

New Jersey Department of Education
Office of School Facilities

Qualified Zone Academy Bond Project Application

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Section I. Project Information (To be completed by the Applicant)

Filing Date:		
	Code	Name
County & Code:		
District & Code:		
School & Code:		
District Contact:		
District Phone#:		
District Fax #:		
District E-Mail:		

The above-named charter school applies for the designation of the school identified above as a Qualified Zone Academy and for the school facility project below to be eligible for the QZAB funding pursuant to Section 1397E of the Internal Revenue Code on the basis of the information contained in this application and its attachments. See N.J.A.C. 6:25 et seq.

Section II. Assurances

The charter school must certify by the signature of an authorized representative that the charter school satisfies Criterion 1, Criterion 2 (either a or b), and Criteria 3-4 (check appropriate boxes).

Criterion 1: Qualified by virtue of possessing an approved charter:

Date issued: _____

Criterion 2: Qualified by virtue of location or composition of student body:

a) Location

The charter school is located in an Empowerment Zone or in an Enterprise Community

Or

b) Composition of Student Body

There is a reasonable expectation as of the date of issuance of the bonds that at least 35% or the students attending the school or participating in the program will be eligible for free or reduced cost lunch established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Program (attach documentation).

Criterion 3: Project Requirements:

To be eligible for QZAB funding, a school facilities project shall:

Consist of rehabilitation work, including equipment related to the rehabilitation of the school facility that houses a qualified zone academy (attach project description); and

Not be completed at the time of submission of an application for QZAB Program funding

Be located in a school facility eligible for a private business contribution by a private entity.

Criterion 4: Comprehensive Education plan requirements

Such school or program is designed in cooperation with business to enhance the academic curriculum, increase graduation and employment rates, and better prepare students for the rigors of college and an increasingly complex workforce, and

Students enrolled in the qualified zone academy program are subject to the same standards and assessments as other students.

Other requirements:

The application must include the following additional documentation:

- 1. Identification of the issuer of QZABs for the charter school
- 2. Certification by the charter school that it has a written commitment of the private entity to satisfy the private contribution requirement
- 3. A resolution evidencing that the charter school has written approval for the QZAB bond issuance

The undersigned hereby certifies that to the best of my knowledge the information in this application is true and correct and is in compliance with statutes and administrative provisions of the New Jersey Department of Education. The undersigned further certifies that the charter school approves the issuance of the Authority's School Facilities Construction Qualified Zone Academy Bonds, 2001 Series B, to finance the project.

Date of District Approval	Signature of Chief School Administrator or the School Business Administrator	Date
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Date Project Approved	QZAB Authorized	Signature of Authorized Department Official	AAPOZAB1
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