



2025 Florida Public Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant for New Operators

Stage I Applicant Technical Assistance Webinar



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Introductions

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- Funding Authority
- Overview of Competition Process
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Method of Answering FAQs

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- E-mail questions to charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org with “CSP Question” in the subject header by close of business on Friday, October 17, 2025.
- The Department will publish on our website FAQs with answers no later than Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Method of Answering FAQs

Implementation Only Projects

- Reimbursement grant only
- Applicants selected for funding must have the capacity to purchase all approved budget items immediately upon approval.
- Schools that cannot provide evidence that the school will open by August 2026 and will not have the capacity to expend all funds by June 2026 should not apply.





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).



Overview of Competition Process

- Two Stage Application Process
- Eligible Applicants
- Stage I Proposal Requirements

Eligible Applicants

- **Stage I:**
 - Open to all eligible applicants
 - Proposal (application) is submitted online via [Survey Monkey Apply](#)
- **Stage II:**
 - By invitation only
 - Proposal is submitted via Department's Office of Grants Management via the ShareFile system
 - Budgets submitted with proposals

Eligible Applicants

Definition of a New Operator:

- An applicant that has opened less than five public charter schools in Florida. This includes all charter schools opened, including those that subsequently closed.
- Note: 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.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants must also 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; **or** charter application is denied and pending an appeal.
- Applicants must open **no later than August 2026.**

Eligible Applicants

- 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 – Verifies the applicant's eligibility to apply.
- Overview Form - Census tract number must be provided here for opportunity zone preference points, 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

Stage I - Proposal Requirements

Proposal Requirements, continued

- Attestation
- 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/>
- Stage I proposal due by **Friday, October 24, 2025, 5:00 pm** Eastern Time (ET).
- The due date refers to the date and time the proposal must be fully submitted through the Survey Monkey Apply online application system.



Stage I Method of Review

The Department utilizes 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

Completeness Review

- 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

Completeness Review, continued

- 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

Capacity Review (more information in 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 all 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

Capacity Interview, continued

- Conducted virtually
- Applicant may have up to eight people attend the interview
- Interview team must reflect the leadership of the charter school 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 identified).

Stage I Review

Capacity Interview, continued

- Tentatively scheduled for the week of December 1, 2025 or December 8, 2025.
- Requests to reschedule will not be considered.



Stage I Review- Established Operators

Preference Points

- [Opportunity Zones](#) 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

Stage I Review- FAQs

- **Q: Is a school that previously received a CSP grant eligible for this grant?**

A: No.

- **Q: Would our expansion into a middle or high school be considered a new charter school and be eligible for this CSP grant?**

A: No. This is a competition for schools that have their own contract and MSID.

Stage I Review- FAQs

- **Q: We have applied in two districts for 3 schools. Do we apply for CSP grants separately for each school?**

A: Yes. A separate application must be completed for each school.

- **Q: Can schools that applied previously but did not make it past Stage I apply again this year?**

A: Yes.



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 to the Department **January 2025.**

Stage II Proposals

- 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.

Awards

Implementation Only Projects

- Maximum project period of nine months.
- The project start 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 **January 2025**.

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Stage II

Pre-Award Costs

- The Department 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.

Stage II

Pre-Award Costs, cont.

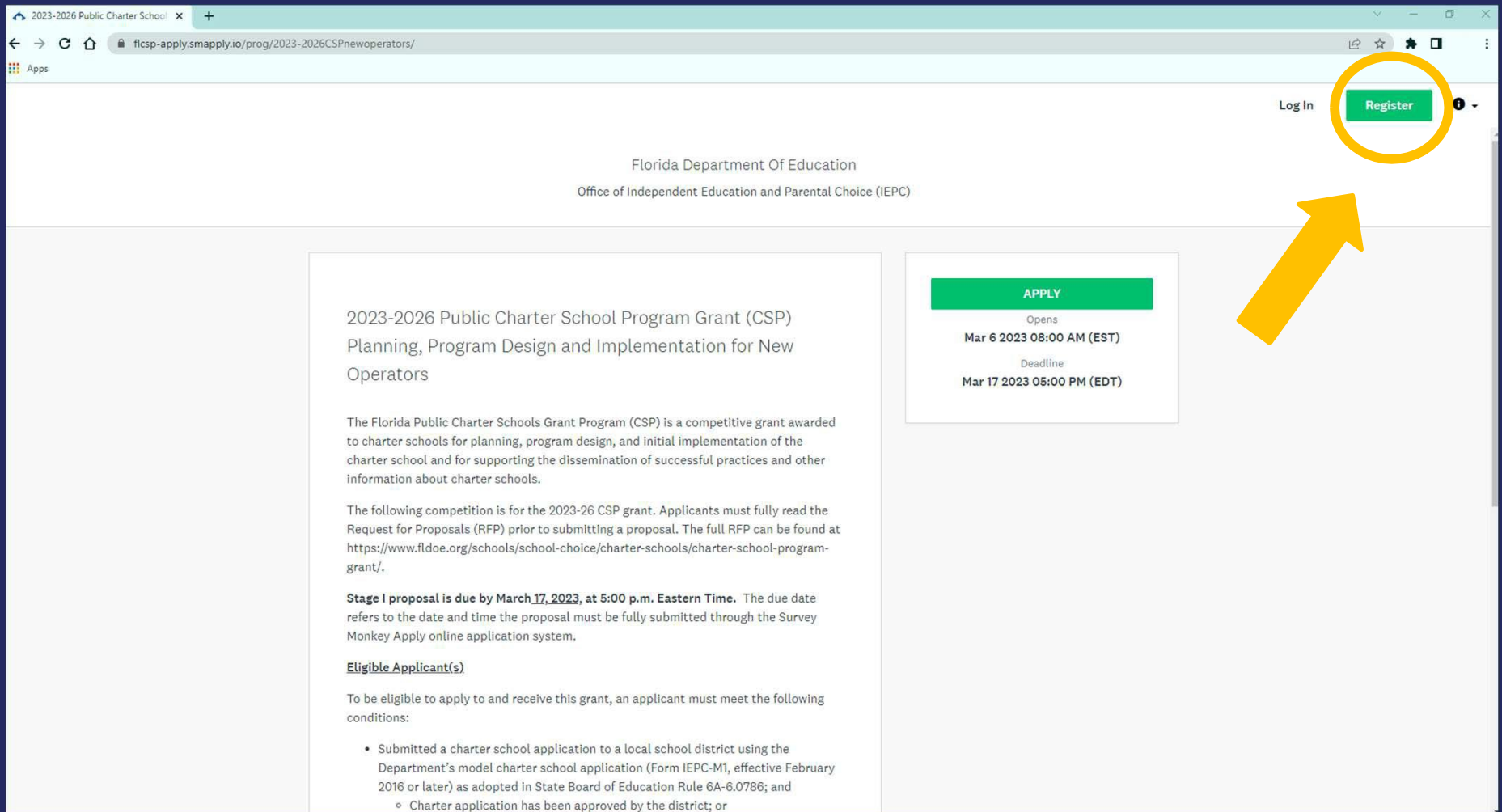
- The Department's approval for pre-award costs does not guarantee reimbursement.
- Sub-grant recipient should incur costs at their own risk.
- To receive reimbursement, the fiscal agent (sponsor/district) may require evidence of proper procurement procedures, the date the obligation was incurred, and verification that the item was deemed reasonable, necessary, and allowable by the Department.



Demonstration of Application System

Survey Monkey Apply

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



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flcsp-apply.smapply.io/prog/2023-2026CSPnewoperators/

Apps

Log In **Register**

Florida Department Of Education
Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice (IEPC)

2023-2026 Public Charter School Program Grant (CSP) Planning, Program Design and Implementation for New Operators

The Florida Public Charter Schools Grant Program (CSP) is a competitive grant awarded to charter schools for planning, program design, and initial implementation of the charter school and for supporting the dissemination of successful practices and other information about charter schools.

The following competition is for the 2023-26 CSP grant. Applicants must fully read the Request for Proposals (RFP) prior to submitting a proposal. The full RFP can be found at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/charter-schools/charter-school-program-grant/>.

Stage I proposal is due by March 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The due date refers to the date and time the proposal must be fully submitted through the Survey Monkey Apply online application system.

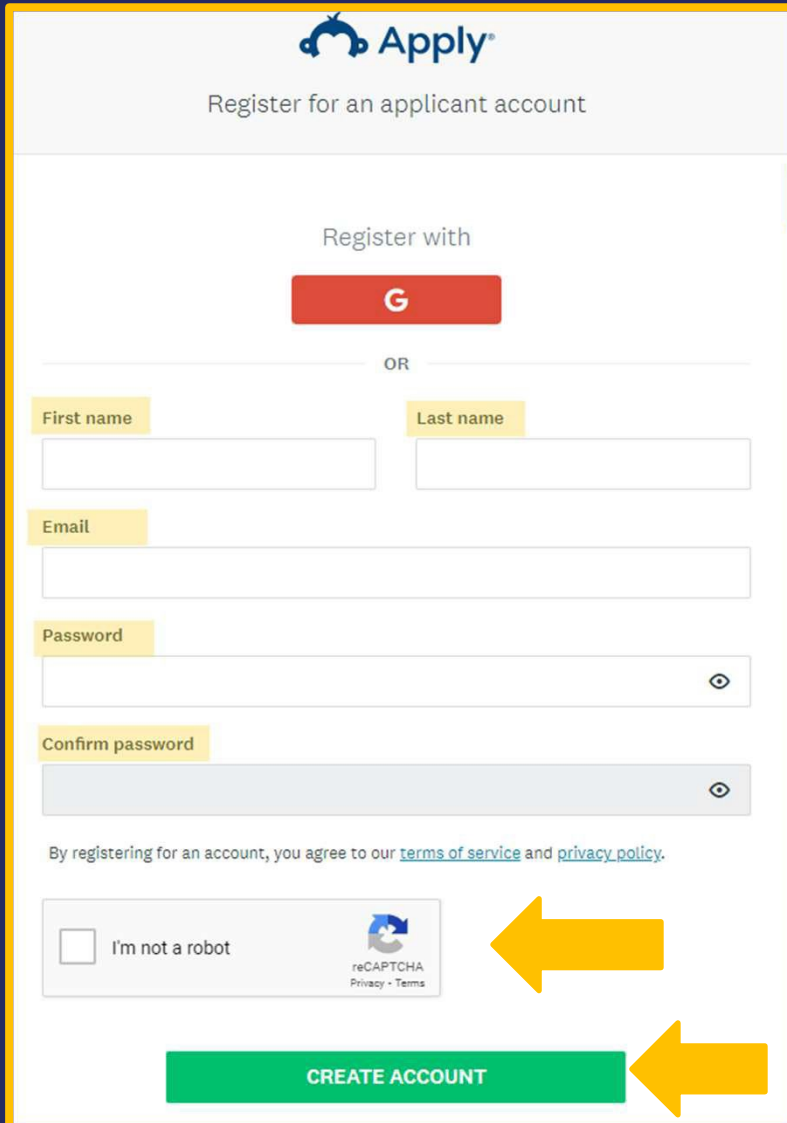
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APPLY
Opens
Mar 6 2023 08:00 AM (EST)
Deadline
Mar 17 2023 05:00 PM (EDT)

1.1 Survey Monkey Apply will require user information to register for an account.



The registration form for SurveyMonkey Apply is displayed. It features the Apply logo at the top, followed by the heading "Register for an applicant account". Below this, there is a "Register with" section with a red button labeled "G". An "OR" separator follows. The form includes input fields for "First name", "Last name", "Email", "Password", and "Confirm password". A checkbox labeled "I'm not a robot" is accompanied by a reCAPTCHA logo and the text "reCAPTCHA Privacy - Terms". At the bottom, a green button labeled "CREATE ACCOUNT" is visible. A large yellow arrow points from the "G" button to the right, and another yellow arrow points from the "CREATE ACCOUNT" button to the right.

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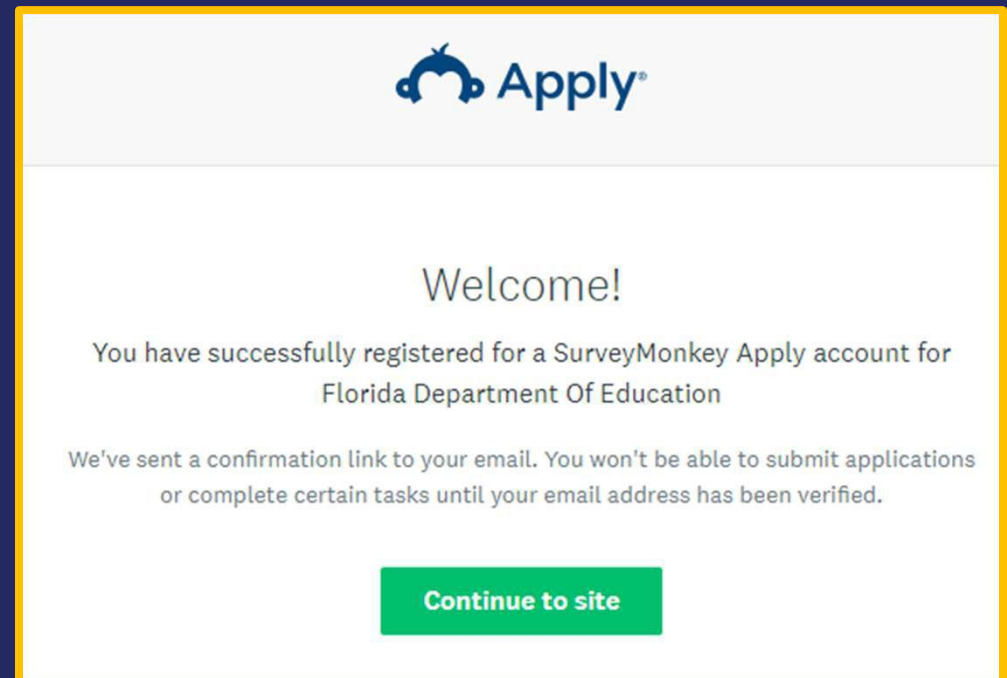
Confirm password

By registering for an account, you agree to our [terms of service](#) and [privacy policy](#).

☐ I'm not a robot

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Privacy - Terms

CREATE ACCOUNT



The welcome screen for SurveyMonkey Apply is displayed. It features the Apply logo at the top, followed by the heading "Welcome!". Below this, there is a message: "You have successfully registered for a SurveyMonkey Apply account for Florida Department Of Education". A second message states: "We've sent a confirmation link to your email. You won't be able to submit applications or complete certain tasks until your email address has been verified." At the bottom, a green button labeled "Continue to site" is visible. A large yellow arrow points from the registration form on the left to this screen.

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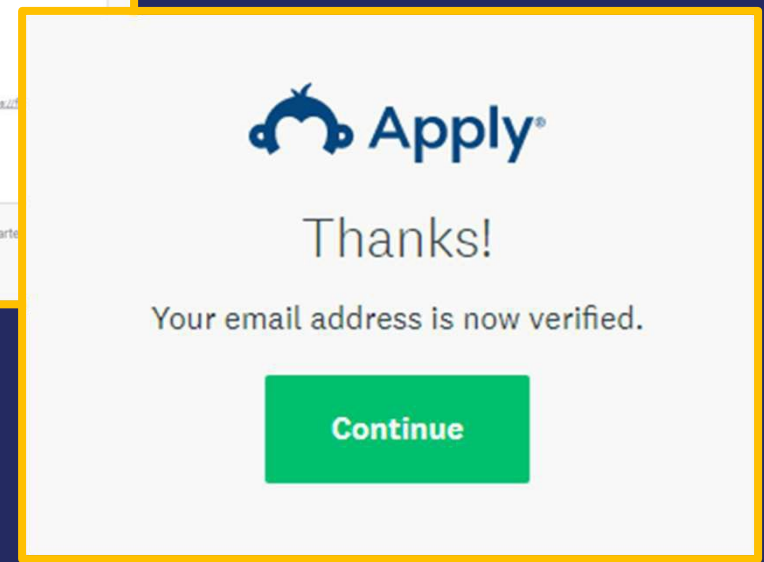
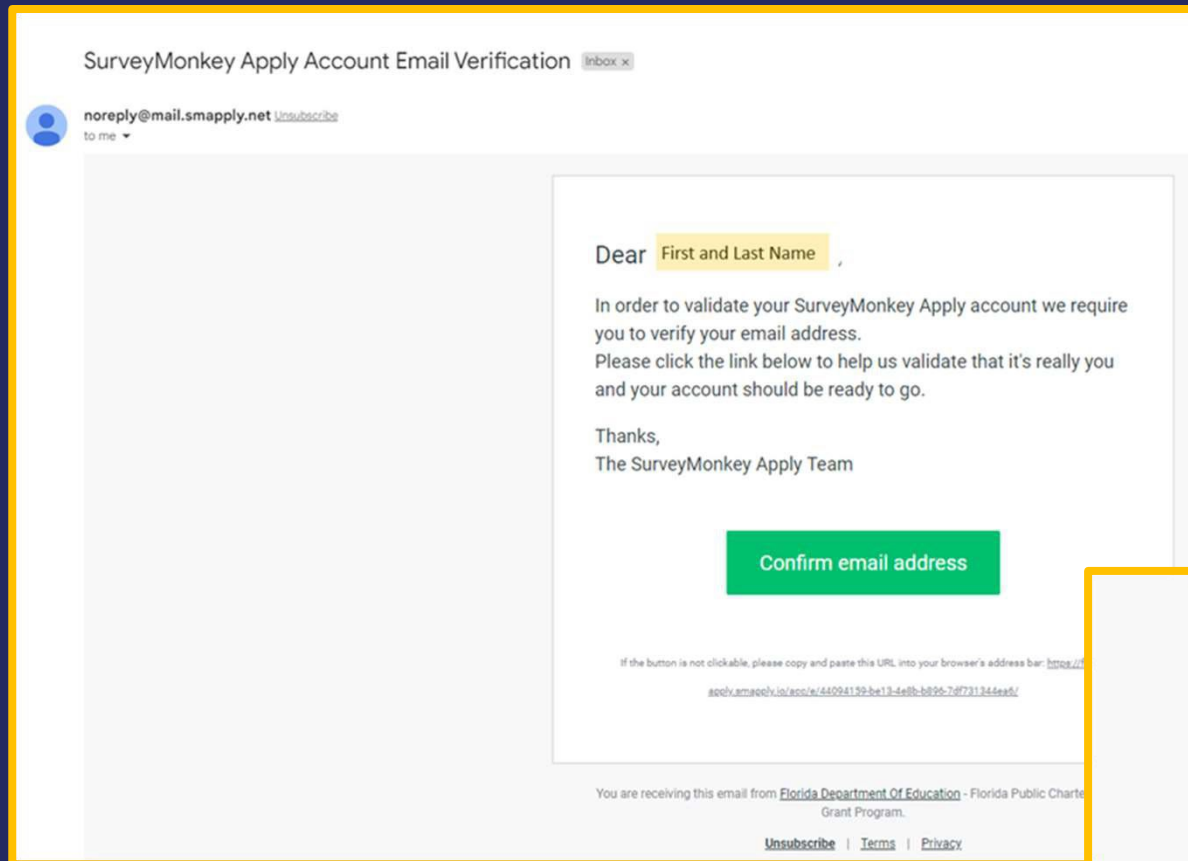
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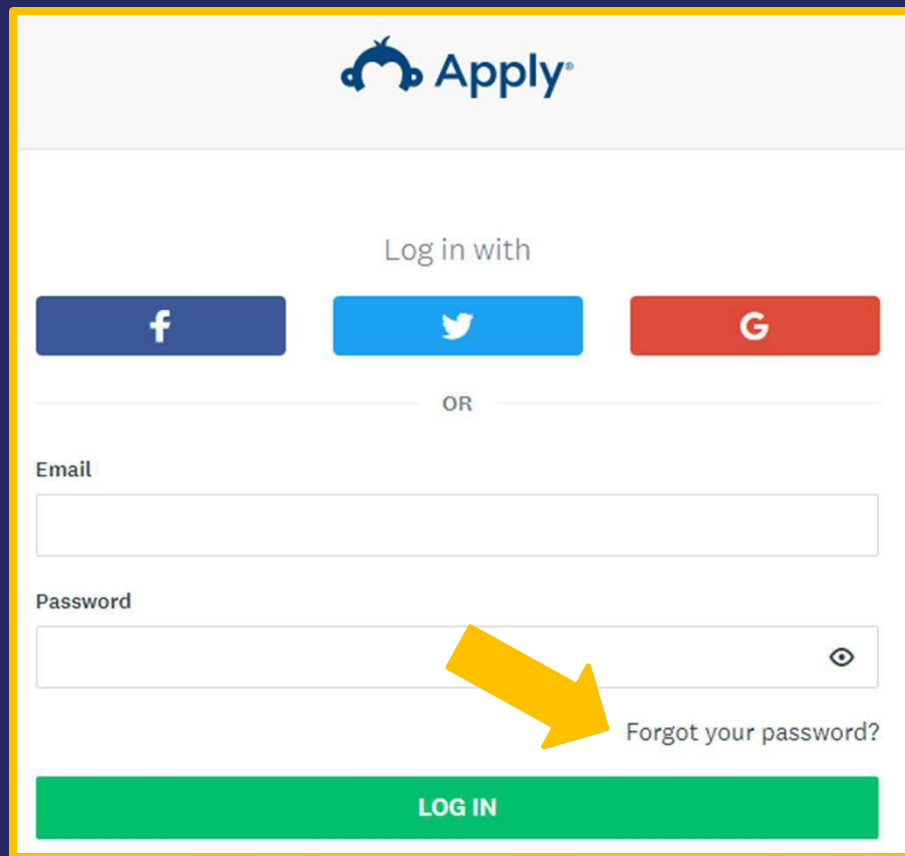
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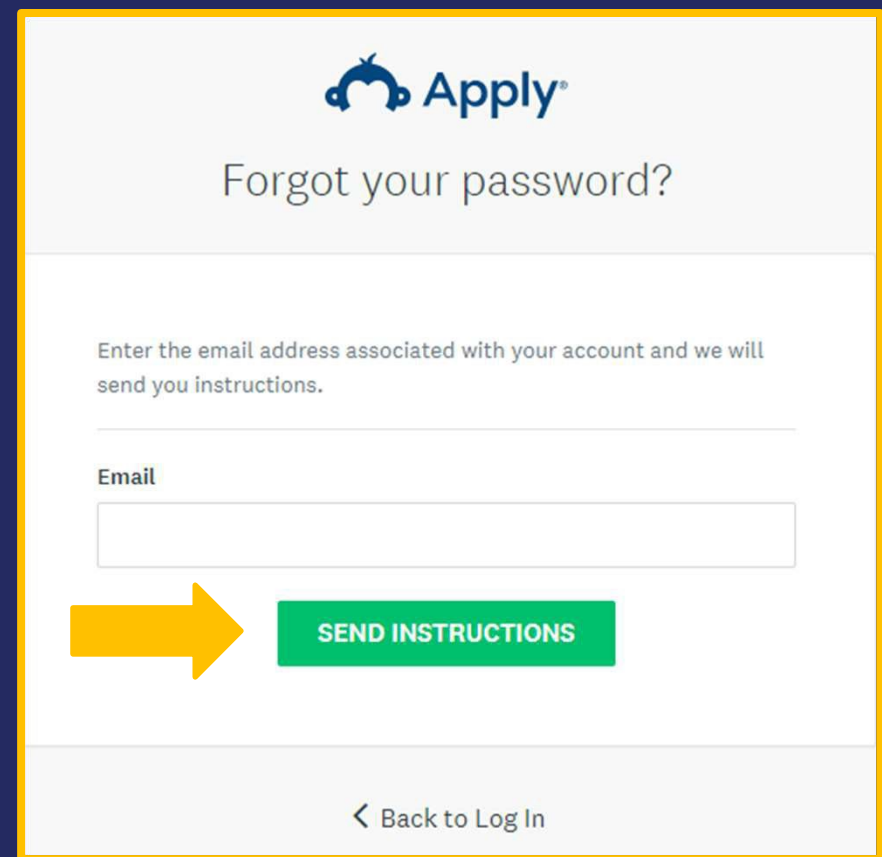
1.2 User's email address will need to be verified.



2. Existing Survey Monkey Apply Account but can't recall password



The screenshot shows the Apply login interface. At the top is the Apply logo. Below it, the text "Log in with" is followed by three social media login buttons: Facebook (f), Twitter, and Google (G). Below these is an "OR" separator. Then, there are two input fields: "Email" and "Password". The "Password" field has a toggle icon (an eye) to its right. Below the "Password" field is a link that says "Forgot your password?". At the bottom is a large green button labeled "LOG IN". A yellow arrow points from the "Forgot your password?" link to the "Forgot your password?" page on the right.



The screenshot shows the "Forgot your password?" page. At the top is the Apply logo. Below it is the heading "Forgot your password?". Underneath is the instruction: "Enter the email address associated with your account and we will send you instructions." Below this is an "Email" input field. At the bottom is a large green button labeled "SEND INSTRUCTIONS". A yellow arrow points from the "SEND INSTRUCTIONS" button to the "Back to Log In" link. At the very bottom is a link that says "< Back to Log In".

3. Select the applicable RFP Competition.

No applications.

Please choose a program from our program listings page to get started



[View programs](#)



Programs

2025 (Implementation Only - New Operators

Accepting applications from Apr 24 2025 03:00 PM (EDT) to May 7 2025
05:00 PM (EDT)

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Established Operators



[MORE >](#)

4. To start the application, click Apply.



2025 (Implementation Only - Established Operators) Charter School Program (CSP) Grant

The Florida Public Charter Schools Grant Program (CSP) is a competitive grant awarded to charter schools for the initial implementation of the charter school.

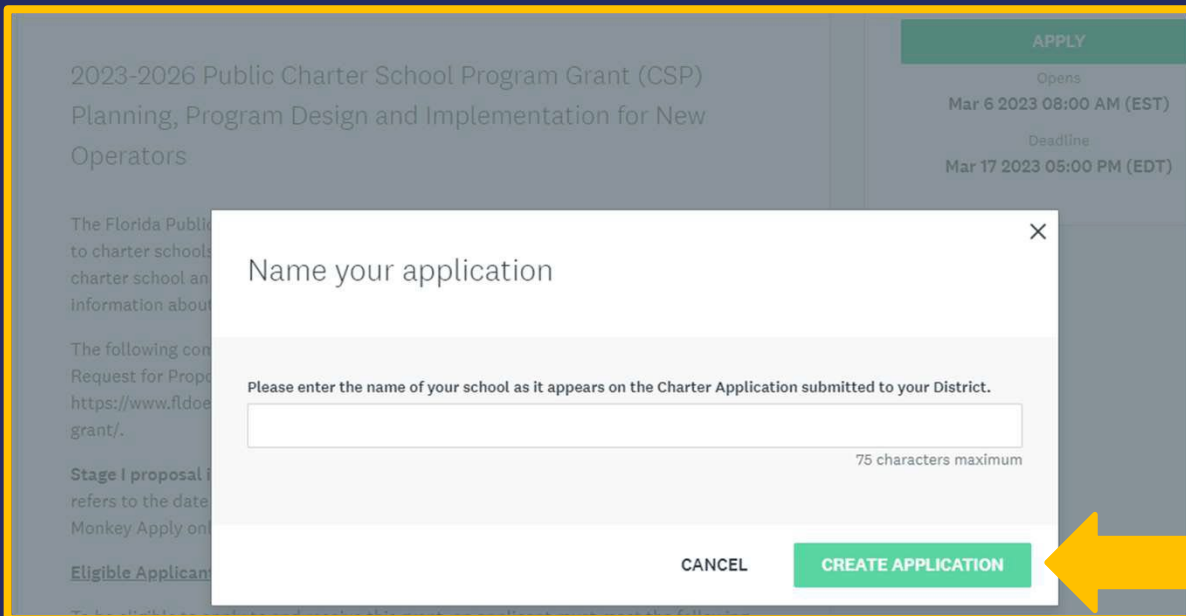
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Apr 24 2025 03:00 PM (EDT)

Deadline
May 7 2025 05:00 PM (EDT)

5. Enter the school's name as it appears on the charter application submitted to your sponsor.



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Stage I proposal refers to the date the application is submitted to the District. Monkey Apply only

Eligible Applicants

APPLY

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Mar 6 2023 08:00 AM (EST)

Deadline
Mar 17 2023 05:00 PM (EDT)

Name your application

Please enter the name of your school as it appears on the Charter Application submitted to your District.

75 characters maximum

CANCEL **CREATE APPLICATION**

6. Home page.

Florida Department Of Education

Programs My Applications Test Application

Application Status Indicator→

0 of 38 required tasks complete

Last edited: Mar 6 2023 12:52 PM (EST)

REVIEW SUBMIT

Deadline: Mar 17 2023 05:00 PM (EDT)

TA Test Application (Owner)

Add collaborator

2023-2026 Public Charter School... Preview

Test Application

ID: 2023-00000000003

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Your tasks

Eligibility Form	>
Overview Form	>
Charter School Application	>
Attachment A: Evidence of teacher and parental support for conversion	>
Attachment B: Sample daily school schedule and annual school calendar	>

← List of Tasks

7. Complete each task.

Incomplete
Task →

[← Back to application](#)

2023-2026 Public Charter School Pro...

Test Application

ID: 2023-0000000003

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Eligibility Form

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Overview Form

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↑ Charter School Application

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↑ Attachment A: Evidence of teacher and parental support for conversion

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↑ Attachment B: Sample daily school schedule and annual school calendar

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Attachment C: Sample

0 of 38 required tasks complete

Last edited: Mar 6 2023 12:52 PM (EST)

REVIEW

SUBMIT

Deadline: Mar 17 2023 05:00 PM (EDT)

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Eligibility Form

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Eligibility Form

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- Charter application has been denied and applicant has a pending appeal.

Only those charter schools that are approved by their Sponsor will be eligible to receive funds under this grant.

Does the applicant meet the eligibility criteria above?

☐ Yes

☐ No

SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING

MARK AS COMPLETE

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

The screenshot displays a web application interface for a 'Test Application'. The sidebar on the left lists several tasks, with 'Eligibility Form' being the first and marked as complete. The main content area shows the 'Eligibility Form' details, including a status of 'Completed Mar 6 2023 01:03 PM (EST)'. A yellow arrow points to a menu with three options: 'Download', 'Reset', and 'Edit'. To the right of the menu, three labels with arrows point to the respective options: 'Download Task', 'Reset Task', and 'Edit Task'.

Back to application

2023-2026 Public Charter School Pro...

Test Application

ID: 2023-0000000003

- ✓ Eligibility Form
- Overview Form
- Charter School Application
- Attachment A: Evidence of teacher and parental support for conversion
- Attachment B: Sample daily school schedule and annual school calendar
- Attachment C: Sample

1 of 38 required tasks complete

Last edited: Mar 6 2023 01:03 PM (EST)

REVIEW **SUBMIT**

Deadline: Mar 17 2023 05:00 PM (EDT)

✓ Eligibility Form
Completed Mar 6 2023 01:03 PM (EST)

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Does the applicant meet the eligibility criteria above?

Yes

Download Task

Reset Task

Edit Task

8. Submit the application.

Completed
Task →

38 of 38 required tasks complete

Last edited: Mar 5 2023 09:06 PM (EST)

REVIEW **SUBMIT**

Deadline: Mar 17 2023 05:00 PM (EDT)

Add collaborator

2023-2026 Public Charter School...

Test Application

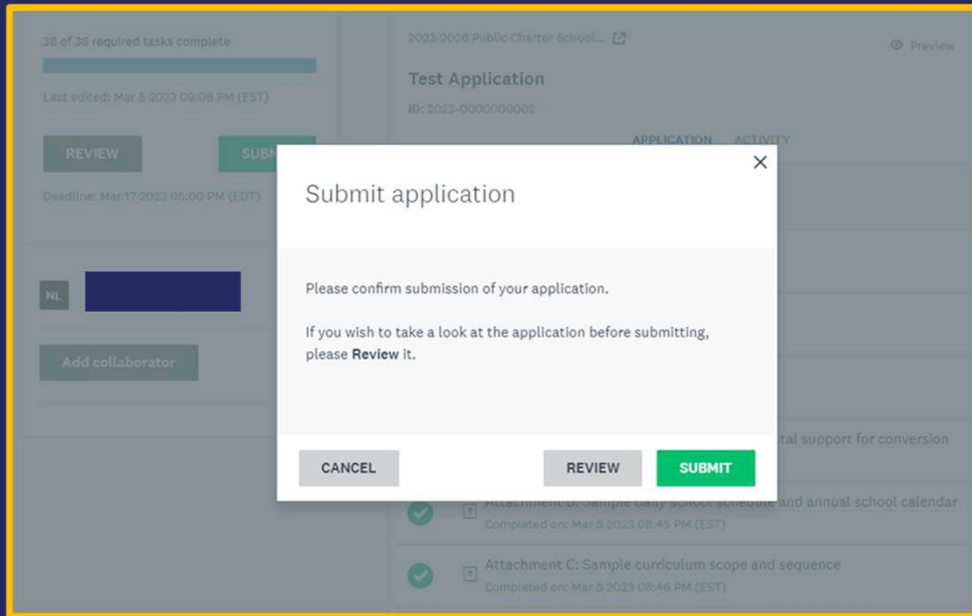
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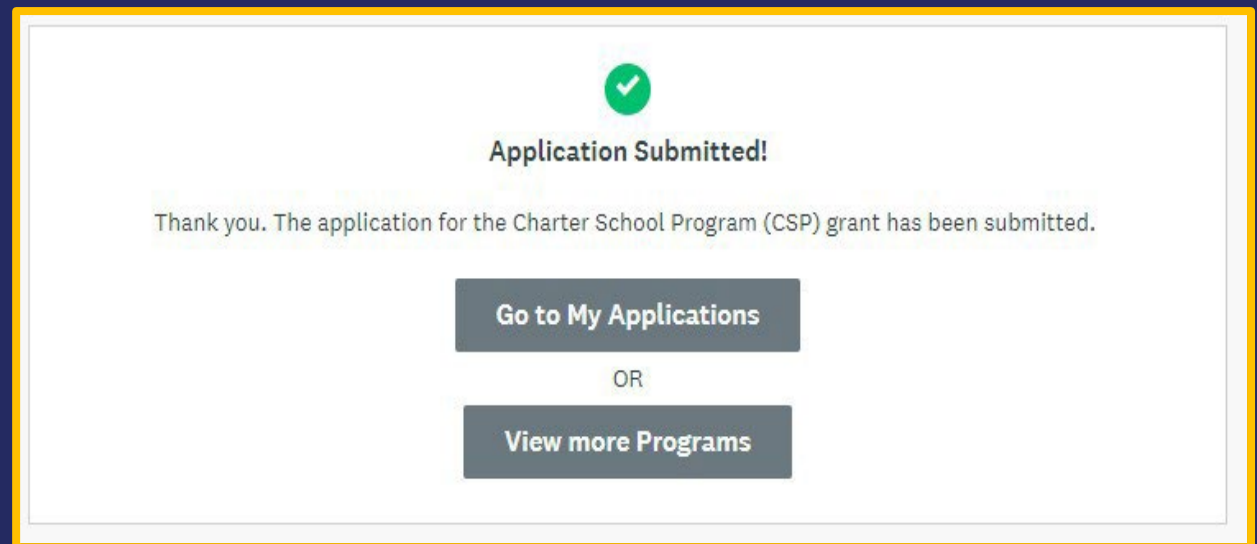
Your tasks

- ✓ Eligibility Form
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- ✓ Overview Form
Completed on: Mar 5 2023 08:37 PM (EST)
- ✓ Charter School Application
Completed on: Mar 5 2023 08:45 PM (EST)
- ✓ Attachment A: Evidence of teacher and parental support for conversion
Completed on: Mar 5 2023 08:45 PM (EST)
- ✓ Attachment B: Sample daily school schedule and annual school calendar
Completed on: Mar 5 2023 08:45 PM (EST)
- ✓ Attachment C: Sample curriculum scope and sequence
Completed on: Mar 5 2023 08:46 PM (EST)
- ✓ Attachment D: Reading curriculum
Completed on: Mar 5 2023 08:45 PM (EST)
- ✓ Attachment E: Pupil progression plan
Completed on: Mar 5 2023 08:47 PM (EST)

9. Application Submission Confirmation



The screenshot shows a web application interface with a modal dialog box titled "Submit application". The dialog box contains the following text: "Please confirm submission of your application." and "If you wish to take a look at the application before submitting, please **Review** it." At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: "CANCEL", "REVIEW", and "SUBMIT". The background of the application shows a progress bar at the top indicating "38 of 38 required tasks complete". Below the progress bar, it says "Last edited: Mar 5 2023 09:06 PM (EST)". There are "REVIEW" and "SUBMIT" buttons on the left. The main content area shows a "Test Application" with ID "2023-0000000002". Below this, there are two attachments listed with green checkmarks: "Attachment A: Sample early school schedule and annual school calendar" and "Attachment C: Sample curriculum scope and sequence".



The screenshot shows a confirmation screen with a green checkmark icon at the top. Below the icon, the text reads "Application Submitted!". Further down, it says "Thank you. The application for the Charter School Program (CSP) grant has been submitted." At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Go to My Applications" and "View more Programs", separated by the word "OR".



Quick Tips & Reminders

Quick Tips

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

Quick Tips

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Reminders

- Email questions to CharterSchoolGrant@fldoe.org by **Friday, October 17, 2025 at 11:59 pm ET.**
- Submit Stage I proposal through Survey Monkey Apply by **Friday, October 24, 2025 at 5:00 pm ET.**
- Application submissions or changes to applications will not be accepted after this deadline.



Thank you for participating.

Contact us at charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org