
The following charter management organizations were eligible for The Broad Prize for Public Charter Schools in 2014:

Achievement First	ICEF Public Schools
Alliance College-Ready Public Schools	IDEA Public Schools
American Quality Schools	KIPP Foundation
ASPIRA Association	Lighthouse Academies
Aspire Public Schools	Noble Network of Charter Schools
Concept Schools	Options for Youth Public Charter Schools
Cosmos Foundation Inc.	Partnerships to Uplift Communities
Friendship Public Charter School	PPEP and Affiliates
Gateway Community Charters	UNO Charter School Network
Green Dot Public Schools	Uplift Education

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 2014, a charter management organization must have:

- Five or more charter schools in operation as of 2009-10
- 2,500 students or more enrolled each year since 2009-10
- At least 40 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch in 2010-11
- At least 33 percent of students are students of color in 2010-11

Winners from the previous three years are ineligible. In 2014, YES Prep Public Schools and Uncommon Schools are 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.

Charter organizations that serve entirely special populations are not eligible. Organizations that operate some schools that serve entirely special populations must meet the above eligibility criteria based on the enrollment in their regular schools, and only the student achievement results for their regular schools are included in the Broad Prize analysis.

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.