed by external review team.
- Full comprehensive review of complete application.
  - Including attachments, addenda and applicant history
  - Invited to Capacity Interview (conducted virtually)

STAGE I Review – New Operators

Completeness Review

- DOE will be looking for:
  - Eligibility Form
  - Overview Form
  - Charter School Application
    - Application Cover Sheet
    - Executive Summary
    - Educational Plan (subsections 1-9)
    - Organizational Plan (subsections 10-15)
    - Business Plan (subsections 16-22)
    - Addendum A – Replications
    - Addendum A1 – High-Performing Replications
    - Addendum B – Education Service Providers

STAGE I Review – New Operators

Completeness Review, continued

- DOE will be looking for:
  - Attestation
  - Spot checks with district sponsors to ensure the application submitted to the CSP competition is the same as that submitted to the district

STAGE I Review – New Operators

Capacity Review – page 9 of RFP

- Each proposal will be evaluated in full by three independent reviewers with combined expertise in educational, organizational and business planning for charter schools.
- Each evaluator will review each of the 22 subsections as well as relevant attachments, appendices or addenda, including the Applicant History Worksheet, if applicable.
- After individual reviews, *CSP Proposal Review team* will discuss and rate each subsection of the application. Each subsection will receive one of the following ratings:
  - ✓ Falls Far Below Expectations
  - ✓ Does Not Meet Expectations
  - ✓ Approaches Expectations
  - ✓ Meets Expectations
  - ✓ Exceeds Expectations

STAGE I Review – New Operators

Capacity Interview, continued

- After the CSP Proposal Review, applicants will be invited to an interview with the review team.
- Applicant may have up to eight people attend the interview; the applicant group should reflect the leadership of the charter school effort yet be small enough that each person will contribute substantively.
- Applicants are encouraged to invite, at a minimum, key board members and the proposed school leader (if he or she is identified).
- Individuals who will play an active role in the day-to-day operations and governance of the school should attend the interview.
- Evaluation rubric is on pages 9-16 in RFP.

STAGE I Review – Established Operators

- Evaluation and scoring is based primarily upon past performance of network
  - Value Added Score
  - School Grades
  - High Need
    - Percentage of schools that are Title I
    - Percentage of students with disabilities
  - Stability
    - School Closures
  - Financial Performance

STAGE I Review – Established Operators

Established Operators Defined

- An applicant that has opened five or more public charter schools in Florida. This includes all charter school opened, including those that subsequently closed.

- If the applicant will work with a management company/education services provider that has operated five or more charter schools in Florida, the applicant is considered an Established Operator.

STAGE I Review – Established Operators

Established Operators Defined, continued

- If the applicant has an established governing board (operated at least five schools) and an established management company/education service provider, the score will be based upon the schools operated by the governing board. If the applicant's governing board has not operated at least five charter schools in Florida, but will contract with a management company/education service provider that has, the score will be based upon the schools managed by the management company/education service provider. Each calculation will be rounded to one decimal place.

STAGE I Review – Preference Points New & Established

- **Opportunity Zone and Schools of Hope**
- **National Charter School Growth Fund**
- **Rural**
  - Those opening in Rural and Low-Income School Districts (RLIS)
- **Service Area**
  - Schools that will operate in districts that received a grade of “C” or lower for last two years
- **Student Recruitment and Enrollment**
  - Applicants who score a rating of “Exceeds Expectations" on relevant section of the model charter application

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STAGE II SUMMARY

- Highest scoring applications invited to submit a Stage II proposal.
- Invitation to Stage II does not a guarantee of funding.
- Stage II proposals due **July 12, 2022**, via FDOE's ShareFile system.

STAGE II

- Upon invitation to submit Stage II, the Department will offer webinars focused on budget completion.
- The Department will only accept applications from applicants invited to Stage II.
- Review RFP for all technical requirements.
  - See pages 19 and 20 of RFP for list of required items for a complete proposal.

STAGE II

Multi-year Planning, Program Design, and Implementation Project

- This is a multi-year project with **a maximum combined program performance period of three years, of which not more than 18 months can be spent in planning and program design**.

- The project effective date will be the date that the prioritized funding list (PFL) is approved by the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education. The Department anticipates a project effective date during the month of **July 2022**.

STAGE II

Pre-award Costs

- The Florida Department of Education may approve, or allow reimbursement for, expenses on allowable items incurred no more than 90 days before the start of the project effective date. Such costs are defined as pre-award costs, and are allowable only to the extent that they would have been allowable if incurred after the project effective date and are allowable only with approval of the Florida Department of Education.

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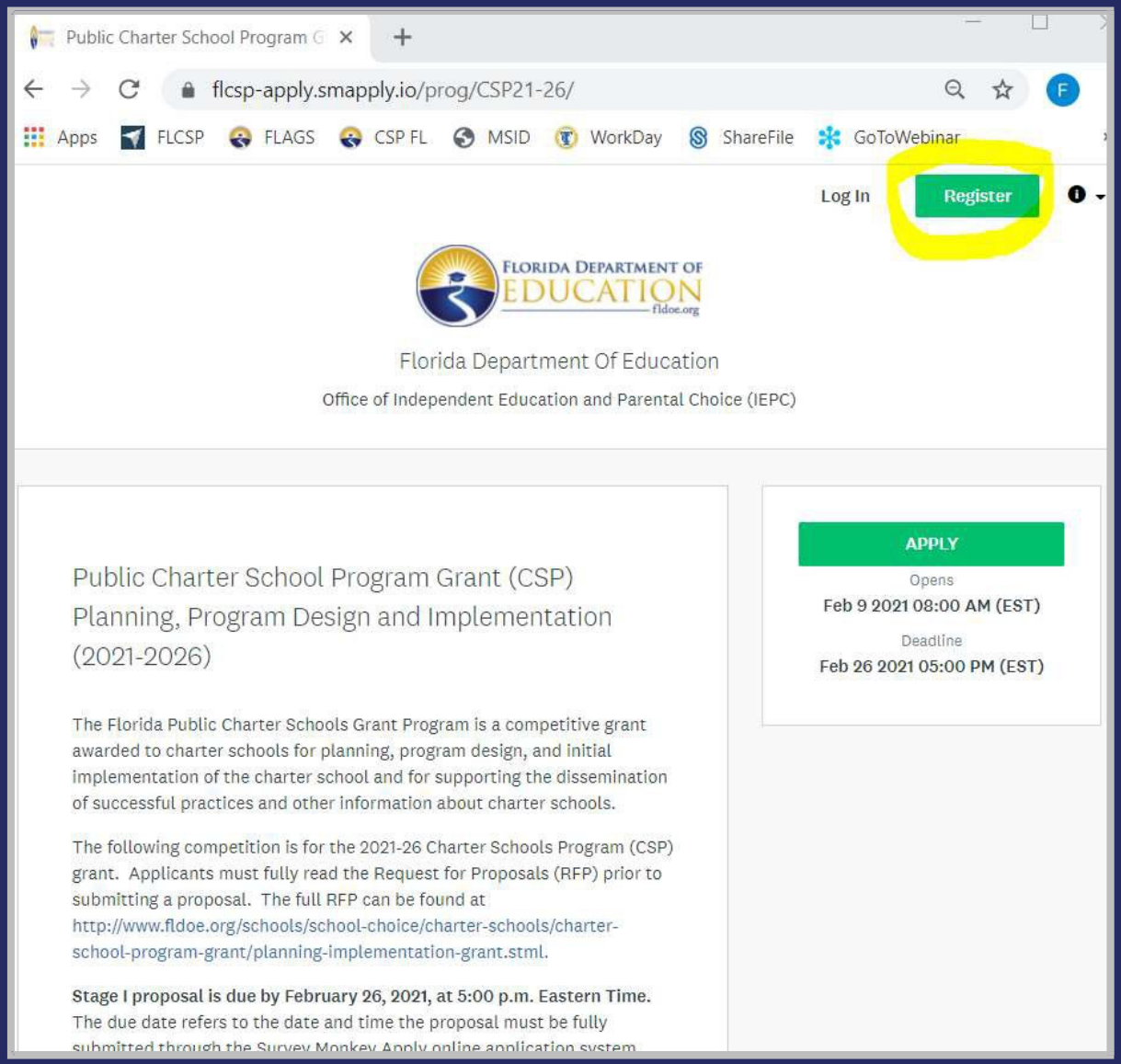
DEMONSTRATION

Survey Monkey Apply

ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM

1. First-time Survey Monkey Apply users will need to create an account.



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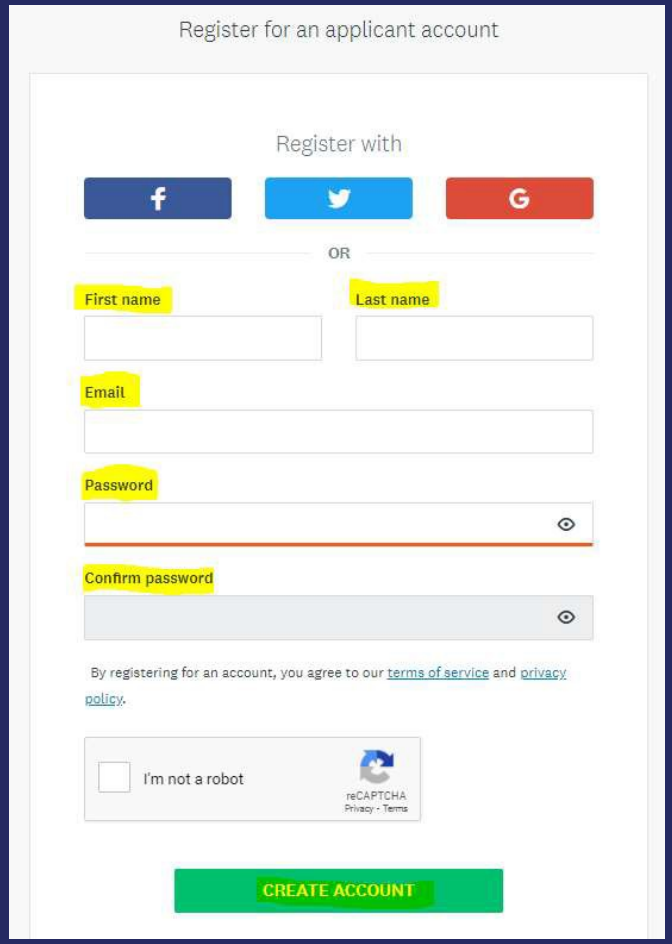

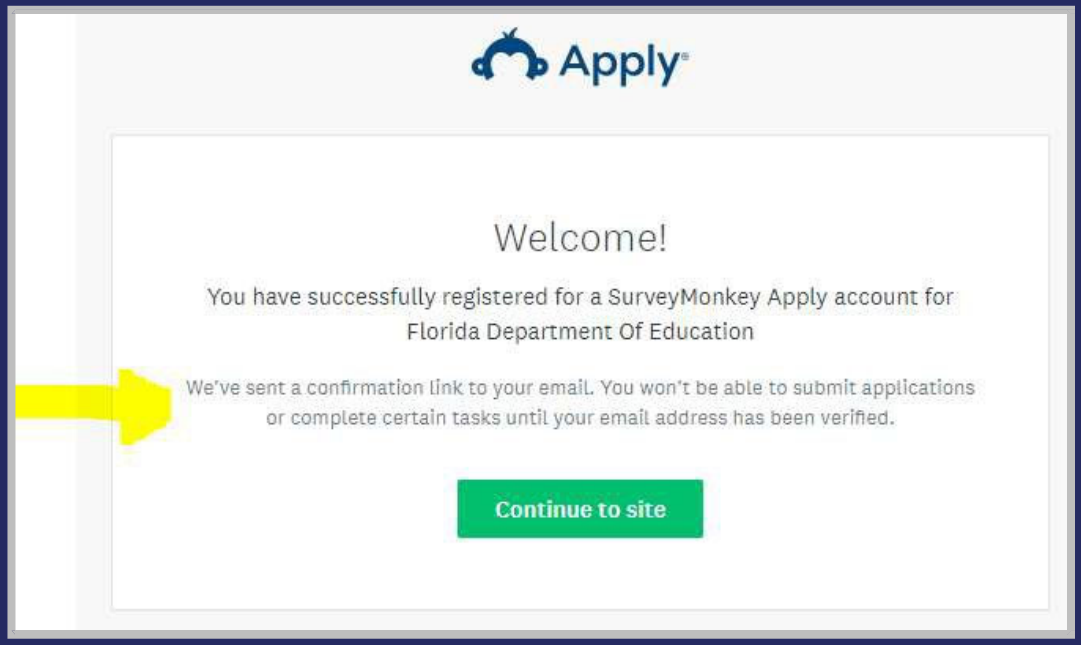

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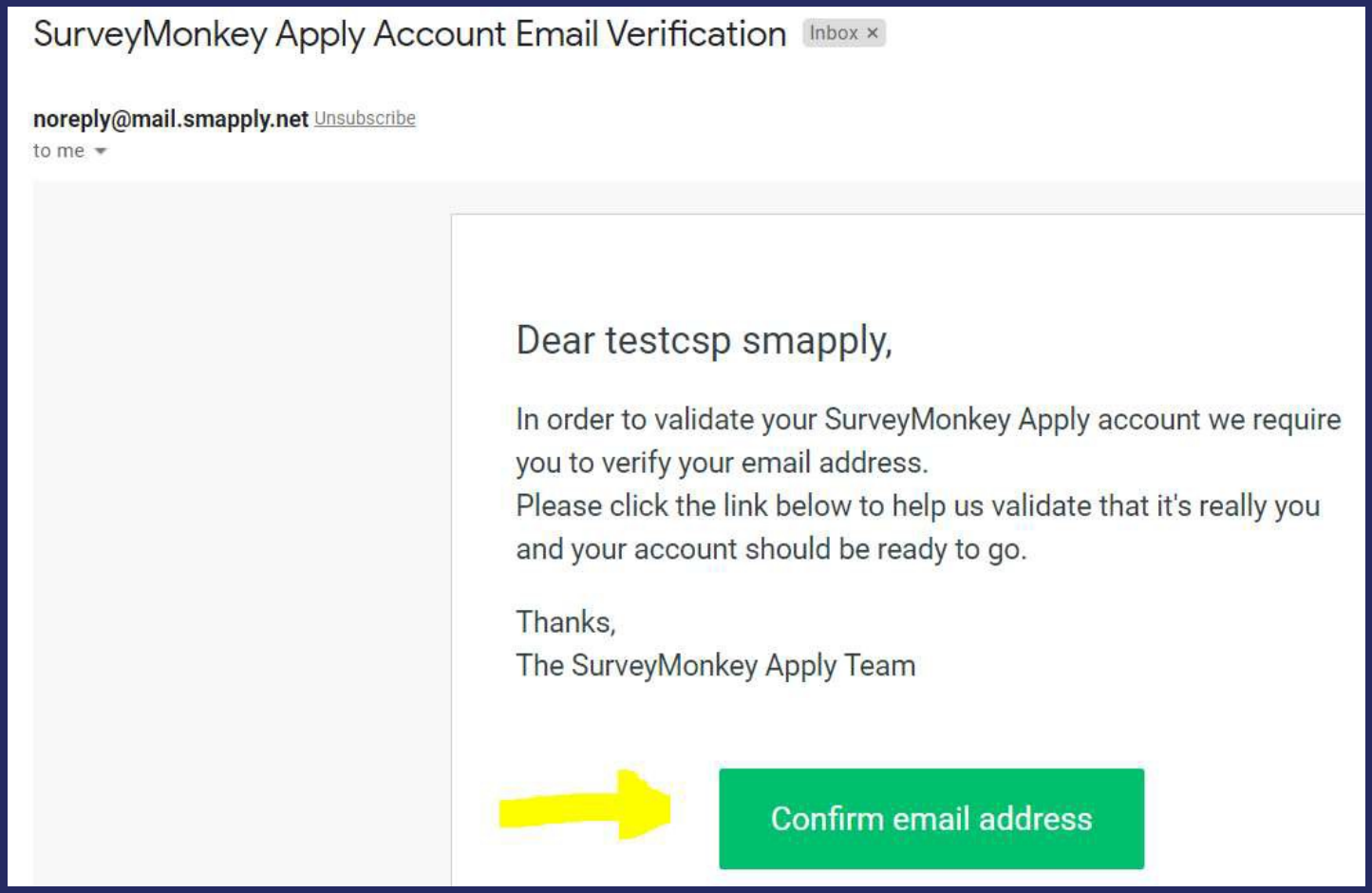

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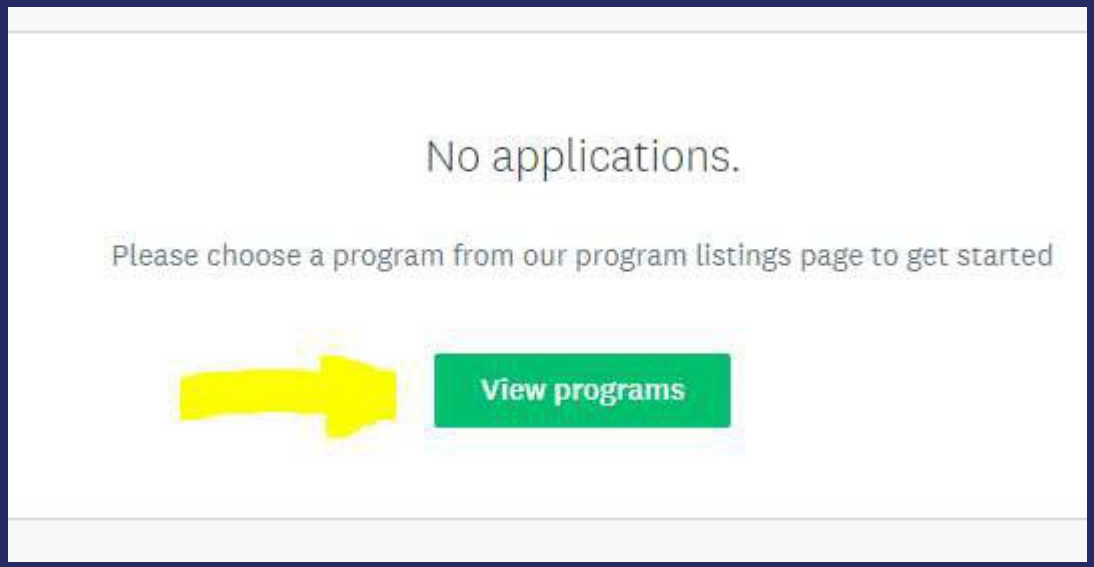
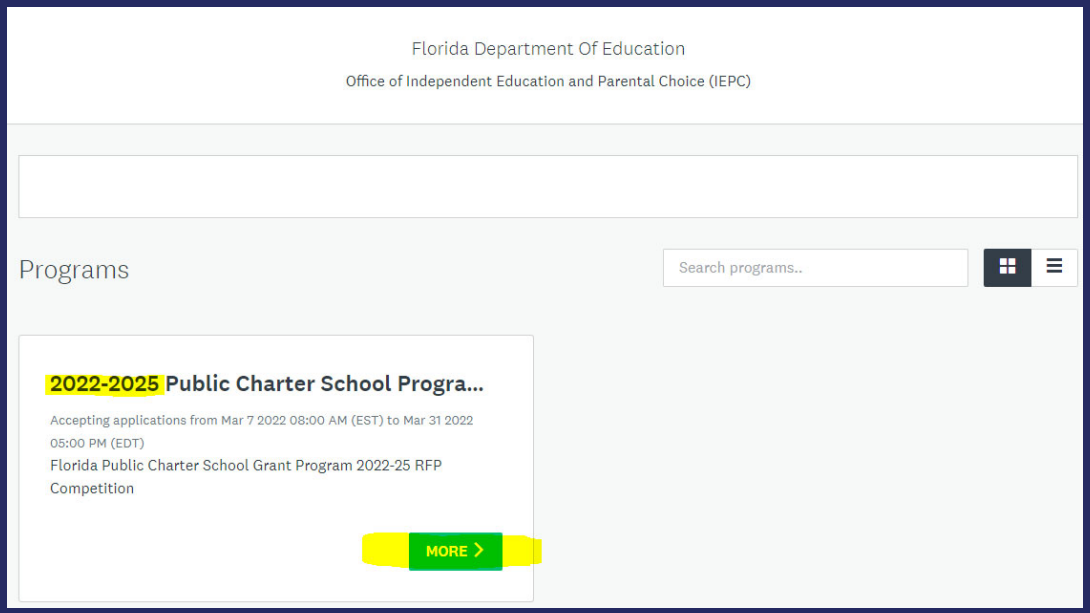
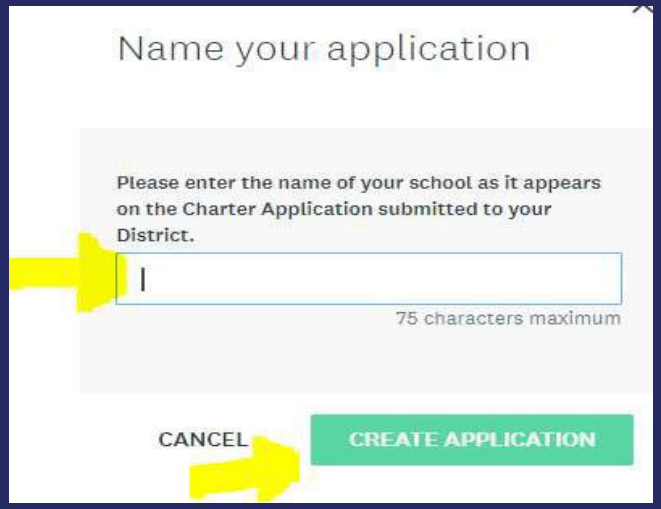




5. To start the application, click Apply.

6. Enter the school name as it appears on the charter application submitted to your district.



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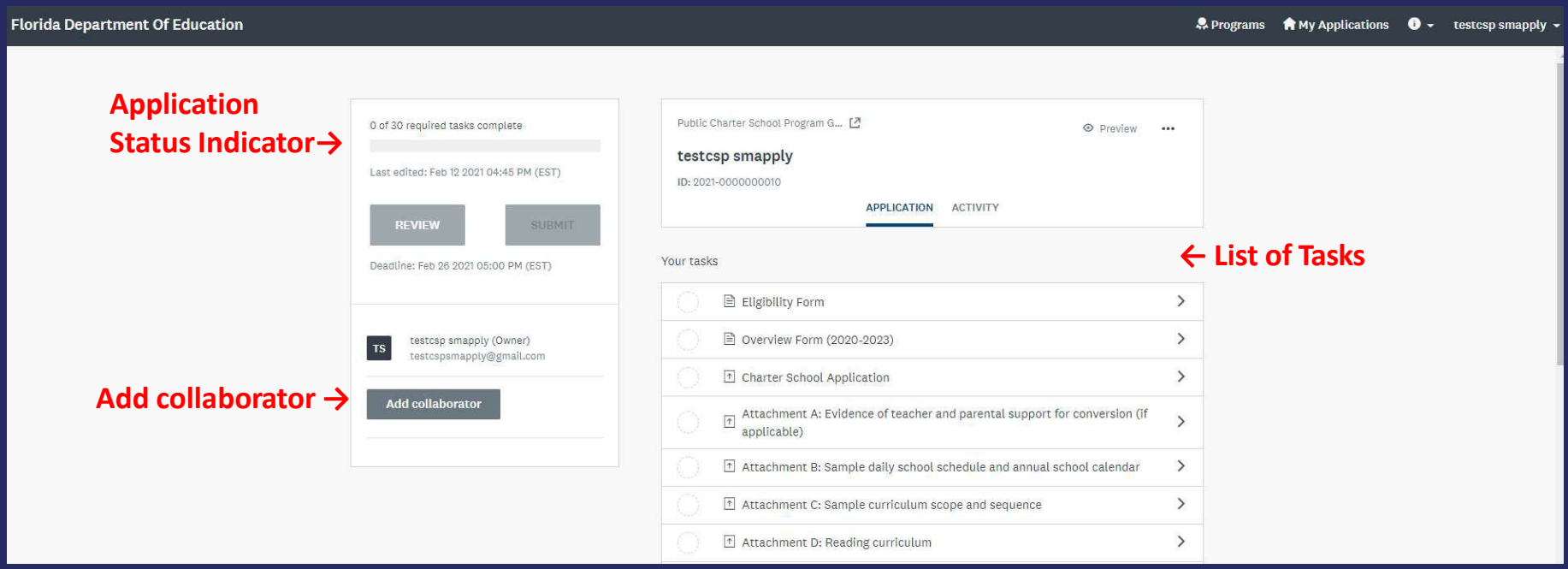
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APPLICATION
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Your tasks
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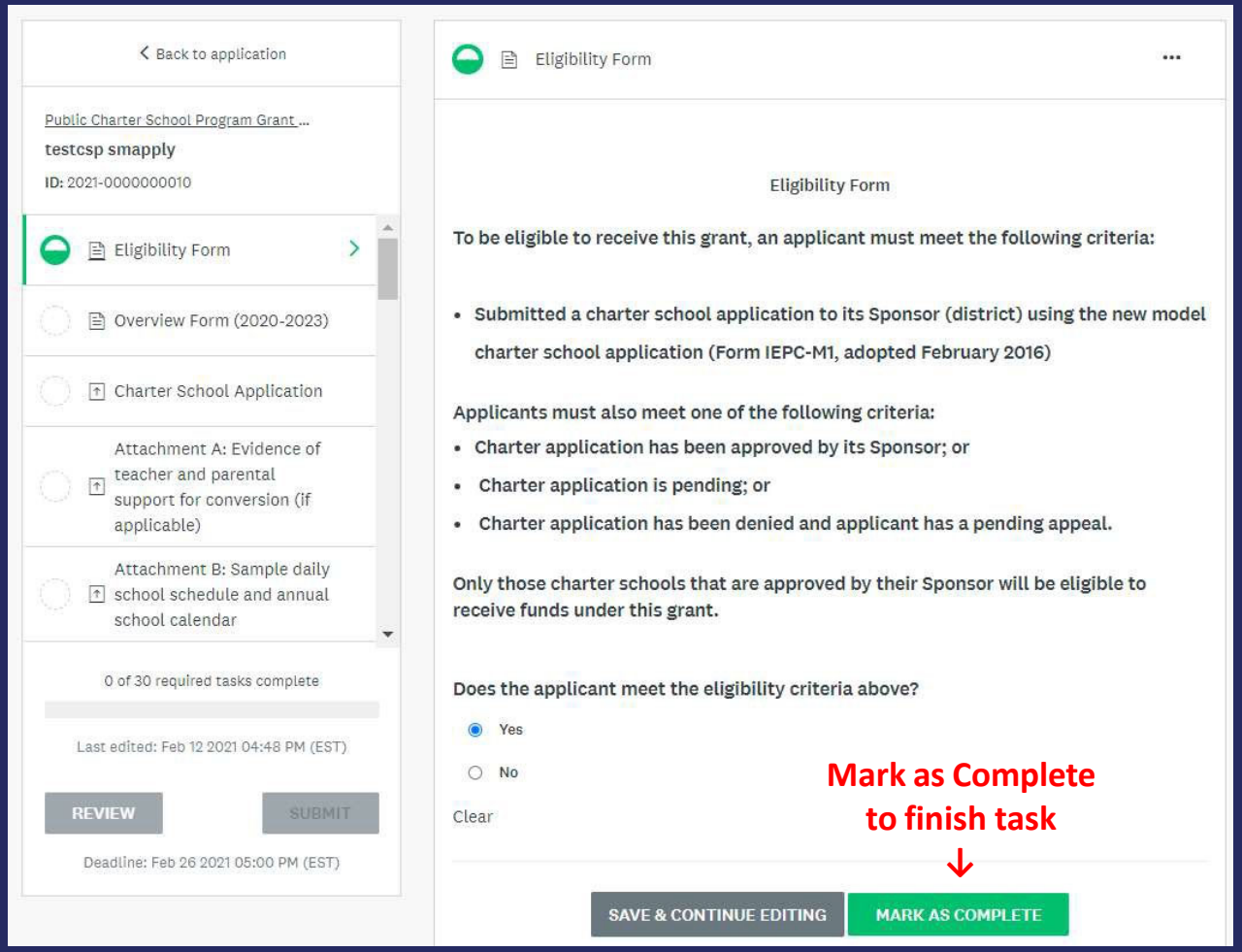
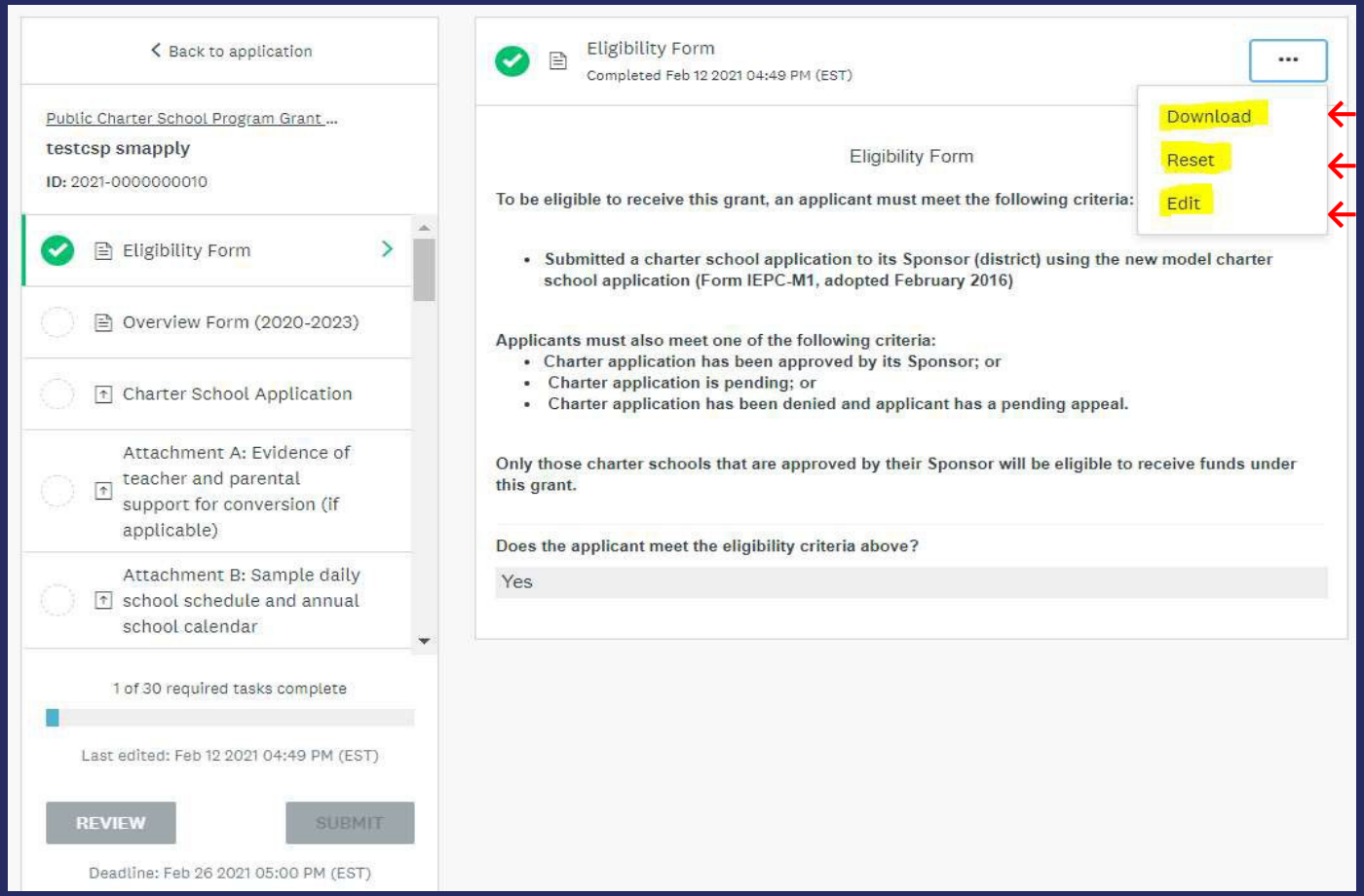
Eligibility Form
Overview Form (2020-2023)
Charter School Application
Attachment A: Evidence of teacher and parental support for conversion (if applicable)
Attachment B: Sample daily school schedule and annual school calendar
Attachment C: Sample curriculum scope and sequence
Attachment D: Reading curriculum

8. Complete each task.

Incomplete Task →



Tasks may be downloaded, reset, or edited before the application is submitted.



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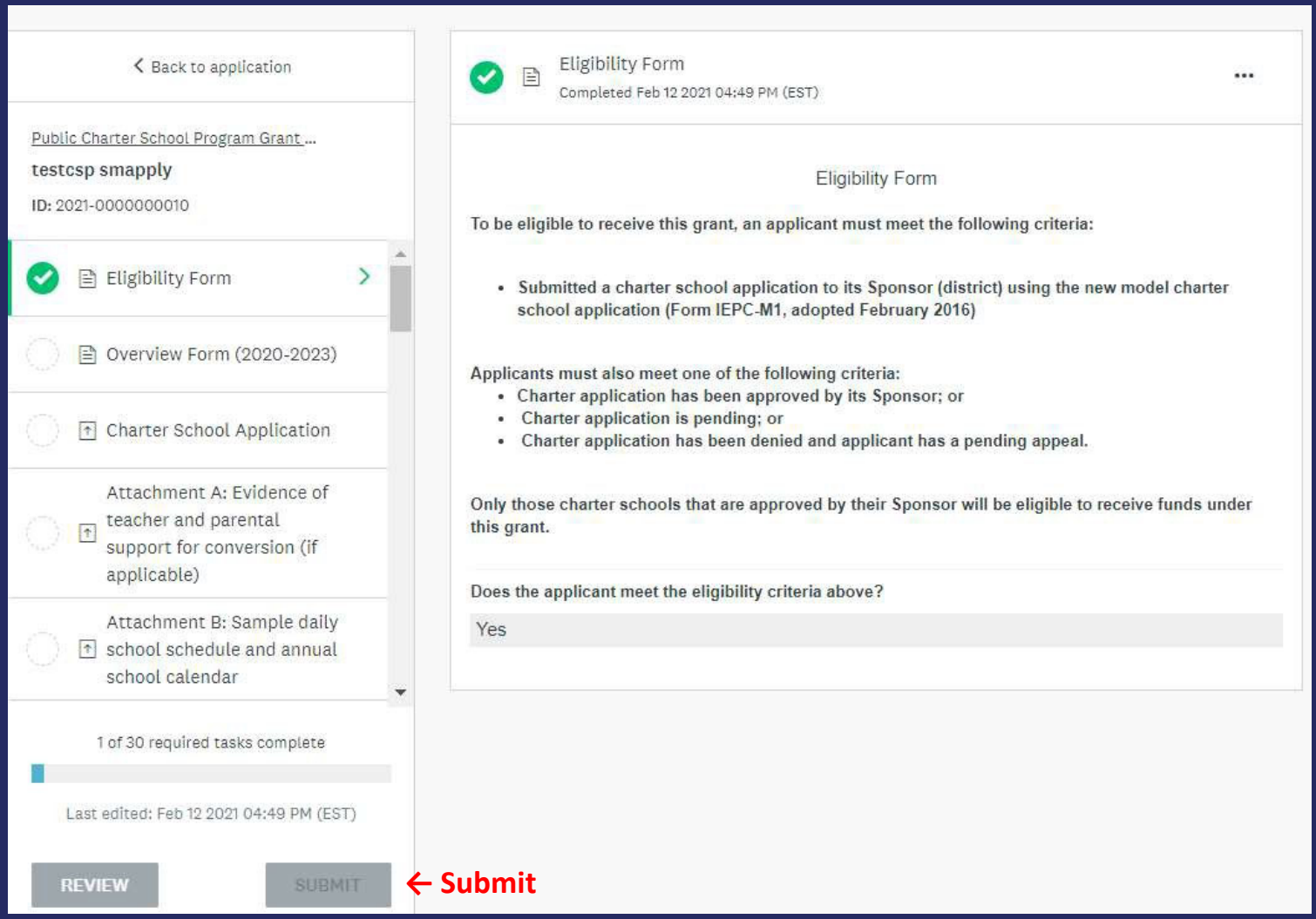
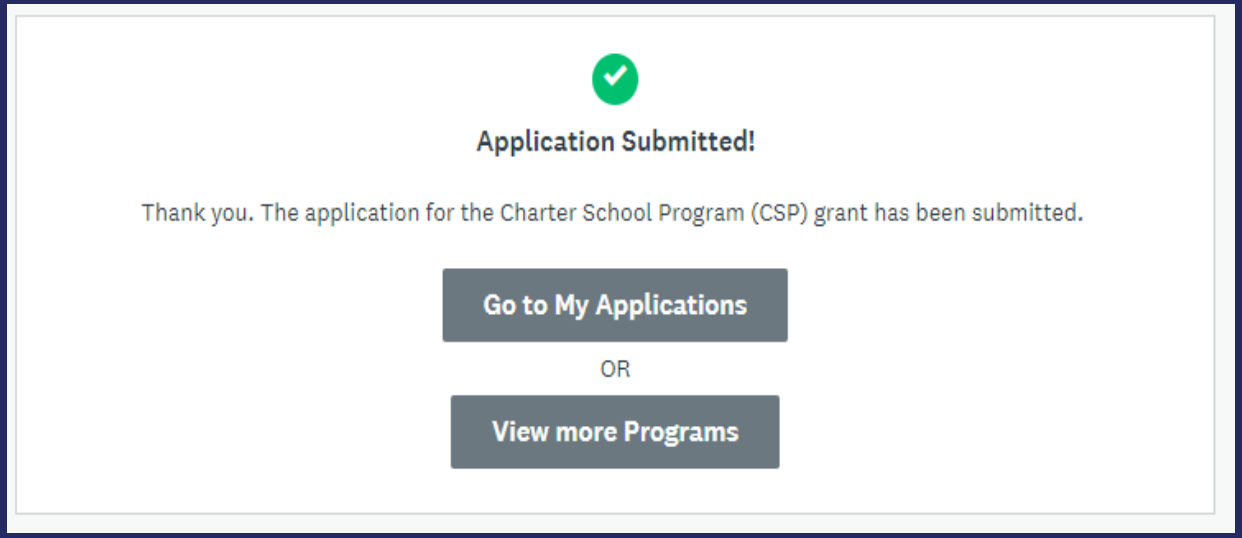


Application Submission Confirmation



Survey Monkey Apply Quick Tips & Reminders

- Upload attachments as a single **clear** PDF document.
  - When possible, create a PDF instead of scanning a printed document.

- System locks on **March 31, 2022, 5:00 pm EDT**
  - Edits/applications will not be accepted after the deadline.

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REMINDER

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Thank you for your participation.