

Letter of Intent to Apply for an Open-Enrollment Public Charter School

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Full Legal Name of Eligible Entity which intends to apply for a Charter:

Arkansas Business Institute, Inc. Nonsectarian organization which has 501 (c) (3) status under the Internal Revenue Code. An Arkansas non-profit corporation: ID#81-1615451

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Description of the eligible entity sponsoring the application:

The mission of the entity is to create charter schools that prepare students for careers in business. The Arkansas Business Institute will be dedicated to preparing students for a rapidly changing world by expanding each student's knowledge and skills in business, management, computer and information technology. We believe the knowledge, skills and ethics taught are necessary for active, life-long participation in a global, informational society—fostering success in one's personal life, college study and career choice.

Name of Proposed Open Enrollment Charter School: Little Rock School of Business for Girls

The location of the proposed open-enrollment public charter school and the school district in which charter school would be located: Little Rock, Arkansas -- Little Rock School District

Grade levels intended to be served by the open-enrollment public charter school: Grades 11 and 12

Number of students intended to be served by the open-enrollment public charter school: 200 students

Description of the purpose and special emphasis of the proposed school: Our mission is to graduate young women who will be prepared for careers in business and management. This will be accomplished in a safe, nurturing environment that challenges the intellect, provides enriching extracurricular programs embraces diversity and encourages ethical behavior. We will maintain a rich and uniquely rigorous academic program, which includes courses for certification in various business fields. The students will intern two years with our businesses/associates throughout Pulaski County. The school will operate throughout the year. We recognize progress comes through definite pursuit of an ideal, and our desire is that our students perpetuate traditions of honor, self-discipline and service to others. Corporate honesty and integrity will be earnestly fostered by our school. Civic and community service hours will be required. Attending Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Civitan or leadership academies will be required. We will inspire innovation and education through transdisciplinary collaborations with continuing education. The school will provide career and personal guidance, offer assistance and support from a collegial and collaborative environment, and contribute to the advancement of our students, our colleagues, and our institution. The school intends to build a society of women leaders by promoting an exclusive legacy from an elite institution supported by local businesses.

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