



## **International Student Application**

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**Thank you for your interest in the Lighthouse Christian Academy!**

**We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you in the  
Christ-centered education of your child.**

Dear Student and Parent,

It is the mission of the Lighthouse Christian Academy to educate the whole person and graduate students who think, judge, and act in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We believe the cornerstone of this teaching is love, which 1 Corinthians 12:31 describes as the most excellent way to live. In the light of Biblical love, an excellent education begins with one's character, and we seek to give our students the discipline and personal responsibility on which to build a lifetime of skills and wisdom.

As we aim to prepare each student for admission to a four-year university, we also emphasize the need of every person to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If we were to provide students with knowledge in science, history and mathematics, but neglect to teach them how to live and how to love God, themselves and others, then we would be attempting to build a house without a foundation.

At the LCA, the message of salvation and redemption through Christ alone permeates discussion in every academic discipline. This focus on personal faith and discipline provides students the necessary moral framework upon which to build not only the rest of their education but also the rest of their lives.

We look forward to partnering with you in seeking God's excellent plan for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Jack Mefford  
Principal



## ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

### STEP 1 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- Complete and return an APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
  - Submit a non-refundable \$150 application fee, payable to LCA. Wire transfer information is available upon request.
- Complete and return the STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE.
- Complete and return the STATEMENT OF FAITH AGREEMENT.
- Have a school official complete and submit the CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FORM: SCHOOL. Email and contact phone must be included so we can verify the recommendation.
- Have an adult friend (other than a relative) complete and submit the CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FORM: PERSONAL REFERENCE. Email and contact phone must be included so we can verify the recommendation.
- Official copy of student's grades / transcripts from past two years of academics, including English translation and school seal

Note: if documents require translation, a link has been provided for convenience:  
<http://www.ece.org/main/content=ApplicationStep0&&SubSite=1&LeftNav=3>

- Submit a copy of student's passport
- Submit official copy of immunization record in English
- Documentation of a TOEFL or iTEP SLATE score
  - For more information on the TOEFL or to schedule a test visit [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org). Please request on the TOEFL registration form that your scores be sent directly to the Lighthouse Christian Academy. Our school code is 9112.
  - For more information on the iTEP SLATE or to schedule a test visit [www.itepexam.com](http://www.itepexam.com). Please request on the registration form that your scores be sent directly to the Lighthouse Christian Academy.
- Submit a recent photo of applicant.
- Submit an official copy of bank statement with sufficient funds for tuition and fees (in U.S. currency as required by INS)



## **STEP 2 – SKYPE INTERVIEW:**

Once we receive the application, the international student director will contact you for an interview. The interview consists of meeting with the applicant for about 30 minutes. Interviews can be conducted in person or by Skype.

## **STEP 3 – NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION STATUS:**

Following the interview and review of all application documents, you will be notified via email of your admission status. The decision is made based on the student application, interview, availability of host families, and the fit of the student with available host families. Lighthouse Christian Academy admits qualified students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. If accepted, LCA will send you an Acceptance Letter along with an Enrollment Packet.

## **STEP 4 – ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE:**

- Pay for the tuition in full prior to July 1. Failure to do this can result in the cancellation of the I-20.
- Complete and return the ENROLLMENT CONTRACT

## **STEP 5 – FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURE:**

Upon receiving the required enrollment paperwork and fees, LCA will send the following:

1. A Welcome Letter (verification of enrollment)
2. The I-20 form from LCA
3. A receipt for any payment made to LCA

Lighthouse Christian Academy has state department clearance to issue I-20 visas through the SEVIS system. After students have been admitted, submitted all of the above documents and paid the tuition in full, the I-20 will be issued. If the student is accepted, the I-20 will be sent to the family by mail after the enrollment contract and tuition payment has been submitted to LCA.

Sign the I-20 issued to you by Lighthouse Christian Academy. Your signature on the I-20 commits you to the terms outlined on page 2 of the I-20.

## **STEP 6 – VISA APPLICATION:**

The documents needed at the Embassy are:

1. The Passport
2. The Acceptance Letter
3. The I-20 form from LCA
4. The receipt for any payments made to LCA
5. Proof of payment of SEVIS I-901 fee
6. Proof of family financial support
7. Proof of connection to home country after schooling is finished



## **STEP 7 – FINAL DETAILS:**

When your Visa is granted, please contact the LCA international program director immediately and provide a copy of the Visa. Also inform the school as to when you will be arriving in Santa Monica. Airline arrangements are to be direct flights from the student's home country to Los Angeles (LAX). Each student is to provide travel itinerary including flight confirmation number, flight number, date, and time so that it can be confirmed on the airline's website.

Arrange flight and then notify LCA international program director of your travel plans. Arrive on campus the date the I-20 begins. If you travel to the US prior to this date, please understand that you must provide your own transportation and living arrangements. Please arrive on campus on the day the I-20 begins.

Upon arrival in the United States, submit a medical form, which is to be completed by a physician in the United States. This may be completed prior to the arrival date on campus or can be arranged with the host family during the first week of boarding, prior to the beginning of the academic year. This medical evaluation will be at the boarding student's expense.

If you have any questions about the admission process, please contact Josh Young, international program director.

Email: [JoshYoung@LCASaints.org](mailto:JoshYoung@LCASaints.org)

Phone: +1.310.829.2522

Skype: joshyoung724



## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

To be completed by or information provided by natural parent or legal guardian. Must have parent/legal guardian signature. Please answer all questions. The Student Questionnaire is to be completed by the student. Our primary communication tool is email, so it is important that you provide us with a working email address.

Please attach a recent photo of your student.

PLEASE PRINT. PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE.

### STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Name your student wishes to be called

Applying for Session beginning in:  August  January Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Grade:  9  10  11  12

Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
Month Day Year

Permanent Mailing Address:

Street City State Zip/Postal Code Country

Best Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Skype Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Skype, with video camera use, is required for admissions interview

Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ First Language if other than English: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity (optional):  Asian  Hispanic  African American  Caucasian  Native American  
 American Indian  Other  Decline to state

Religion / Church affiliation (optional):  Christian (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  None

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_  Day School  Boarding School

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Present Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous School: \_\_\_\_\_  Day School  Boarding School

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_



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Is this a reapplication?  Yes  No      Year of initial application \_\_\_\_\_

Has your student ever been expelled or suspended from school?       Yes  No    If yes, please specify.

Does the applicant have any physical, medical or unusual condition of which we should be aware?  Yes  No  
If yes, please specify.

Has your student ever had any difficulty in school with behavior problems, social adjustment, academics or other areas?       Yes  No      If yes, please specify.

Has your student ever repeated a grade?       Yes  No    If yes, please specify.

Has your student ever been diagnosed with a special need or disability?  Yes  No      If yes, please specify.

Has your student ever been convicted of a crime?  Yes  No    If yes, please specify.

What are your academic, social and spiritual goals for your student's future development?

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What motivates your student?

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Please specify the top five reasons why you would like your student to attend LCA (1 being the most important, 5 being the least important).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Challenge/College Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Location                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Focus/Character Development  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Athletics        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum/Well-Rounded Opportunities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Class Size        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity/Cultural Awareness           | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Wants to Attend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family/Friend Recommendation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Independence            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendship (new and existing)          |  |



FAMILY INFORMATION:

Father/Guardian 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than student's) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/ Guardian 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than student's) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status, check if appropriate:  Parents divorced  Parents separated  
 Father remarried  Stepmother's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother remarried  Stepfather's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother deceased  Father deceased

Student lives with (check all that apply):  Father  Mother  Stepmother  Stepfather  Legal Guardian  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Who has legal custody?  Joint  Father  Mother  Legal Guardian other than parents  
If legal guardian other than parents, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

All correspondence, including report cards, should be sent to:  Both Parents  Father  Mother  Legal Guardian  U.S. Guardian

Correspondence email, if other than U.S. Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

List brothers and sisters of applicant:

NAME	AGE	GRADE	PRESENT SCHOOL
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Is the applicant closely related to a present LCA student or graduate? Does the student have any acquaintances attending LCA at the present time? If so, please give the name(s) and specify the relationship.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP
_____	_____
_____	_____





## STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

To Be Completed by Student

In your own words, introduce yourself to LCA and your host family by answering the following questions in short paragraphs. Please keep in mind that this will be their first impression of you. These questions should be answered in English.

1. Is it your personal desire to attend LCA?  Yes  No    Why or Why not?

2. Do you have friends or acquaintances currently attending LCA?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain:

3. Have you had any difficulties with students or teachers in previous schools?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain:

4. Do you plan to attend college after graduation from High School?  Yes  No  Not sure  
Which one(s) do you have in mind?

5. Do you have a chosen career or field in mind?  Yes  No    If yes, please specify:

6. Give the number of years you have participated in any of the following:

Sports	_____	List sport(s): _____
Instrumental Music	_____	Instrument(s): _____
Voice	_____	Type of experience: _____
Drama	_____	Type of experience: _____
Computer	_____	Experience: _____
Missionary Outreach	_____	Experience: _____

7. Have you received any special honors or awards?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain:

8. Have you participated in special sports or musical programs?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain:



9. Please specify the top five reasons why you are applying to LCA (1 being the most important, 5 being the least important).

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Challenge/College Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendship (new and existing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Focus/Character Development  | <input type="checkbox"/> Independence                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum/Well-Rounded Opportunities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Wants to Attend       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity/Cultural Awareness           | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Class Size              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family/Friend Recommendation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Athletics              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location                               |  |

10. What are your favorite subjects or classes in school?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

11. What are your least favorite subjects or classes in school?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

12. About how much time a week do you spend reading for pure pleasure?

In your first language (if other than English)? \_\_\_\_\_ In English? \_\_\_\_\_

13. About how much time a night do you spend on your homework?

14. Describe yourself. Tell about an important accomplishment or special interest.

15. Briefly describe your family and home life.

16. What do you think are your strengths and weaknesses?

17. Describe your involvement in a faith community. (Do you go to church? How and why do you participate?)

18. Describe a typical day at school. (Start with when you wake up and discuss only one typical day's schedule).



19. Describe any trips you have taken outside your country. (Where did you go? Why did you take these trips? Who did you go with? How long did you stay?)

20. Describe what you specifically hope to accomplish as an international student, both during your time abroad and when you return home. (Do you have any specific hopes or expectations?)

21. Describe what you do in your free time. (Do you spend time with friends or family? How do you spend your free time?)

22. Please answer the following questions. If you answer “yes” to any of the questions, please explain.

Do you or have you ever used alcohol?  Yes  No

Do you or have you ever used marijuana or other illegal drugs?  Yes  No

Do you or have you ever used tobacco?  Yes  No

23. Do you have a “MySpace”, “Facebook” or any other social network account?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide your URL: \_\_\_\_\_

24. There are opportunities to be involved in athletic teams at LCA. Which ones might you be interested in joining?  
 Football  Soccer  Swimming  Volleyball

25. How did you find out about the LCA? If there was a specific person that spoke to you about the school, please provide their name.



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### MISSION AND GOALS

#### **Mission**

The Lighthouse Christian Academy's mission is to train up young men and women in the most excellent way – Love. We believe that true love is established by the Word of God and exemplified in the life of Jesus Christ. Understanding Biblical love and its many attributes equips students to live life and enjoy relationships the way God intended. LCA's training of young people yields not only a high school diploma, but also character to succeed in life.

#### **School Goals**

Lighthouse Christian Academy will:

- 1) Promote spiritual and moral growth
- 2) Equip students with tools necessary to achieve academic excellence
- 3) Develop personal and social character

#### **Biblical Goals and Objectives**

The Bible's principles for living are taught to students during regular Bible classes and chapel. Students will be encouraged by all their teachers to put these principles into practice. It is the role of the school to support and complement the Biblical principles taught at home.

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible Word of God.
2. We believe that there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that mankind was created good, but lost the hope of life eternal, destroyed his communion with God, and fell under the bondage of sin and death by rebelling against God's perfect way of life.
4. We believe that Jesus Christ is God's eternal son who redeemed mankind. He was born of a virgin through the Holy Spirit, taught men how to live through His sinless life, took the consequences of our sin upon Himself in His passing and death upon the cross, arose bodily from the dead on the third day after His death, was seen by his disciples, ascended to the right hand of the Father and will return in power and glory.
5. We believe that all are sinners, that all are called to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, that no one can come to the Father except through Jesus Christ, and that no one can come to faith in Christ, repent and attain holiness, but by the grace of God.
6. We believe that the Holy Spirit is freely given to those that believe in Jesus Christ. The fruit and benefits of Christ's redemption are applied to us individually by the Holy Spirit.
7. We believe that at the end of the age there will be two resurrections: one to eternal life and glory, the other to eternal condemnation.

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the content or purpose of the Mission and Goals or Statement of Faith. **You do not have to agree with the above statements. You must however, read and sign below.**

#### ***Please read and sign:***

I/We will support the school as it seeks to follow its mission, school goals, biblical goals and objectives, and statement of faith (above).

I/We understand LCA believes in the Bible and follow the teachings of Jesus.

I/We understand that standards and expectations for my child at LCA will be drawn from principles from the Bible (honesty, respect, hard work, sexual purity, avoidance of unhealthy habits, etc.).



I/We understand LCA will educate our child about Christianity.

I/We understand LCA believe well-educated people understand all major world religions and accordingly will educate my child about all major religions.

I/We understand LCA believes that each individual has the freedom to choose what they believe. We are comfortable with our child in this type of culture.

I/We understand that each student is required to attend weekly religious services at a Christian church.

I/We also agree to a lifestyle in the home that is in agreement with traditional Biblical principles for conduct. A lifestyle by either parent(s)/guardian(s) or the student that is in direct conflict with traditional Biblical teaching may result in the student's enrollment at LCA being terminated.

I/We have truthfully answered the above questions. I understand that providing false or deceptively written information on any form shall be grounds for termination of the enrollment process or expulsion, whichever is applicable.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION AND NONPROFIT STATUS**

Lighthouse Christian Academy shall not discriminate against any applicant, according equal treatment and access to services without regard to race, sex, gender, color, ethnic or national origin. LCA is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization.



## LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FORM: SCHOOL

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by School Official (principal, counselor or a teacher):**

Name of School Official \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of School Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Your candid evaluation of the applicant will be of invaluable assistance to the Admissions Committee, and your comments will be held in strict confidence. Please indicate your ratings by numbers in the right-hand column. Use a question mark where you have insufficient evidence.*

	5	4	3	2	1	RATING
ACADEMIC ABILITY	Exceptional	Above average	Average	Lower marginal ability	Poor academic risk	
INITIATIVE & DRIVE	Outstanding, resourceful	Well above the average	Generally strong enough	Occasionally weak	Very weak or lacking	
LEADERSHIP & RESPONSIBILITY	Outstanding, top positions	Commendable, top or next to top positions	Capable, minor positions, good	No sign of leadership or involvement	Record of irresponsibility	
INTEREST IN NONACADEMIC ACTIVITIES	Outstanding	Commendable, top or next to top activities	Active participation	Minor	No	
PARENTAL SUPPORT	Exceptional	Quite good	Average	Sometimes supportive	Often unsupportive, critical of school	
PEER RELATIONSHIPS	Highly respected, well-liked	Respected/liked	Accepted, but not sought out	Some difficulty in cultivating	Unhealthy, unskilled socially	
PERSONAL QUALITIES	Superior personal qualities	Great strengths in personal qualities	Strengths outweigh weaknesses	Somewhat immature for age	Very immature for age	
EMOTIONAL	Extremely well balanced	Well balanced	Usually no problems	Some problems	Many problems	
SUMMARY AS A STUDENT	Outstanding	Above average	Average	Below average	Poor	
SUMMARY AS A PERSON	Outstanding	Above average	Average	Below average	Poor	

**Do you feel this student would be a good fit for LCA?** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:** Please make comments supporting your recommendation or any additional comments regarding this student.

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Please fax (+1.310.829.5544) or email (JoshYoung@LCAsaints.org) to the International Program Department



**LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FORM: PERSONAL REFERENCE**

**Applicant Information**

Complete the following information and give to an adult, other than a family member, who can provide a personal reference.

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     *Last*                                    *First*                                    *Middle*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     Street/Route/Post Office Box

\_\_\_\_\_

                    City                                    State/Province                                    ZIP/Postal Code                                    Country

**Reference Information**

Please fill out the requested information for the applicant named above. Return the completed form to LCA’S admissions office via fax (+1.310.829.5544) or email (JoshYoung@LCAsaints.org). If you would prefer to speak to a school official, contact the admissions director at +1.310.829.2522. Your comments are important to us and we thank you for your cooperation.

Evaluate the applicant by checking the appropriate boxes below:

	Unknown	Low	Average	High
Social adjustment				
Church involvement				
Self-confidence				
Motivation				
Creative qualities				
Leadership				
Concern for others				

Please add any comments that would be helpful to school personnel as they serve this student at LCA.

**Religious Faith**

Describe the applicant’s religious faith and relationship to a local congregation.

