



## International Students Admissions Details

We are excited to offer the opportunity for International Students to be a part of Valley Christian Schools. Valley Christian has been a leader in Christian Education for over seventy years in preparing students to make a difference for Jesus Christ in the world. We believe we have much to offer your student and look forward to the contributions he/she will make to Valley Christian Schools.

Listed below are the 2009/2010 fees and tuition for admittance of international students. All documents included in the application must be completed and submitted along with the application fee before an interview can be scheduled.

Primary Contact Person: Jeff Hoogeveen at [jhoogeveen@vcschools.org](mailto:jhoogeveen@vcschools.org)

### Tuition and Fees

Application Fee:	\$ 500 (refundable only if an interview is denied)
High School Tuition	\$13,250
Middle School Tuition	\$12,410
Students Activities Fund	\$ 1,500 (Funds to cover books and other fees, Unused funds are reimbursed to the family)
Health Insurance Policy	\$ 1,000 (estimated)
Home Stay	(negotiated directly with family)

### Policies for International Student Admittance

1. Student, Parents and Host Family must meet VCS standards of current admission policy by demonstrating a committed relationship to Jesus Christ and membership in a Bible believing church.
2. Students must meet the standards to be English language proficient as demonstrated by a recognized language proficiency test.
3. Students must find and negotiate home stay on their own.
4. Students living with host families will be accepted in grades 7-11 only.
5. Students living with their own family are eligible to be accepted in all grades.
6. Prior to receiving an I-20 form, students will make a \$4,000 tuition deposit, refundable only if the visa is denied. It will be refunded upon Valley Christian's receipt of the original denial letter from the U.S. Embassy stating the reason for denial, and the return of the original I-20.
7. Students have the choice of three payment options: (1) pay all tuition and fees in full immediately, (2) pay the \$4,000 deposit immediately and on August 1 pay the remaining balance of all tuition and fees, or (3) pay the \$4,000 deposit immediately and then on August 1 pay ½ of the remaining tuition balance and all the fees, and on January 15 – pay the balance of the tuition.
8. Students must follow all policies created by the Administrative Staff of Valley Christian Schools.
9. Students must provide funds for medical insurance which will be purchased on their behalf by Valley Christian Schools.
10. Host family must sign the host family agreement.



## International Student Application Checklist

Please make sure the following items are mailed or faxed to our Admissions Coordinator by April 15, 2009 for Priority Consideration Admission:

- Completed Application Form.
- Financial Disclosure Form.
- Student Questionnaire Form.
- Student Essay.
- Term by term record of all courses student has taken at the high school level or the previous 2 schools whichever is greater.
- \$500 Application Fee (refundable only if an interview is denied).

**Please note: while faxed copies are encouraged to speed up the admissions decision, all original documents must also be mailed to VCS.**

Checklist of steps of admission to Valley Christian Schools for International Students:

- Completed Application Forms (see section above) and \$500 application fee sent or faxed to VCS.
- Two Educator's Recommendations from the student's most recent school and one Clergy Recommendation sent or faxed to VCS.
- TOEFL test score sent or faxed to VCS. Our school code is 2099. See the [www.vcschools.org/international](http://www.vcschools.org/international) to see expected scores.
- A copy of the student's passport.
- Student In-Person Interview or Phone Interview with the VCS International Students Director.
- In-Person Interview with the American guardian family by the VCS International Students Director.
- Decision for admission of student. If yes, the VCS Enrollment Contract is sent to the student.
- Pastor's Letter of Recommendation for Host Family.

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## What happens after you are accepted?

1. An acceptance letter and the Enrollment Contract are sent to the student. Return the International Student Fee and the Enrollment Contract to the VCS Business Office.
2. After the Contract is received back along with a \$4,000 deposit non-refundable deposit, the I-20 is express mailed to the student. The student presents the I-20 to his/her local U.S. Embassy for permission to attend VCS on an F-1 visa.
3. What else will the new family and student need to do?
  - Immunization Record, w/TB test results & action taken if required
  - \$1000 health insurance deposit to Valley Christian which we will use to purchase Accident/Health Insurance for the student for the entire academic year (unless living with parents and student has verification of current Accident/Health insurance).

If the visa is denied, all but the \$500.00 application fee will be refunded upon Valley Christian's receipt of the original denial letter from the U.S. Embassy stating the reason for denial, and the return of the original I-20.

4. The student should arrive to the Cerritos area no later than 1 week before the start of classes.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Am I considered an international student?**

If you are a student whose primary address is outside the United States and/or you need an I-20 (F-1 Student Visa), then yes, you are considered to be an international student.

- **When is my application due?**

Completed applications, along with a \$500 USD application fee, must be received no later than April 15, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications received after April 15, 2009 will be placed in our Wait Pool and considered on a "best fit for space available" basis.

- **Does Valley Christian offer tuition assistance for international students?**

Valley Christian does not offer tuition assistance for international students nor does it offer merit scholarships.

- **Will Valley Christian provide a guardian or arrange for home stays for international students?**

Valley Christian does not provide guardians nor for home stays for students.

- **Who are the primary contacts for international admissions?**

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**Valley Christian Schools  
International Student  
Application for Admission**

**Student Information**

I hereby apply for admission to Valley Christian Schools for the following grade level:

\_\_\_7th \_\_\_8th \_\_\_9th \_\_\_10th \_\_\_11th

For the \_\_\_ Fall Semester : September 20\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Spring Semester 20\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to Valley Christian Schools before? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes, if yes, in what year? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you first learn about Valley Christian Schools?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student Name exactly as it appears on passport

\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Country Address

\_\_\_\_\_ number and street \_\_\_\_\_ town or city

\_\_\_\_\_ province or state \_\_\_\_\_ postal code \_\_\_\_\_ country

Current Address (if different from above)

\_\_\_\_\_ number and street \_\_\_\_\_ town or city

\_\_\_\_\_ province or state \_\_\_\_\_ postal code \_\_\_\_\_ country

Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Presently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Form \_\_\_\_\_

School Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information**

FATHER  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Language Fluent in \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Business \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address if other than that of applicant  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Language Fluent in \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Business \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address if other than that of applicant  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

*In this box, write your complete mailing address as it should appear on correspondence to your country.*

**Guardian Information (for U.S. guardian)**

FATHER  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Fluent In English \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Business \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address if other than that of applicant  
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Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address if other than that of applicant  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or guardian to whom grade reports and financial statements are to be sent:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_  
mother? father? guardian?



**Health Statement (to be filled in by the student's parent or guardian)**

Describe the applicant's health. If the applicant has any physical handicap which would limit, in any way, participation in the full range of normal activities, or if the applicant has any recent serious physical or emotional illness, please explain.

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This application must be accompanied by a \$500 nonrefundable application fee payable to Valley Christian Schools. Please do not send cash or check drawn from a bank outside of the U.S. Wiring of funds – US currency.

I certify that all information given on all application materials is correct and complete. I understand that any omission or misinformation may result in the denial of my application or dismissal from Valley Christian Schools.

Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Please attach  
Applicant's  
Photograph Here  
(Required)

*A fully accredited member of The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and  
The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)*

Valley Christian Schools admit, and have always admitted, students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to any student. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship programs, athletic programs or any other school-administered program. Valley Christian Schools admit students of families that support Christian values representing any race, color, racial or ethnic origin, and from any geographical area to the school with all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available for students at the school.

## Financial Disclosure Statement

(filled out by student's sponsor, parent or guardian)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. If your country has currency restrictions that limit the amount of money that may be released to you each year in U. S. dollars, please state the amount and for what period of time. \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the current official rate of exchange for U.S. dollars in your country? \$1 (U.S.) = \_\_\_\_\_

3. How many years is the student guaranteed your financial support to attend Valley Christian Schools?  
 \_\_\_1 years \_\_\_2 years \_\_\_3 years \_\_\_4 years Unless you can show full financial support for all years of attendance, no I-20 form will be issued.

4. Indicate below in U.S. dollars the amount of money that will be available for your student's tuition and living expenses and provide the appropriate supporting documents. You must show a source of full financial support for all years of attendance, not just the first year. An I-20 form will be issued only when you show satisfactory financial arrangements for meeting the expenses of the student's entire program of study.

Source of Funds	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
<b>Family/Guardian Support</b>				
Family/Guardian Savings (attach statement of account from bank)				
Family/Guardian Salary (attach a salary statement from employer)				
Other Income (attach documentation)				
<b>Student Support</b>				
Personal Savings (attach statement of account from bank)				
Other Income (attach documentation)				
<b>Other Support Type and Source</b>				
Attach a letter from the person or organization giving the details of their support				
<b>Totals</b>				
Totals for each year of attendance must equal the estimate for tuition and expenses.				

### Bank's Official Certification

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that the sponsor has sufficient funds to provide the promised amount, and that the funds are available. This does not constitute a guarantee on the part of the bank.

Bank Official's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Bank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of Bank \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Sponsor's Certification

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.

Sponsor's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship of Sponsor to Student \_\_\_\_\_  
 If sponsor lives in the U.S., please indicate citizenship status:  
 U.S. Citizen     Immigrant     Nonimmigrant

## International Student Questionnaire

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

This Student Questionnaire is to be completed by the applicant (student). Hand write or print your answers—do not type. If more space is needed, please use an additional piece of paper.

1. Why do you wish to come to Valley Christian High School? (Please write your personal feelings about attending VCHS and whether this school is the school of your choice.

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2. Educational History. Please fill in your schooling experience for the last four years in the chart below.

- A. If you have been out of school for a half year or more, explain on a separate piece of paper.
- B. Write the month and the year you began, and the month and they year you finished, such as 9/2005-6/2006
- C. Write the name of the school. Translate into English if necessary
- D. Write the city. Show the country only if it is in a country different than your country of citizenship.

A. Year in School	B. Calendar Year	C. Name of School	D. Location(city & country)
This year			
Last year			
Three years ago			
Four years ago			

3. If you were to remain in your present schooling system, how many years would it be before you were ready to start college? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is English your first language? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no If no, please write your native language \_\_\_\_\_

5. In what language are you being taught your math, science and history courses this year? \_\_\_\_\_

6. A TOEFL or a SSAT test is required for international students who have attended an American school for less than three years. On what date did you take, or do you plan to take, the TOEFL or SSAT? \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate piece of paper please explain your reasons if you do not feel you should have to take the TOEFL/SSAT.

7. What do you plan to do after you graduate from high school? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What school subjects do you like best? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What is a strength you have as a student? What do you feel is a weakness? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What school subjects do you like best? \_\_\_\_\_

11. On average, how many hours a day do you spend on homework? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a day do you spend watching TV or playing computer games? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What extra school activities are you interested in? (circle as many as you wish)

Music (Vocal, Instrumental)

Theatre/Dance

Yearbook/School Newspaper

Computer Applications/Programming

Cheerleading

Flag/Color Guard Team

Film/Video

Robotics

Radio Broadcasting

Student Government

Art/Photography

Other Activities (list below)

13. What special awards or honors, if any, have you received in the last 1-2 years. \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Have you ever had an incident with the law, or do you have a police record?  yes  no

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

15. Describe your contacts with alcohol, drugs and tobacco, and what you think about their use. \_\_\_\_\_

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16. All students will dress in the contracted school uniforms from True Grits during the regular school day which begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m. Information will be provided to you upon acceptance to VCS.

*I certify that all information given on all application materials is correct and complete. I understand that any omission or misinformation may result in denial of my application or dismissal from Valley Christian Schools.*

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

17. WRITE A TWO-THREE PAGE ESSAY. We would like to know how well you can organize your thoughts and express them in English, while you tell us a little more about yourself. Please neatly write your essay on separate sheets of paper—typed essays will not be accepted. Answer both of the following topics:

- (1) Describe 2 or 3 experiences from your life that have helped shape you into the person you are (for example, family experiences, activities, interests, hobbies, places you have visited, service to others, etc.)
- (2) Describe some of your central beliefs about God, and especially your views about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as found in the Bible? Describe how, if at all, your beliefs affect your daily life. Finally, discuss your thoughts about being educated in a school where Bible classes and weekly religious assemblies are a part of the school curriculum.

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**Clergy's Recommendation Form**  
(Student and student family)

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for admission to Valley Christian Schools.  
Applicants full name                      grade entering

We would welcome any comments or insights you have regarding his or her character and spiritual life. We have found a pastor's/clergy's perspective quite valuable in getting to know an applicant better and helping us to determine if Valley Christian Schools is an appropriate placement. Thank you for your effort.

In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please comment on the applicant's involvement in your church or congregation. \_\_\_\_\_

On average, how many times during a month does this applicant participate in church or congregationally related services or activities? \_\_\_\_\_

In what congregationally related activities is this applicant typically involved? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
What involvement, if any, have you observed on the part of this applicant's parent(s) or guardian with your church or congregation?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please share with us any specific concerns or highlights you have on the character of this applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please comment on the parents' commitment to Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please comment on the student's commitment to Christ.

Pastor's/Clergy name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print full name    Signature    Date

Name of your Church or Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Although rarely requested, a parent/guardian has the legal right to view their student's file.

Would you like us to phone you for further information regarding this applicant? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form directly to: Valley Christian Schools 10818 E. Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, CA 90703

**PASTOR'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**  
**HOST FAMILY**

*The following information is needed before admission consideration can be given.*

Host Family Names \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

The family listed above is willing to serve as a host family for an international student. Our host families must be active Christian families. Your insight in filling out this form will be most helpful to us.

International Student's Name and Grade Applying for: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is host family active members in good standing of your congregation? \_\_\_\_\_  
Comment: \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long have they been active members of your church? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Does the host family attend worship services weekly, occasionally, or very seldom?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What church activities do the host family participating in? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. How would you describe the family's commitment to Christ and His church? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Please add any further comments which may be helpful: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. After reading our doctrinal statement on the reverse side of this form, what recommendation do you give for this host family to be considered for admission to the Valley Christian School system?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Highly recommend                  \_\_\_\_\_ Recommend                  \_\_\_\_\_ Do not recommend

_____ Pastor's Signature	_____ Name of the Church
_____ Please print name	_____ Church Address
_____ Date	_____
<b>Your Telephone Number</b>	<b>Denominational Affiliation</b>

## THE DOCTRINAL BASIS OF THE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

The Valley Christian Schools Society was organized by the Reformed community of the Bellflower-Artesia area, and took for its doctrinal basis the standards of the Reformed churches. These standards are first, the Holy Scriptures, and second, the Three Forms of Unity, which the Reformed churches received as correctly setting forth the Scriptural system of truth. Members of the School Society should be in substantial agreement with this doctrinal basis and should understand that the charter of the Society requires that all teaching in the school shall conform to this doctrinal basis. The *Three Forms of Unity* are the **Belgic Confession**, **The Heidelberg Catechism**, and the **Canons of Dort**. The principle teachings of the Christian faith as set forth in these writings may be summarized as follows:

### THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

The Bible is the inspired word of God and hence is man's infallible guide in all matters of which it treats. It was given to man through human authors who were so influenced by God the Holy Spirit that what they wrote is the Word of God.

### GOD

There is only one eternal, all-powerful, and all-knowing God. He has revealed Himself as existing in the form of the Holy Trinity. This means that the one God is, at one and the same time, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each person is fully God with all the infinite qualities, yet each Person is also completely distinct. This is the mystery of the Trinity. Although the three Persons are active in all the works of God, there are distinctions in function. Creation and providence are particularly ascribed to the Father. The Son is the Mediator who became flesh that He might be the Savior of sinners. The Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier of the Church.

### MAN

Man and his environment have come into existence by the creative act of God. Unlike other creatures on the earth, man was created in the likeness of God. As God's image-bearer, man was created in a state of righteousness to be the servant and friend to God. The original pair, Adam and Eve, yielded to the temptation of Satan and violated the express command of God. They thus abandoned their righteous condition and fell into sin. As representatives of the race that was to spring from them, they involved all men in sin. As a result all men are born in a sinful condition and cannot find acceptance with God, unless they are redeemed by Christ.

### SALVATION

God has, however, provided a glorious salvation. The Lord, Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, became flesh, lived a sinless life, and died a substitutionary death and arose from the grave to redeem God's elect. Such sinners, God, the Holy Spirit, renews in the act of regeneration so that they are able to repent of their sins and turn to Christ in faith. In this way they are justified before God's judgement, adopted into the family of God, and made ready for heaven.

### THE COVENANT OF GRACE

God enters into a covenant with those whom He is saving. As God revealed to Abraham, this covenant includes the children of believers. These covenant children bear a special relationship to God and have a special responsibility. Thus the church, which is the organized form of the Covenant People, is regarded as being made up of believers and their children. This doctrine of the Covenant is the foundation for the long-standing policy of the Christian Day Schools as found in the Reformed communities.

### SANCTIFICATION

Those sinners who have been brought into God's Covenant of Grace are indwelt by God, the Holy Spirit from the moment of their regeneration so that they are now able to glorify God through righteous and holy living. The guide for this holy living is found in the Moral Law of God as set forth in the Ten Commandments and as summarized by Christ in Matthew 22:37-39: "*Jesus said unto them, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.*" Although the believer must struggle against his sinful nature throughout this life, the indwelling Holy Spirit will increasingly bring forth in this life the fruits of sanctification.

### FINAL THINGS

When history has run the course laid out for it in God's plan, the Lord, Jesus Christ will return in power and glory to judge impenitent sinners and to take His redeemed people to live with Him for eternity. Until that time it is the duty of God's people to glorify the name of their Covenant God by living righteously and prayerfully, by witnessing concerning His grace to all people, and by bringing all things into subjection to the Lordship of Christ.



## Educator's Recommendation Form

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for admission to Valley Christian Schools. Your candid estimate of this student's academic performance, intellectual promise, and character will help us in our admissions process. Thank you for your help. Please return this form to our office at your earliest convenience.

Educator's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Valley Christian Schools is an independent, interdenominational, private Christian school for grades K-12 offering an intellectually challenging curriculum. Valley Christian Schools values academic potential and achievement as well as creativity, strong motivation, and respect for others.

Please note: Although rarely requested, parents/guardians have the legal right to view their student's file. Would you like us to phone you for further information regarding this applicant? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
Daytime phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form directly to:**

Admissions  
Valley Christian Schools  
10818 E. Artesia Blvd.  
Cerritos, CA 90703  
FAX: (562) 860-4323

Please write an appraisal of this applicant's personal character, relative maturity, independence, special talents, reliability and personal interests.

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Please explain the applicant's ability to handle successfully a comprehensive course of study.

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## ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL EVALUATION:

**Please check the appropriate rating. If unknown, please leave blank.**

1. Academic potential	<input type="checkbox"/> limited	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> outstanding
2. Academic achievement	<input type="checkbox"/> considerably below expectations	<input type="checkbox"/> as expected	<input type="checkbox"/> better than tests	<input type="checkbox"/> far above expectations
3. Effort/drive	<input type="checkbox"/> limited	<input type="checkbox"/> sporadic	<input type="checkbox"/> usually good	<input type="checkbox"/> maximum
4. Study habits	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent
5. Ability to work in a group	<input type="checkbox"/> has great difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/> sometimes has difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/> usually effective	<input type="checkbox"/> always works well
6. Ability to work alone	<input type="checkbox"/> needs much help	<input type="checkbox"/> needs help frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> needs help occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> always works well
7. Participation in a discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> rarely contributes	<input type="checkbox"/> wants to dominate	<input type="checkbox"/> contributes occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> joins in readily
8. Curiosity	<input type="checkbox"/> little	<input type="checkbox"/> occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> consistent	<input type="checkbox"/> marked
9. Reads for pleasure	<input type="checkbox"/> rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> if prodded	<input type="checkbox"/> occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> frequently
10. Written expression/content	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> limited	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent
11. Written expression mechanics	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> limited	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent
12. Ability to express ideas orally	<input type="checkbox"/> limited	<input type="checkbox"/> has some difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> exceptional
13. Imagination/Creativity	<input type="checkbox"/> little	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> active	<input type="checkbox"/> highly developed
14. Use of time	<input type="checkbox"/> uses poorly	<input type="checkbox"/> occasionally wastes	<input type="checkbox"/> usually uses well	<input type="checkbox"/> always uses effectively
15. Follows directions	<input type="checkbox"/> rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> needs much explanation	<input type="checkbox"/> occasionally needs help	<input type="checkbox"/> quickly and effectively
16. Critical thinking	<input type="checkbox"/> limited	<input type="checkbox"/> consistent with age	<input type="checkbox"/> often perceptive	<input type="checkbox"/> exceptionally perceptive
17. Seeks help when needed	<input type="checkbox"/> rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> usually	<input type="checkbox"/> always
18. Attention span	<input type="checkbox"/> easily distracted	<input type="checkbox"/> occasionally distracted	<input type="checkbox"/> usually good	<input type="checkbox"/> exceptionally good
19. Maturity in terms of age/grade	<input type="checkbox"/> very immature	<input type="checkbox"/> somewhat immature	<input type="checkbox"/> mature	<input type="checkbox"/> impressive
20. Personality	<input type="checkbox"/> withdrawn	<input type="checkbox"/> shy	<input type="checkbox"/> reserved	<input type="checkbox"/> warm
21. Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/> questionable	<input type="checkbox"/> usually trustworthy	<input type="checkbox"/> trustworthy	<input type="checkbox"/> highly trustworthy
22. Consideration of others	<input type="checkbox"/> inconsiderate	<input type="checkbox"/> usually considerate	<input type="checkbox"/> considerate	<input type="checkbox"/> unusually considerate
23. Social adjustment	<input type="checkbox"/> relates poorly	<input type="checkbox"/> has occasional problems	<input type="checkbox"/> healthy relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely popular
24. Leadership potential	<input type="checkbox"/> a follower	<input type="checkbox"/> leads when given responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> seeks opportunities & uses them well	<input type="checkbox"/> a natural leader
25. Attendance	<input type="checkbox"/> frequently absent	<input type="checkbox"/> occasionally absent	<input type="checkbox"/> rarely absent	<input type="checkbox"/> never absent
26. Classroom conduct	<input type="checkbox"/> frequent disruptions	<input type="checkbox"/> occasional misconduct	<input type="checkbox"/> usually good behavior	<input type="checkbox"/> good conduct
27. Stability	<input type="checkbox"/> easily frustrated	<input type="checkbox"/> seeks much attention	<input type="checkbox"/> somewhat tense	<input type="checkbox"/> stable
28. Completes/turns in homework	<input type="checkbox"/> rarely or never	<input type="checkbox"/> occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> consistently	<input type="checkbox"/> always completed
29. Tardies	<input type="checkbox"/> frequently tardy	<input type="checkbox"/> occasionally tardy	<input type="checkbox"/> rarely tardy	<input type="checkbox"/> never tardy
30. Self confidence	<input type="checkbox"/> needs much reassurance	<input type="checkbox"/> appears overly confident	<input type="checkbox"/> needs some support	<input type="checkbox"/> positive self-image
31. Fulfills responsibilities	<input type="checkbox"/> rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> usually	<input type="checkbox"/> always
32. Parent cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> outstanding

In comparison to other students the same age, how do you regard the applicant in the following:

	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
Academics	_____	_____	_____	_____
Character	_____	_____	_____	_____

Educator's Name \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_ In what course(s) did you teach the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_ In what grade(s) did you teach the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ What grade(s) did the applicant receive from you? \_\_\_\_\_

VCS offers services to students with learning disabilities. Has this student ever received such services?  Yes  No

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering \_\_\_\_\_

## **Guardian Agreement** **International Students Only**

1. The parent is to select an adult guardian, at least 30 years of age, who lives in the continental United States, preferably in the State of California, who will agree to the Guardian Agreement.
2. The parent is to fill in his/her portion of the agreement and send it to the guardian for the guardian to complete.
3. The guardian is to complete the remainder of the agreement and return it to VCS.
4. This guardian agreement must be received and approved by VCS before the student may attend school.

As guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ while he/she is attending VCS, I agree to the following:

1. I assume responsibility for this student during the school year and regularly scheduled vacations from school. This usually includes Thanksgiving, Christmas, winter and Easter vacation and during the summer. My responsibility includes, but is not limited to, providing transportation to and from campus and providing supervision of the above student during the vacation period.
2. I assume responsibility to Valley Christian Schools for any financial obligations reasonably and necessarily incurred on behalf of the above student while he/she is a student at VCS.
3. I possess power of attorney and assume responsibility for making a decision medically and/or signing medical release papers if such an occasion arises. I will handle all insurance claims for the above student.
4. I assume responsibility for the above student if a disciplinary action is required, i.e., suspension, expulsion, etc. I will also assume decision making if any problems arise concerning the academic or social life of the student.

Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Fluent in English  Yes  No Other \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent of the above mentioned student, I hereby appoint the above person my attorney in fact for the purposes set forth above, while he/she is a student at VCS, and I authorize the above person to take care of and assume responsibility for the above mentioned student as I would do if personally present. In the event of the above mentioned guardian is unable to fulfill his/her duties, I will immediately secure the services of another individual to serve as guardian.

Printed Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
**APPLICATION TO HOST INTERNATIONAL STUDENT**

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name (if living in home): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Typical daily time period away at work \_\_\_\_\_

Days of the week he typically works: \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ T \_\_\_ W \_\_\_ Th \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_ Sun

Mother's Name (if living in home): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Typical daily time period away at work \_\_\_\_\_

Days of the week she typically works: \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ T \_\_\_ W \_\_\_ Th \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_ Sun

Children's names & grade level in school: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please *circle* above any of your children who will not be living with you during the next school year.

You local church: \_\_\_\_\_ How many times/month do you typically attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly summarize your church's program, if any, for high school youth:

Would your international student have his/her own room, or share (with whom)? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many miles away from our current high school campus do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you anticipate your international student will get to school and back home each day? \_\_\_\_\_

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Typically, the host family parents also serve as the student's legal guardian while studying at VCS, making ultimate decisions about education, health, and general welfare. Are you willing to do this?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ unsure.

Please list any special facilities or items available for the student to use in your home (recreational, computer, musical instrument, etc.):

Who, if anyone, from your home would be available to help student with homework as occasionally needed?

(over)

At this time, why are you interested in hosting an International Student?

Please briefly discuss any previous hosting experience (short or long-term) you have had with international students, particularly teenagers, including length of stays, joys you encountered, problems you had to overcome, etc:

Anything else you would like us or the student's family to know as you consider housing an International Student at this time?

If you are not currently a VCS School family, please have your pastor complete the Pastor's Letter of Recommendation following this sheet and submit along with all other information requested.  
Thank you for your time.

Please return all forms to: Dianne Grasmeyer, Admissions Coordinator, Valley Christian Schools, 10818 E. Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 or fax to (562) 860-4323. Questions may also be phoned to her at (562) 860-0556.

## Release of Liability

The registrant and parent are aware that daily transportation, housing, safety and maintenance of homes and buildings, dietary changes, and participation in events typical of family and social life carries a risk of personal injury and property damage or loss that may result from participation in the program and use of the goods and services described above.

I, the undersigned registrant, do waive and release claims against [Family Name] for injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expenses resulting from [student name] living with the [Family Name] as an international student in attendance at Valley Christian School, as well as during the vacations or holidays between attendance at Valley Christian.

I also agree not to sue or make a claim against [Family Name] and agree to indemnify them with regard to any injury, damage, loss, financial obligations or liabilities, judgments, and costs, including attorney's fees, that [student name] may personally incur, as well as for any damage or injury to the person or property of others that he/she may cause while enrolled in the Valley Christian International Student program. I agree not to sue or make a claim against [Family Name], or other family members or guests staying at their home, and agree to indemnify them with regard to any injury or loss suffered by [student name] during periods of independent travel or absence from school.

If [student name] becomes ill, injured or incapacitated in any manner, [Family Name] or the school coordinators may take such action items and decisions as any of them consider necessary, including medical treatment for [student name], as well as for transporting him back to his country of origin, at his own expense. I release them from all liability relating to such actions.

I understand that living at the home of [Family Name] may be terminated at the sole discretion of either Valley Christian School or [Family Name] without refund of fees, and that [student name] may be sent home at his own expense if he does not adhere to the rules, standards and instructions.

I agree to pay all telephone bills charged to [student name] to the family phone.

I agree to notify the Valley Christian School International Director at least 3 weeks before planning to leave the host family, [Family Name].

I understand that it is my responsibility to procure the services of a professional attorney to have this Release of Liability professionally evaluated and/or amended before signing this document.

**Signature of Student Registrant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_