Q37. 2026-2028 State Facilities Incentive Grant (SFIG) Application

IDC Application Due Date
11:59 p.m. Central Time, March 27, 2026

Authorized by Public Law 114-95, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), Title IV, Part C – Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools; Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 12; and Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 100, Subchapter AA

Q38. Required Parts of the Grant Application

To apply for this grant, first review the program guidelines and eligibility list, then complete all portions of this application by the identified deadline. **Each eligible applicant may submit only one application.** If multiple applications are submitted, only the most recent submission (based on timestamp) will be accepted.

The application must be signed by the superintendent to be considered formally submitted. Only signed applications will be scored and considered for award. If the superintendent is unavailable to sign by the deadline, only an authorized representative may sign on their behalf.

Eligible applicants have 60 days to complete the application. **The application opens on January 26, 2026, and must be submitted by March 27, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CST.**

Any application received outside of the above application window will not be considered.

Q42. Applicant Information

Organization	Cumberland Academy Schools
CDN	212801
Vendor ID	1752651114
ESC	07
UEI	N/A
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City	Tyler
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Phone	903.405.1399

Q43. Applicant Contact Information

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Contact #2 Extension	5002

Q44. Certification and Incorporation

I understand that this application constitutes an offer and, if accepted by TEA or renegotiated to acceptance, will form a binding agreement. I hereby certify that the organization named above has authorized me as its representative to obligate this organization in a legally binding contractual agreement. I certify that any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance and compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812.

Q47. I further certify my acceptance of the requirements conveyed in the following portions of the grant application, as applicable, and that these documents are incorporated by reference as part of the grant application and Notice of Grant Award (NOGA):

- [x] Grant application, guidelines, and instructions
- [x] General Provisions and Assurances and any application-specific provisions and assurances
- [x] Debarment and Suspension Certification
- [x] Lobbying Certification

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Authorized Official Name	Jo Ann Simmons
Title	Superintendent
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Phone	903.405.1399
Extension	5002

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Q53. TEA Application Required Responses

In addition to the statutory requirements, TEA has established the following program requirements. Applicants must address within the application how they will achieve the following:

Q55. **Please attach the annual written certification that no administrator, officer, employee, board member, or close relative derives any financial benefit from a real estate transaction with the school.**

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Q25. Statutory and Program-Specific Assurances

The following assurances apply to this grant program. In order to meet the requirements of the grant, the grantee must comply with these assurances. **Check each of the following boxes to indicate your compliance.**

- [x] The applicant provides assurance that program funds will supplement (increase the level of service), and not supplant (replace) state mandates, State Board of Education rules, and activities previously conducted with state or local funds. The applicant provides assurance that state or local funds may not be decreased or diverted for other purposes merely because of the availability of these funds. The applicant provides assurance that program services and activities to be funded from this IDC will be supplementary to existing services and activities and will not be used for any services or activities required by state law, State Board of Education rules, or local policy.
- [x] The applicant assures that the application does not contain any information that would be protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) from general release to the public.

- [x] The applicant assures to adhere to all the Statutory and TEA Program requirements as noted in the 2026-2028 State Facilities Incentive Grant (SFIG) Program Guidelines.
- [x] The applicant assures to adhere to all the Performance Measures, as noted in the 2026-2028 State Facilities Incentive Grant (SFIG) Program Guidelines, and shall provide to TEA, upon request, any performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.
- [x] The applicant assures that they accept and will comply with Every Student Succeeds Act Provisions and Assurances requirements.
- [x] The applicant assures that any Electronic Information Resources (EIR) produced as part of this agreement will comply with the State of Texas Accessibility requirements as specified in 1 TAC 206, 1 TAC Chapter 213, Federal Section 508 standards, and the WCAG 2.0 AA Accessibility Guidelines.
- [x] The applicant acknowledges that Per Section 22.0834 of the Texas Education Code (TEC), any person offered employment by any entity that contracts with TEA or receives grant funds administered by TEA (i.e., a grantee or subgrantee) is subject to the fingerprinting requirement. TEA is prohibited from awarding grant funds to any entity, including nonprofit organizations, that fails to comply with this requirement. For details, refer to the General and Fiscal Guidelines, Fingerprinting Requirement.
- [x] The applicant assures that it currently meets the Federal Definition of a Public Charter School and if for any reason does not continue to meet the definition during the grant period, will immediately notify the grant program contact. A charter school is not eligible to receive any federal funds at any time, formula or discretionary, from TEA if it does not comply with this definition.
- [x] The applicant assures to adhere to Build America, Buy America Act.
- [x] The applicant assures to adhere to the Davis Bacon Act.
- [x] The applicant assures that is has not relinquished full or substantial control of the charter school to a for-profit management organization or other for-profit entity; and that it is fiscally responsible and transparent, particularly with respect to contractual relationships with for-profit management organizations.
- [x] The applicant assures that it will maintain clear documentation and data for this grant program; will comply with any reporting and evaluation requirements that may be established by the TEA; and will submit the reports in the format and manner requested by TEA's Division of Financial Compliance. Grantees will be required to cooperate with the team that has been contracted to evaluate the use of the grant funds.
- [x] The applicant assures that once available, it will complete at least one facilities training or workshop annually.
- [x] By certifying acceptance of and compliance with these provisions and assurances, the applicant further certifies that noncompliance with any of these provisions and assurances may result in forfeiture of participation in this grant program.
- [x] The grant program will be funded by reimbursement once the NOGA has been issued and the grantee submits payment requests through the Expenditure Reporting (ER) system. The grantee is required to regularly request payment for allowable expenditures as grant program requirements are carried out.

Q57. Closing

Official submission of this application requires the Superintendent's signature. The application cannot be considered submitted without the formal signature from the Superintendent.

If the Superintendent is unable to sign by the deadline, only an authorized representative may sign on their behalf.

Q58. **Are you the Superintendent?**

- (●) Yes

○ No

Q59. **Are you an authorized representative of the Superintendent?**

○ Yes

◉ No

Q61. You have indicated that you are not the Superintendent or authorized representative. Please pause on submitting this application. Once the Superintendent or authorized representative is available to submit the application, please return back to the closing section to continue.

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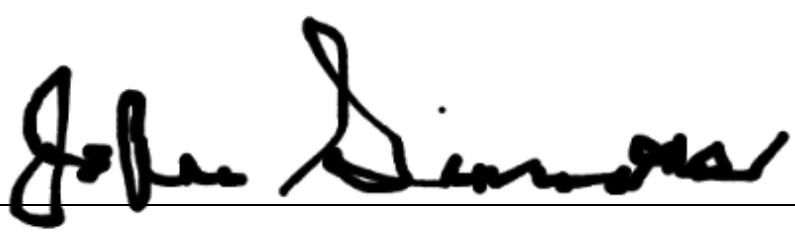
This question was not displayed to the respondent.

Q60. **Signature**

Before you sign and submit, review the completed application, revise as needed, and then sign and submit your final application.

I have reviewed and acknowledge that the application I am submitting today is for the 2026-2028 State Facilities Incentive Grant (SFIG). By signing this application, I certify that all information provided is true and accurate.



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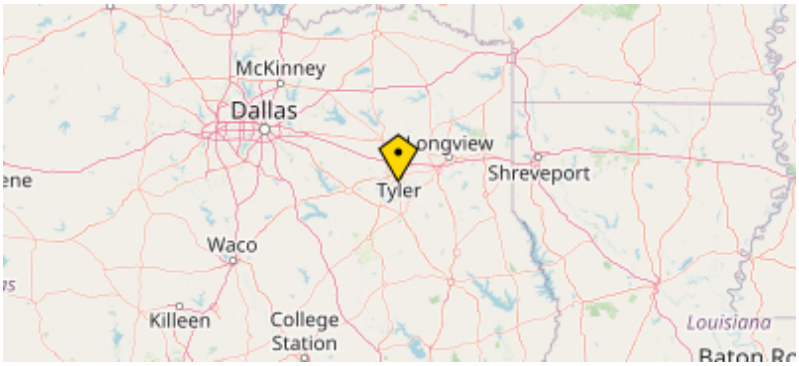
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