



## eligible CMOs

The following charter management organizations are eligible for The Broad Prize for Public Charter Schools in 2012:

Achievement First  
Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools  
America CAN  
American Quality Schools  
Aspire Public Schools  
Baltimore Curriculum Project  
Concept Schools  
Cosmos Foundation Inc.  
Edvantages  
Friendship Public Charter Schools  
Green Dot Public Schools  
ICEF Public Schools  
KIPP Foundation  
Lighthouse Academies  
Partnerships to Uplift Communities  
School of Excellence in Education  
UNO Charter School Network  
Uplift Education  
Winfree Academy Charter Schools, Inc.  
YES Prep Public Schools

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## **The Broad Prize for Public Charter Schools Eligibility Criteria**

Charter management organizations that have been operating a minimum of five schools for at least four years and which serve sizeable percentages of urban, poor and minority students are automatically eligible. Organizations cannot apply or be nominated for the award.

To be eligible for the award in 2012, a charter management organization must have:

- Five or more charter schools in operation as of 2007-08
- 1,500 students or more enrolled each year since 2007-08
- At least 40 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch since 2008-09
- At least 40 percent of students from minority groups since 2008-09
- At least 75 percent of its schools with an urban designation (Locale Code 11, 12, or 21 in the Common Core of Data) since 2008-09

Going forward, winners from the previous three years will be ineligible.

These criteria were established to ensure that the charter management organizations considered for The Broad Prize for Public Charter Schools are comparable, in that they serve a significant number of students, share similar demographics, have been in existence long enough to yield multiple years of data and organize multiple schools under the same management organization.

Most charter schools that are ineligible for the award are single-operators that are not affiliated with a charter management organization. Although many ineligible individual charter schools have made strong student gains and have important lessons to share, the practical need to collect and run comparable data made the inclusion of all charter schools impossible at this point.

Only models with schools in existence for at least four years – long enough to establish a robust set of data—will be eligible. And organizations that outsource school operations to other charter management organizations do not qualify.

As the number of charter management organizations and schools continues to grow in future years, it is likely that many more charter management organizations will become eligible for the annual award.

The Broad Foundation will continue to review the eligibility criteria and will make revisions to future eligibility requirements deemed necessary to establish the most appropriate, fair and useful comparison possible.