

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your interest in our school. We have adopted an admissions policy that opens the school to families who are like-minded spiritually, who are supportive of our philosophy, objectives, and standards of education, and whose children meet our enrollment standards. Our purpose is to serve families who desire not simply a private education, but a distinctively Christian education for their children.

Before applying for admission to our school, please read the Student Handbook provided in this introductory packet. The Student Handbook will introduce you to many of the school's policies, procedures, and expectations for both parents and students.

The first several pages of the Handbook explain our religious purpose, mission, and beliefs. This school unashamedly believes, teaches, and practices a literal interpretation of the Word of God. If you do not agree with our religious mission and beliefs, enrolling your child in our school will likely cause him or her confusion. For example, if a question regarding biblical lifestyles arises in chapel or your child's classroom, the teacher (minister) will answer from a biblical viewpoint consistent with our mission and belief statement. If your beliefs and lifestyle choices are not in agreement with our doctrinal stance, that answer will likely create conflict in your child's heart and mind. This internal conflict could drive a wedge between you and your child, cause your child to negatively judge you as a parent, or force your child to choose between our teaching and what he or she learns at home. We respect your desire to place your child in the best possible learning environment, but if you are not in full agreement with our doctrinal positions, it will be best for all concerned if you do not enroll your child at our school.

Biblical principles are integrated into every subject taught at our school. Our staff is committed not only to academic excellence, but also to teaching students how to apply the truths of God's Word to every aspect of life. If you are in agreement with the teachings of God's Word, this school will complement the beliefs and ideals your child is taught at home. We look forward to partnering with you to educate your child in God's truth.

May the Lord lead you in making this very important life changing decision.

In His Service,

Dr. Rebecka Spencer  
Administrator

### Application and Registration Checklist

- Application Initiation Fee Paid \$25
- Receipt of the following items:
  - Pastoral Reference received by Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks
  - Statement of Faith
  - Enrollment Agreement
  - Kindergarten Screening of students entering Kindergarten in the coming fall
  - Past academic records from any or all schools
- Review of Application by the Board of Directors
- Parent notification of Acceptance or Non Acceptance for interview
- If accepted for interview: Interview will be scheduled by Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks
- Acceptance or Non Acceptance Notification letter will be sent by Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks directly to parents
- Sign a one year contract with Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks



# CORNERSTONE ACADEMY OF THE OZARKS

*Please print neatly.* This application must be completed in full, signed, and submitted before your child will be considered for admission. The one-time non-refundable family application fee of \$25.00 must accompany this form.

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Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Student Making Application _____	Grade to Enter _____	Gender _____
Age _____	Birthdate _____	Birthplace _____ SSN# _____
Name of Applicant's Parents/Guardians _____		Home Phone # _____
Address _____		City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Brothers/Sisters	Ages	Brothers/Sisters	Ages

**Both Part A and Part B of the following must be answered.**

A. Are you **Hispanic/Latino** or of **Spanish** origin?  Yes;  No

B. Select one or more races from the following racial groups:  **American Indian** or **Alaska Native**;  **Asian**;  
 **Black** or **African American**;  **Native Hawaiian** or **Other Pacific Islander**;  **White**

**PERSONAL DATA**

Has the applicant ever made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant attends church:             Occasionally             Frequently             Regularly

Has the applicant been treated for any medical condition that the school should be aware of or that requires outside assistance during the school day? \_\_\_\_\_

What interests/hobbies does the applicant have? \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC DATA**

Previous Schools Attended: (Include address for current school) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Levels: \_\_\_\_\_

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Has applicant ever been referred for testing or placed in a special program? \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant received any other special help or tutoring? \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant ever failed a grade? \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant received any special honors or awards for scholastic achievements? \_\_\_\_\_

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**STUDENT RECORD**

Has applicant ever been suspended, expelled, or asked to withdraw from another school? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Has applicant ever been treated by a professional counselor or medical doctor for behavioral, mental, or learning issues? (Including ADD or ADHD.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Specify any prescription medication for the above? \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER**

Please list any other unusual factors in applicant's life that the school should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you become interested in Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks? \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS  
 (Complete for oldest child only)**

	<b>Father/Guardian (Custodial)</b>	<b>Mother/Guardian (Custodial)</b>
Parent's Full Name		
Parent's Social Security Number		
Parent's Cell Phone Number		
Parent's E-mail Address		
Parent's Occupation		
Employer's Name		
Employer's Address		
Employer's Phone Number		
Church Attending		
Pastor's Name		
Church Attendance (Circle)	Occasionally    Frequently    Regularly	Occasionally    Frequently    Regularly
When were you saved?		
How would you describe your relationship with the Lord?		
Circle if applicable	Separated / Divorced / Divorced-Remarried/other _____	Separated / Divorced / Divorced-Remarried/other _____
Emergency Contact Name		
Emergency Contact Address		
City, State, Zip		

**Parent Relationship Status:**

*The above information is based on the biological father* \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO (if no, please explain)

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*The above information is based on the biological mother* \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO (if no, please explain)

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*Alternative Family Information:*

The above information is based on step or adoptive parents or guardians. \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO (please explain)

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## STATEMENT OF FAITH

Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks is a ministry of Central Missouri; it is interdenominational in its attitude and emphasis. The school stands and operates firmly on the changeless Word of God as expressed in the following statement of historic evangelical Christianity.

1. **We Believe** the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:15, 2 Peter 1:21).
2. **We Believe** there is one God, eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).
3. **We Believe** in the deity of Christ (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9); His Resurrection (John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:4); His Ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
4. **We Believe** in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God’s grace and through faith alone we are saved (John 3:16-19, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5).
5. **We Believe** in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29).
6. **We Believe** in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28).
7. **We Believe** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20, Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

Do you subscribe without reservation to the above declaration of faith?  **YES**       **NO**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## K-6 DISCIPLINARY POLICIES

Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks is dedicated to training children in a program of study, activity and living that is Christ-Centered. Our faculty maintains standards of behavior in the classroom through kindness, love and genuine regard for their students. However, when disciplinary action becomes necessary, it is firmly carried out, tempered with good judgment and understanding. We believe that part of a child’s training to be like Christ involves discipline.

I Corinthians 14:40 says, “everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way”. Students are expected to act in an orderly manner and follow school and classroom rules. Our discipline has four tenets. **First**, the child must come to accept responsibility for their own behavior. **Second**, they should make amends to any wrong by apologizing to those hurt and asking God’s forgiveness (and possibly making restitution). **Third**, they must accept appropriate consequences for their behavior. **Finally**, we want students to accept other’s and God’s forgiveness and be able to forgive themselves while learning from their mistake.

Teachers handle most common offenses in the classroom. Students may receive minutes off their recess, sentences or documents to write, or they may lose a privilege.

For serious offenses (including leaving school ground without permission, fighting, stealing, lying, profanity, disrespectful or defiant behavior), students are sent to the office. The principal will have a conference with the teacher and child and will then call or send a note home explaining the offense and the consequences. The consequences may include in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension.

**Discipline and Probation Procedure**

The following describes the office referral procedure and minimum consequences that may be assigned. Further consequences may be given for any misbehavior according to the severity of the problem.

1. When a teacher fills out an office referral form, the principal meets with the student and notifies the parent with an office referral form, and an appropriate consequence is also given. Students in 2-6 grades must fill out a discipline worksheet. The minimum consequence is spending recess in the office.
2. When a student receives two office referrals, they must spend recesses, lunch, and special class time in the office.
3. After the student receives three office referrals, the student will receive a half-day in-school suspension.
4. At the next (fourth) office referral, the student will receive a full-day suspension and a parent/teacher conference will be held.
5. At the next (fifth) referral, the student will serve another full-day suspension. At this point, a conference is held with the student, teacher, parent and principal to determine probationary status. The terms and conditions of probation are written and signed.
6. Parent/teacher conferences are held every two weeks until the student has gone nine weeks without a referral. Students who are unable to abide by the terms of the probation may be asked to leave.

**Biblical Morality Policy**

Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks’ biblical role is to work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christ-like. Of necessity, this involves the school’s understanding and belief of what qualities or characteristics exemplify a Christ-like life. The school reserves the right, within its sole discretion to refuse admission of an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student if the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home or the activities of the student are counter to or are in opposition to the biblical lifestyle the school teaches. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, participating in, supporting, or condoning sexual immorality, homosexual activity, or bisexual activity, promoting such practices, or being unable to support the moral principles of the school. (See Leviticus 20:13 and Romans 1:27).

**I have read the school’s “Biblical Morality Policy” and agree to abide by it by signing this form AND initialing after each statement.**

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Signed by Guardian/Parent

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Signed by Student Applying For Admission into Grades 7-12

**Statement of Final Authority on Matters of Faith and Conduct**

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Cornerstone Academy of the Ozark’s faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Educators, Administration, and Board of Directors is Cornerstone Academy of the Ozark’s final interpretive authority on bible’s meaning and application.

**I have reviewed the statements above as indicated by my initials before each of them, and agree to be governed by all the provisions herein.**

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Signed by Guardian/Parent

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Signed by Student Applying For Admission Into Grades 7-12

**ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT**

1. I understand that special trips are planned for the children away from the school throughout the year. I am aware that they will be carefully arranged and supervised by an adequate number of adults. I give my permission for my child to go on Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks field trips.
2. I agree to pay my financial obligations to the school promptly and to notify the school in advance if late payment is necessary. I understand: 1.) That all payments that are more than 10 days delinquent are subject to a \$10.00 late fee; 2.) I may be required to withdraw my children if my account is more than 30 days past due; 3.) My account has to be current as of December 15<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> for my children to remain enrolled in Cornerstone.
3. We agree to support policies and philosophies of Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks. (i.e. Dress code, school and classroom rules, and financial policies.) To foster this partnership and encourage communication, we agree to attend mandatory meetings for parents each semester. In the event that we withdraw our child(ren) from Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks with an outstanding balance due on our account, we understand that the school may hold all transcripts until the balance is paid in full.

**My signature below and initials after each statement indicates that I have read and agree to the Statement of Faith, the Biblical Morality Policy, the Disciplinary Policy, and the Enrollment Agreement.**

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Father’s/Guardian’s Signature

Date

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Mother’s/Guardian’s Signature

Date



**1. PHOTO AGREEMENT**

I grant permission for my child to be included in any photos the school may use for school newsletters, yearbooks, web pages, promotions, etc.

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Parent's Printed Name	Parent's Signature	Date
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**2. SCHOOL DIRECTORY AGREEMENT**

I grant permission for my child's name, address, and phone number to be included in a Parent Directory that will be given to all class members and Room Parents.

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Parent's Printed Name	Parent's Signature	Date
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**3. NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE AND FIRST MONTH'S TUITION**

I understand the registration fee and first month's tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable and that the registration fee (\$25) is due with this form. The first month's tuition is due by June 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve a place in the class. If the first month's tuition is not paid by June 1<sup>st</sup>, a place may not be available for my child.

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Parent's Printed Name	Parent's Signature	Date
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# CORNERSTONE ACADEMY OF THE OZARKS

## CORNERSTONE ACADEMY of the OZARKS PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR K-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

**PARENTS OF APPLICANT:** Please fill in the information requested in this box:

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade to Enter \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant's Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Pastor:

The above-mentioned student is seeking admission to Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks. Please take a moment to answer the questions below about the applicant and his/her parents. **This form should be mailed directly to Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks, PO BOX 1093 Warsaw, MO 65355.** The information you provide here will be held in strict confidence.

Please indicate level of involvement in church activities:	Father	Mother	Applicant
Attends regularly	( )	( )	( )
Cooperative; usually willing to help	( )	( )	( )
Enthusiastic; deeply involved in activities	( )	( )	( )

How long have you know the above family and applicant? ( ) 1 year or less; ( ) 2-3 years; ( ) 4-6 yrs.; ( ) more than 6 years

How well do you know the applicant: (Check one)

- ( ) by name/sight      ( ) fairly well/numerous contacts      ( ) casually/few personal contacts  
 ( ) very close pastoral relationship

To your knowledge, have the parents and applicant made a meaningful personal commitment to Jesus Christ:

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|-----------|---------|--------|----------------|
| Father    | ( ) Yes | ( ) No | ( ) Don't know |
| Mother    | ( ) Yes | ( ) No | ( ) Don't know |
| Applicant | ( ) Yes | ( ) No | ( ) Don't know |

Please check the terms which best describe the parents' attitude toward the church and its activities.

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|--------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Father | ( ) Warmhearted  | ( ) Sympathetic | ( ) Passive  | ( ) Enthusiastic |
|        | ( ) Contemptuous | ( ) Loving      | ( ) Tolerant | ( ) Critical     |
|        | ( ) Respectful   |                 |              |                  |

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|--------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Mother | ( ) Warmhearted  | ( ) Sympathetic | ( ) Passive  | ( ) Enthusiastic |
|        | ( ) Contemptuous | ( ) Loving      | ( ) Tolerant | ( ) Critical     |
|        | ( ) Respectful   |                 |              |                  |

Please share with us any information you may have about the applicant or family that would help in our evaluation. This information could cover recent experiences or incidents in the applicant's life, strong points or weak points, or even a general personality appraisal.

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Based on your comments, this applicant is:

Highly recommended     Recommended     Recommended with reservations     Not recommended

Pastor's

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL RECORDS REQUEST FORM

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Present School \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize you to release my child's school records to Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks. I understand that any information you release will be confidential between the sending school and Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To the School Principal or Director:

The child listed above has applied to Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks. Please send us the candidate's official transcript, including current school reports, standardized tests, a completed Confidential School Report, and any other relevant information. Thank you.

*Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks: PO Box 1093 Warsaw, MO 65355  
Phone: 660-438-6161 Fax: 573-345-3878*

