

2017 CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSAL Letter of Intent and Demonstration of Eligibility

This letter of intent (LOI) serves to provide a formal notice to the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board (MCSAB) regarding our intention to submit a proposal for opening a charter school.

Name of applicant organization: Clarksdale Collegiate, Inc.
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We plan to apply as a:

- New operator Existing operator Conversion operator

Do any of the following describe your organization, or the school/campuses you will propose?

- Seeks approval for multiple campuses under a single charter.
 Already operates schools elsewhere in the US.
 Will contract or partner with an education service provider.

If so, identify the provider:

- This provider already operates schools in this state or elsewhere in the US.

Provide the names of all members of the applicant team (add lines as needed):

Full Name	Current Job Title and Employer	Position with Proposed School
Amanda J. A. Johnson	Fellow, Building Excellent Schools	Executive Director
William L. Crews	Development Officer, University of Mississippi School of Education	Board Member
Soenda Howell	Principal, Charter School Growth Fund	Board Member
Clifton Johnson	Vice President, Planters Bank – Tunica, MS	Board Member
Aurelia Jones-Taylor	Chief Executive Officer, Aaron E. Henry Community Health Services Center	Board Member
Charles Rutledge, Jr.	Independent Real Estate Developer	Board Member
Barbara Logan Smith	Executive Director, Teach For America Mississippi	Board Member
Mary Williams	Nurse Practitioner, Merit Health Northwest Mississippi	Board Member

Provide the names of all members of the proposed governing board of the school (add lines as needed):

Full Name	Current Job Title and Employer	Position with Proposed School
William L. Crews	Development Officer, University of Mississippi School of Education	Board Member
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Provide the names of all members of the proposed leadership team of the school (add lines as needed):

Full Name	Current Job Title and Employer	Position with Proposed School
Amanda J. A. Johnson	Fellow, Building Excellent Schools	Executive Director

COMPLETE THIS PART FOR EACH SCHOOL/CAMPUS YOU INTEND TO PROPOSE. Duplicate as needed.

Proposed School/Campus Name	Opening year	Grades served year one	Grades served at capacity
Clarksdale Collegiate Public Charter School	2018	K, 1 st , 2 nd	K-8 th
Proposed Location			
School District: <i>Identify the school district where the charter school will be located.</i>	Clarksdale Municipal School District		

Model/Specialty (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Career and Technical Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability (<i>list</i>): | <input type="checkbox"/> Montessori |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College Prep | <input type="checkbox"/> Language Immersion | <input type="checkbox"/> STEM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended Learning | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>list</i>): | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | |

Proposed School Description

Provide the mission statement of the proposed school.	Clarksdale Collegiate Public Charter School prepares kindergarten through 8th grade students in the Mississippi Delta to excel in high school and college by providing rigorous instruction within a structured, ambitious, and jubilant school community.
In 100 words or less, briefly describe the instructional focus of the proposed school.	Clarksdale Collegiate Public Charter School will be unapologetically college preparatory. Our instructional focus is rooted in research and considers the practices of high performing schools and the specific demands of our community. Clarksdale Collegiate's number one instructional focus is literacy – reading, writing, and speaking. We believe literacy is the foundation on which all other subjects rely. We will prioritize rigorous instruction that ensures our scholars are reading on or above grade level and are able to communicate well, which will ensure they meet their academic goals and will set them up for success when matriculating to secondary school and college.

Certification

We understand that upon receipt of this letter and accompanying documentation, the MCSAB will evaluate our organization and applicant team against the legal eligibility requirements to determine whether we are eligible to hold a charter in the state of Mississippi.

We further understand that in order to be considered in this RFP cycle, we must submit a complete proposal by 3pm CST on March 7, 2017.

I certify that I have the authority to submit this LOI and that all information contained herein is complete and accurate, realizing that any misrepresentation could result in disqualification from the application process. The person named as the contact person for the application is so authorized to serve as the primary contact for this application on behalf of the organization.

Amanda J. A. Johnson, Lead Founder, Proposed Executive Director

Name, Role with Applicant Organization

Amanda J A Joh
Signature

03/06/2017

Date