

SCSC Early Feedback Program

Introduction

The purpose of the SCSC Early Feedback Program is to make applicants aware of SCSC application expectations and allow applicants the opportunity to make meaningful changes to their applications prior to the April 12, 2019 application deadline.

Enrollment in Program

Applicants may request to participate in the program by submitting the attached enrollment form by email to Morgan.felts@scsc.georgia.gov . **The deadline for submitting an enrollment form to participate in the Early Feedback Program is January 18, 2019.**

Timeline and Format

The Early Feedback Program consists of two components:

1. **Submission of an Application**

Applicants will submit a application through the online FluidReview platform in order to receive written feedback from SCSC staff prior to the final submission deadline of April 12, 2019.

Following the completion of the early feedback program and dissemination of feedback, applications will then be “unsubmitted” to allow applicants to continue further revision and refinement. Groups will only receive one round of early feedback per cycle.

2. **Mock Interview Opportunity**

Mock interviews will last approximately 60 minutes. Mock interview questions will include standard interview questions as well as specific questions which may stem from answers you give during the interview. Following the interview, applicants will be asked to take a short break while the SCSC staff collects feedback. SCSC staff will then provide feedback to the applicants and allow for questions. Applicant questions must be based on the content of the interview with a goal to understand how to better address a question. SCSC staff will *not* answer questions regarding substantive portions of your petition. Applicants will not receive written feedback from the mock interview; however, all interviews will be recorded and applicants will receive a copy of the recorded interview for their review.

Date	Action	Notes
Feb. 1, 2019	Applications due for early feedback	Petitions must be received by this date to receive early feedback. Applicants requesting early feedback must fulfill the criteria below. Applications received after Feb. 1 or applicants not meeting the identified criteria will not be eligible to receive early feedback.
Mar. 8, 2019	SCSC staff disseminates early feedback	Petitioners are encouraged to utilize early feedback to adjust applications accordingly. In some instances, petitioners

		may need to provide updated copies to local districts.
March 2019	Mock Interviews	Interviews will take place on March 14 th , March 21 st and March 28 th . Mock interviews are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. The SCSC will make every effort to accommodate scheduling requests, but SCSC staff cannot guarantee availability for a specific date. Groups may only participate in one mock interview per cycle. Applicants wishing to participate in Mock Interviews must fulfill the criteria below.

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the **Early Feedback Program**, the school must satisfy all of the following:

- Applicants must have previously attended a SCSC Petitioner Bootcamp within the last 3 years (2016, 2017 or 2018);
- Applicants must have a governing board of at least 5 members established; and
- Applicants must have established a Georgia nonprofit* and otherwise be an eligible charter school applicant in accordance with O.C.G.A 20-2-2065.

Additionally, to participate in the **Mock Interview** portion of the feedback program, the school must satisfy the following *additional* criteria:

- Applicants must have submitted a draft petition in Feb. 2019 for early feedback; and
- Applicants must have at least 3 board members available to participate.

These eligibility requirements are not waivable and groups interested in participating are strongly encouraged to plan accordingly.

* Creating a Georgia non-profit is a quick process that can be done by visiting the Georgia Secretary of State website [here](#).

SCSC Early Feedback Program Enrollment Form

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Organization Information

Contact Person:	Role:
Contact Email:	Contact Phone:
Name of Proposed School:	
Please rank your preferred interview dates: ___ March 14 th ___ March 21 st ___ March 28 th	

Eligibility Requirements and Assurances

Applicants should initial each assurance **and** complete the requested information under each assurance.

Initial	Requirement/Assurance
	My group has attended at least one SCSC Petitioner Bootcamp training within the last 3 years . <i>Name of the person(s) that attended the training:</i> <i>Date of the training attended:</i>
	My group understands they must have a governing board of at least 5 members established. <i>Names of the 5 board members are:</i>
	My group is an eligible applicant under O.C.G.A. 20-2-2065 and has obtained Georgia nonprofit status* . <i>Name of nonprofit:</i>
Initial	Additional Mock Interview Requirements/Assurances
	My group understands that it must submit an early application on or prior to Feb. 1, 2019 to be eligible for a mock interview.
	My group understands that at least 3 governing board members must attend the interview, exclusive of any identified school leader. <i>Names of the 3 board members that will attend:</i>

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Disclaimer

I understand that participation in the SCSC Early Feedback Program is not required and will not guarantee a positive recommendation of my charter petition. I understand that feedback from the program should not be construed to guarantee a specific recommendation of my application. Further, I understand that early feedback will not be inclusive of all potential feedback I would receive following the formal submission of an application and the official petitioner interview.

Authorized Representative

Date