



eligible CMOs

The following charter management organizations are eligible for The Broad Prize for Public Charter Schools in 2013:

Achievement First
Algiers Charter Schools Association
Alliance College-Ready Public Schools
America Can!
Aspire Public Schools
Concept Schools
Cosmos Foundation Inc.
EdVantages
Faith Family Academy
Friendship Public Charter School
Green Dot Public Schools
ICEF Public Schools
IDEA Public Schools
KIPP Foundation
Lighthouse Academies
Noble Network of Charter Schools
Options for Youth Public Charter Schools
Partnerships to Uplift Communities
Perspectives Charter Schools
Responsive Education Solutions
Richard Milburn Academy
School of Excellence in Education
Shekinah Learning Institute
Uncommon Schools
UNO Charter School Network
Uplift Education
Winfree Academy Charter Schools, Inc.

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 sizable percentages of poor and minority students are automatically eligible. Organizations cannot apply or be nominated for the award.

To be eligible for the award in 2013, a charter management organization must have:

- Five or more charter schools in operation as of 2008-09
- 1,500 students or more enrolled each year since 2008-09
- At least 40 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch in 2010-11
- At least 40 percent of students from minority groups in 2010-11

Winners from the previous three years are ineligible. In 2013, YES Prep Public Schools is 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.