



Applicants are asked to answer the following in their Letter of intent. LOI questions are below:

1. What is your School name / Intended school name?
2. Indicate if your school is a new start-up, replication, expansion. Please reference and utilize the Federal Definitions listed in the [ESEA § 4310](#) and the Great Schools for Nevada Charter School Program (CSP) Grant Request for Applications (RFA).
  - a. If you are an expansion or replication school, indicate the year your school first opened.
3. What is your desire to affect an area of need, and what makes your school uniquely able to serve the area of need (up to 2-paragraphs)?
4. Please include a description of what is your school model and a few examples of student support strategies that will make your school successful at serving the area of need (up to 2-paragraphs)?
5. If you are a replication or expansion, confirm that the school has had no *significant* adverse audit findings or organizational non-compliance in the past three years. *Please confirm this statement in 990s, authorizer reports, and/or financial documents. If there was an incidence of adverse audit findings or organizational non-compliance, please explain why.* This question is optional for new start-up schools.

Compare the school’s letter of intent (LOI) to the rubric below. If applicants have evidence of a strong LOI they will be invited to submit the full Great Schools for Nevada CSP application.

Criteria	Evidence of a strong LOI will have the following:	Present in the LOI (Y/N)
1. School Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Full school name</li> </ul>	
2. School is a replication, expansion, or start-up <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The school also indicates what year their school opened if replication or expansion.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Applicant clearly articulates the type of school: new start-up, replication, or expansion and utilizes the Federal Definitions listed in the <a href="#">ESEA § 4310</a> and the Great Schools for Nevada Charter School Program (CSP) Grant Request for Applications (RFA)</li> <li>● Applicant may provide details on organizational structure to support this question</li> </ul>	
3. What is your desire to affect an area of need, and what makes your school uniquely able to serve the area of need (up to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Applicant states a specific geographic area of need, may reference a zip code and/or cross streets, or a location specific in the State of Nevada where there are few 3 to 5 star schools present</li> </ul>	

<p>2-paragraphs)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant shares strategies and or structures for recruiting and serving students from at-risk populations</li> <li>• Applicant may include list of community organizations or community partners that school will work with in said area of need</li> </ul>	
<p>4. Given that the goals of the Great Schools for NV CSP program are to ensure 24 high-quality schools and improve the performance of charter schools, we are looking for schools that can demonstrate their commitment and ability to support those goals. Please include a description of your school model and provide a few examples of student support strategies (aligned to your school model) of how it will contribute to your school's success in serving the area of need (up to 2-paragraphs).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant clearly explains how school model will support students in the identified area of need</li> <li>• Applicant shares evidence-based best practices, or innovative strategies to support at-risk student populations in Nevada, connect to how students in area of need will be impacted</li> </ul>	
<p>5. If you are a replication or expansion, confirm that the school has had no <i>significant</i> adverse audit findings or organizational non-compliance in the past three years. <i>Please confirm this statement in 990s, authorizer reports, and/or financial documents. If there was an incidence of adverse audit findings or organizational non-compliance, please explain why.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant states that the school has no significant adverse audit findings or organizational non-compliance in the past three years</li> <li>• Applicant may confirm this statement in 990's, authorizer reports or financial documents</li> <li>• In the case that there are adverse audit findings or organizational non-compliance, the applicant provides additional context and rationale.</li> </ul>	

Guidance: If the school lacks any of the items 1-6 in the table above (unless stated as optional) they have **an incomplete LOI**. The CSP Grant Team will recommend they rewrite the LOI and submit in a different application cycle.