

Embark Fellowship

Charter School Founders

The Embark Fellowship prepares promising charter school founders to submit an excellent charter application with strong academic, operational, and financial plans and to build capacity and connections to open a school successfully upon approval.

Embark co-designs with each fellow (and any applicable partners) a customized program for application year support based on the fellow's unique needs and experience. The fellowship includes the six months prior to and during the state's annual charter application cycle administered by the [Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board](#). For example, an applicant wishing to submit a charter application in the 2026 application cycle should plan to apply to the Embark Fellowship in early 2025.

The fellowship takes place along one of three tracks and enables fellows to live in and spend most of their time in the community where the proposed school will be located:

- **Comprehensive Track:** For fresh start schools, Embark coordinates a customized fellowship program consisting of four stages that include critical content and activities tailored to each founder or founding team, as well as regular meetings with Embark to ensure strong progress. Support includes a wallet for approved travel and consulting services.
- **Replication Track:** For replicating schools or CMOs, Embark partners with the existing entity to provide customized assistance. Support includes a wallet for consulting services.
- **Partnership Track:** For fresh start schools, Embark partners with a national training and support organization to provide local expertise and assistance. Support includes a wallet for consulting services.

How to Apply

Applications are due each year in February, and candidates must be invited to apply. Spots are limited. To inquire about the Embark Fellowship and other supports for charter applicants in Mississippi, [start a conversation](#).