

State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC)

FY23 Petition Cycle: Early Feedback Program

Introduction

The purpose of the SCSC Early Feedback Program is to provide an opportunity for charter petitioners to obtain clarification regarding the SCSC's charter application expectations in order to make meaningful changes to their FY23 applications prior to the March 17, 2023 submission deadline. Participation in the SCSC Early Feedback Program is not required, does not guarantee a positive recommendation of your charter petition, and should not be construed to guarantee a specific recommendation for the application.

Early Feedback Enrollment

Applicants may request participation in the SCSC Early Feedback Program by submitting the attached enrollment form by email to Naquita.Smith@scsc.georgia.gov. **The deadline for submitting an enrollment form is January 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).**

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the SCSC Early Feedback Program, you must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Attendance at an SCSC Petitioner Bootcamp within the last 3 years (2020, 2021, or 2022);
2. Established a governing board of at least 5 members; and
3. Established a Georgia nonprofit corporation¹ and otherwise be an eligible charter school applicant in accordance with O.C.G.A 20-2-2065.

Early Feedback eligibility requirements are not waivable.

Timeline and Format

Eligible charter petitioners that timely submit an enrollment form will be scheduled for "SCSC Office Hours." Office Hours will occur the week of February 13-17, 2023 in 1-hour time slots. Petitioners must identify the areas of the petition on which they wish to receive feedback in their enrollment forms. These areas include but are not limited to Academics, Operations, Governance, and Finance.

Applicants are encouraged to be specific in the areas that they wish to discuss during Office Hours. The SCSC will staff each session based on the area(s) that each applicant selects. Additionally, in order to provide the most comprehensive feedback possible during the school's allotted time, applicants are encouraged to prepare a list of questions or possible topics for discussion prior to the Office Hours session.

¹ You can create a Georgia non-profit corporation by visiting the Georgia Secretary of State website.