

APPLY YOURSELF!

★ BOOT CAMP ★

January 16-18, 2014

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday

10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday

The Louisiana Resource Center for Education

5550 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806

This intensive, two-and-a-half day "bootcamp" brings in national and local experts to present on a variety of important topics, empowering you to:

- navigate the charter application process
- build a charter board
- select the right school leader
- create a viable, sustainable budget
- know what to expect during the interview with your authorizer

ENLIST: To participate in the Apply Yourself! program, you must become an LAPCS School Developer Member by contacting Simone Green at sgreen@lacharterschools.org or at (504) 274-3627. Each member can bring up to three people to participate.

Apply Yourself is a program of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools that provides critical information about the charter application process, as well as best practices for creating a high-quality charter school, to those interested in applying to open a charter school in Louisiana.

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Draft Agenda (Subject to Change)

TIME	WORKSHOP TITLE	WORKSHOP SUMMARY
9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Check-In/Coffee	
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Introduction to Apply Yourself and Charter Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss origins of Apply Yourself program, as well as this year's format & objectives • Participant Introductions • Presentation on the various types of charter schools & the characteristics of each • Participants take baseline assessment
11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Morning Break	
11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	The Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline the timeline for the state and local application processes • Discuss the various components of process • Explain 3rd party evaluator role
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Building Your Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the difference between a founding board and a governing board • Review the rules governing public boards • Discuss how to find experts to build board expertise
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Afternoon Break	
2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Selecting a School Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize importance of school leader and identifying a school leader early on • Discuss best practices in recruitment & differences between urban vs. rural recruitment • Explain Believe & Succeed Leadership Development opportunities
4 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Bathroom Break	
4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Group Discussion: What Inspires You About Charters?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for participants to discuss why they're interested in chartering and what inspires them
4:45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants complete growth assessment • Review agenda for next day

7 p.m.; Dinner with a Purpose: This dinner will allow AY Bootcamp participants to connect with other participants who may be interested in similar school model types.

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9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Check-In/Coffee	
10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Regroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of agenda • Participants take baseline assessment • Share any insights from yesterday
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Creating an Education Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss components of educational plan • Overview of mission alignment • SMART academic planning
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Special Education & Charters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss national and local charter context • Overview of SPED law • Present resources
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Afternoon Break	
2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Financial Planning for Charters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of education finance • Discuss best practices & highlight common pitfalls
4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Group Discussion: Real Talk About Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will have opportunity to discuss their concerns and anxieties about applying for a charter
4:45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants complete growth assessment • Review agenda for next day

7 p.m.; Dinner with a Purpose: Current charter school leaders will be available to chat with AY Bootcamp participants.

TIME	WORKSHOP TITLE	WORKSHOP SUMMARY
10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Check-In/Coffee	
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Regroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of agenda • Share any insights from yesterday
10:30 a.m. – 12:45 a.m.	Interviewing and Performance Tasks *working lunch*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk through interview process • Conduct a mock performance task
12:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants complete survey • Pass out LAPCS swag