

June 27, 2011

Dr. Mary Ann Brown  
Arkansas Department of Education  
Charter School Office  
Four Capitol Mall, Room 105-C  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Dr. Duncan,

Please accept this as Arkansas Academy of Higher Learning's letter of intent to apply to open a new charter school for 2012-2013 academic year in Osceola, Arkansas.

**Name of Eligible Entity:** Arkansas Academy of Higher Learning

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**Description of eligible entity:** Arkansas Academy of Higher Learning is a non-profit open enrollment public educational center. Currently, its 501(c) 3 application is in process. The Arkansas Academy of Higher Learning has a board of directors that is consisted of experienced, diverse, influential leaders with backgrounds in education, business and law enforcement.

**Name of Proposed School:** Arkansas Academy of Higher Learning

**Proposed Location of School:** Osceola, Arkansas

**Grade Level of Proposed School:** Grades K-8, will open with grades K-3, and add a grade each year through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Arkansas Academy of Higher Learning will have a maximum enrollment cap of 200 students.

**Special Emphasis:** Arkansas Academy of Higher Learning will provide leadership educational focus on low-income students with emphasis in core subjects, but special interests in reading, writing, and foreign language. The academy will offer longer school days, parental involvement and after school tutoring for the students. Students at Arkansas Academy of Higher Learning will be taught educational building skills to succeed in future grades. The Academy will offer small classroom sizes, regular assessments, diverse supplementary programs, dedicated teachers, a constructive school atmosphere, and an out of the box personalized approach to learning.

Sincerely,

Earnest L Frye Jr  
Director, Arkansas Academy of Higher Learning

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