

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

School Business Services Division  
100 North First Street, N-330  
Springfield, IL 62777-0001

**APPLICATION FOR QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND DESIGNATION**

*(Please see instructions on reverse side of page.)*

1. DISTRICT NAME AND NUMBER	2. NAME OF CONTACT	3. COUNTY
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	4. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)	
	5. FAX (Include Area Code)	

6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL OR PROGRAM DESIGNATED AS A QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY

} **ATTACH COPY OF EDUCATIONAL PLAN FOR THIS QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY**

7a. NAME OF ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY OR EMPOWERMENT ZONE IN WHICH THE ZONE ACADEMY IS LOCATED

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**OR**

7b. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of students attending the Academy expected to be eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches under the school lunch program established under the National School Lunch Act

**AND**

7c. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of the school enrollment

8. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of "bonds" desired to be designated as Qualified Zone Academy Bonds".

9. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of "private business contributions" secured in support of the above named academy.

} **ATTACH COPIES OF LETTER OF COMMITMENT FROM PRIVATE BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS**

10. NAME OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT EXPECTED TO ISSUE QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE NAMED QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY

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**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES**

*This certifies that the Board of Education of \_\_\_\_\_ is the local educational agency exercising governmental jurisdiction with respect to the above named Qualified Zone Academy, that it has reviewed and approved the educational plan of said Academy and that it has approved the issuance of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds on behalf of said academy in the amount designated by the Illinois State Board of Education pursuant to Section 1397E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.*

12. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature Title

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION FOR QUALIFIED ZONE  
ACADEMY BOND DESIGNATION**

1. Enter the name, number, and address of the district applying for designation of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds.
2. Enter the name of a person to contact in the event clarification or additional information is needed.
3. Enter the name of the county in which the district is located.
4. Enter the phone number of the contact person.
5. Enter the Fax number of the contact person.
6. Enter the name and address of the school or program designated as a Qualified Zone Academy by the district board of education and attach a copy of the 'comprehensive educational plan' for the Academy.

To be designated a Qualified Zone Academy:

- a) The school or academic program must be designed in cooperation with business to enhance the academic curriculum, increase graduation and employment rates, and better prepare students for the rigors of college and the increasingly complex workforce.
  - b) Students in such public school or program will be subject to the same academic standards and assessments as other students educated by the district.
  - c) The comprehensive education plan of the school or program is approved by the district.
  - d) The school or program is located in an empowerment zone or enterprise community, or there is a reasonable expectation that at least 35% of the students attending the school or program will be eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches under the school lunch program established under the National School Lunch Act.
7. Enter the name of the empowerment zone or enterprise community (7a), or the number of academy students expected to be eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches (7b) and the number of students enrolled in the academy (7c).
  8. Enter the amount of bonds desired to be designated as Qualified Zone Academy Bonds.
  9. Enter the amount of 'private business contributions' secured in support of the above named academy, and attach letters of commitment from private business contributors. NOTE: Private business contributions must equal at least 10% of the amount of bonds to be designated as Qualified Zone Academy Bonds.

Qualifying private business contributions means any contribution-of a type and quality acceptable to the eligible local education agency-of:

- a) Equipment for use in the qualified zone academy (including state-of-the-art technology and vocational equipment).
  - b) Technical assistance in developing curriculum or in training teachers in order to promote appropriate market driven technology in the classroom.
  - c) Services of employees as volunteer mentors.
  - d.) Internships, field trips, or other educational opportunities outside the academy for students.
  - e) Any other property or service specified by the eligible local education agency.
10. Enter the name of the school district or other government unit expected to issue Qualified Zone Academy Bonds on behalf of the Qualified Zone Academy.
  11. Enter the name of the Board of Education certifying the application.
  12. The Secretary or President of the Board of Education must sign and date the application.