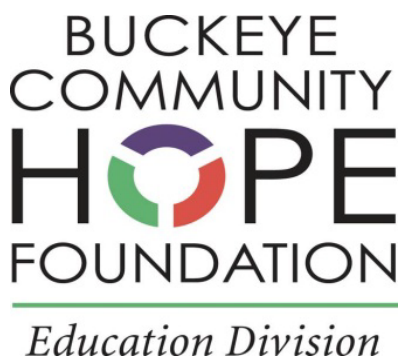


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NEW/REPLICATING SCHOOL APPLICATION

BUCKEYE
COMMUNITY
HOPE
FOUNDATION
Education Division



Dear New/Replicating Charter School Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in partnering with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) to sponsor (authorize) your community (charter) school in Ohio. These documents serve as the blueprint for establishing and operating your public charter school. Applying for a new or replicating charter school is a multi-phased process as outlined below.

We are shifting our focus from *Paper to People*. What does that mean? Buckeye is committed to creating the strongest conditions for your success in launching your school. We will accomplish this goal through ensuring the implementation team of the new school is experienced, committed, focused, and resilient.

Phase One

Complete the Letter of Intent and Executive Summary. Submit to sponsorship@buckeyehope.org.

Phase Two

The founding development team for the charter school will meet with the BCHF team to review the Executive Summary and dig deeper into the purpose, model, and execution of the proposed plan to open the school. This phase is often referred to as a *capacity interview*. We will assess the following along with other elements of the design and implementation of the proposed school.

- Readiness to open and operate the school.
- The school's focus is an improved student experience.
- The school's focus is an improved community experience.

Phase Three

Based upon the outcome of the *capacity interview*, the applicant may be asked to complete the School Implementation Plan (new school application). The Plan will be focused on the start-up and execution of the school model. BCHF will assist the founding team in building and completing a strong comprehensive Implementation Plan while we break down barriers to execution and create the strongest conditions for your success in launching your school.

If you have any questions throughout this process, please contact Jason Moore at jmoore@buckeyehope.org or call 937-361-9499.

2025 Application Cycle		
School Application Process Released	April 15, 2025	BCHF will email Instructions to the Letter of Intent and Executive Summary to interested parties who have requested information.
Letter of Intent with Executive Summary	No later than June 30, 2025	Please send a Letter of Intent and Executive Summary to sponsorship@buckeyehope.org .
Capacity Interview with Applicant(s)	Completed by August 31, 2025	Capacity Interviews will be conducted to determine which applicants will be invited to submit the full School Implementation Plan.
Completed School Implementation Plan due	November 30, 2025	Implementation Plan with signoff sheets due to the Education Division of Buckeye Community Hope Foundation at sponsorship@buckeyehope.org .
Final Decision	No later than December 31, 2025	Applicants will be notified by email if they have been approved for a preliminary agreement towards a charter contract with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation for 2026-2027 SY and provided with the Preliminary Agreement for signature.
Contract Distribution	No later than January 15, 2026	BCHF Sponsorship Contract will be provided to the Governing Authority President to begin contract preparations.
Contract Adoption	No later than March 15, 2026	School Governing Authority & BCHF Board must both pass resolutions approving the Preliminary Agreement and “adopting” the community school contract.
Contract Execution	No later than May 15, 2026	School Governing Authority & BCHF Board must fully execute the community school contract. <i>All documents and components of the comprehensive plan must be complete and submitted to <u>BCHF by May 1, 2026</u> for review and approval-prior to signing the community school contract.</i>