



Student Application Packet

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Welcome to Real Life!

Thank you for your interest in Real Life Christian Academy. We invite you to visit our web site for complete information about the school at www.rlcacademy.com. You may also schedule a campus tour by calling the office at 352-394-5575. Here are some quick facts about the academy:

- Real Life Christian Academy has been in South Lake County since 1982, over 27 years.
- The Academy is a ministry of Real Life Christian Church, one of the fastest growing churches in America.
- The ministry facility is 96,000 sf. on a 22 acre campus on Steves Rd.
- We are a member of the Association of Christian Schools International and a candidate for accreditation.
- Enrollment averages over 300 students in preschool through high school.
- We have a five day a week pre-kindergarten program for three and four-year-olds.
- We are eligible to accept the McKay Scholarship and the Step Up Scholarship.
- The three year composite SAT score for all grade levels in math, reading, language, and social science is at the 88th percentile.
- The teacher to student ratio is 1:13.
- The typical class capacity in pre-school is 16 students, in grade school 18 students and in the upper school is 22 students.
- We use A Beka, Bob Jones, Saxon and other curriculum, capitalizing on the best that each has to offer in each subject and grade level.
- The school day is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for preschool and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for K5 through high school.
- The entire faculty and staff are committed Christians, active in local churches.
- We have a strong emphasis on Christian character development for each student.
- We partner with the National Institute for Learning Development to offer educational assessment and learning therapy on our campus.





The Application Process

Admissions Criteria

Real Life Christian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of sex, color or ethnicity. Admission to Real Life Christian Academy is based upon several factors.

1. Most academy students score above the 80-90% range on standardized tests. New students are expected to evidence similar ability.
2. RLCA has high standards of behavior and character. Prospective parents and students must demonstrate a willingness to adhere to our policies; students should have a discipline history that reflects our standards. This will be evidenced by school records, reference letters and personal interviews.
3. Each student (except pre-K) will successfully complete our entrance exam. Grade level placement decisions depend heavily on performance on this exam. Placement decisions are non-negotiable and final.
4. The academy expects a high level of parent support and involvement in the education of children. "Family fit" with our values, educational philosophy and methods is an important factor in admissions decisions.

Ultimately Real Life Christian Academy desires to ensure the academic success of each student and a harmonious partnership between school and parent.

Steps to Admission

1. Step one: Submit the required application materials. (Complete for each child)
 - Application fee of \$ 100 (\$50 for each additional child)
 - Application
 - Teacher reference
 - Administrator/counselor reference
 - Pastor/coach reference
 - Parent worldview survey
 - Student worldview survey (for students 6th – 12th grade)
 - Grade card/progress report from prior school
 - Any standardized test information (FCAT, SAT or others)
 - Copy of birth certificate
2. Step two: Schedule and take the admissions test as determined by the academy administration.
3. Step three: Complete a family conference with a school administrator. We expect that both parents attend as well as students entering 6th grade and above. At this meeting we will share the values and expectations of the academy, review any test results and answer parent questions.

After prayerful and serious consideration the academy will determine if we can meet the needs of your family. Once students have been accepted for admission to the academy, they may proceed to the enrollment process.

The Enrollment Process

Once accepted for admission each family will receive an enrollment packet which includes instructions, financial contract, family commitment of cooperation and payment preference form.



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
 Date: _____
 Check# _____
 Amount: _____

Admissions Application

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____

Student's Social Security Number: _____ Gender: _____ Enrolling in grade: _____

Birth date: _____ Birthplace: _____
 City State County

Primary Residence

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Custodial Parent(s)/Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

Academic History

School last attended: _____ Grade: _____ Grade point average: _____

School address: _____

Has the student ever been suspended? Expelled? Asked to withdraw? Repeated a grade?

Has the student been diagnosed with special needs? Giftedness? Learning disabilities?

If "Yes" to any, please explain here or on a separate sheet of paper:

Reason for transfer to RLCA: _____

Has student ever attended RLCA? _____ If yes, when? _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father

Full name: _____ Birth date: _____

Home phone: (_____) _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____

Mobile phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Employer: _____

Employer's address: _____

Home address (if other than above): _____

Check all that apply: Responsible for billing: Custodial parent Primary mailing contact

Single Married Separated Divorced Married to student's mother

I want email updates on my child Step-parent

(complete second page and sign)

Mother

Full name: _____ Birth date: _____

Home phone: (_____) _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____

Mobile phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Employer: _____

Employer's address: _____

Home address (if other than above) _____

Check all that apply: Responsible for billing Custodial parent Primary mailing contact

Single Married Separated Divorced Married to student's father

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Religious Information

Family/Child Attends Church: Regularly Seldom Member

Attends Sunday School or small groups Looking for a church home

Church you now attend: _____

Are you a Christian? Father _____ Mother _____ Student _____

Why Real Life?

How did you hear about Real Life Christian Academy? _____

What factors encouraged you to apply to Real Life Christian Academy? (check all that apply)

Christian philosophy Concerns about public school Safety Web site

Reputation of Real Life Recommendation of a friend Value Class size

To the best of our knowledge the information in this application is accurate. We also understand that misrepresentation might be grounds for dismissal after enrollment.

Father/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Mother/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

**Return all application materials to
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Admissions Reference

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Name of Student: _____ Date _____

Name of Teacher: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____ Address: _____

1. I recommend this student for admission to Real Life Christian Academy.

Enthusiastically With Reservations Do Not Recommend

2. In academic potential, I rate this student

Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average

3. Socially, I rate this student

Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average

4. In school attendance, I rate this student

Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average

5. In character, I rate this student

Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average

6. To your knowledge, has the student ever been suspended or expelled? If "yes," please explain.

Yes No

7. Is the student presently eligible to return to your school in good standing? If "no," please explain.

Yes No

8. Has the student ever been involved with the police or juvenile authority? If "yes," please explain.

Yes No

9. Have the parents been cooperative and supportive? If "no," please explain on back.

Yes No

10. What is the student's most valuable contribution to the student's current school?

COMMENTS: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ADMINISTRATOR/COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION

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Name of Administrator/Counselor: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____ Address: _____

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PASTOR/COACH RECOMMENDATION

Name of Student: _____ Date _____

Name of Pastor/Coach: _____ Phone: _____

Church/team: _____ Address: _____

1. I recommend this student for admission to Real Life Christian Academy.

Enthusiastically With Reservations Do Not Recommend

2. In self-discipline, I rate this student

Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average

3. In respect, I rate this student

Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average

4. In motivation and initiative, I rate this student

Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average

5. In character, I rate this student

Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average

6. To your knowledge, has the student ever been suspended or expelled? If "yes," please explain.

Yes No

7. Is the student presently a member of your team/church in good standing? If "no," please explain.

Yes No

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1. Which statement comes closest to what you believe?
 - God exists in the minds of some individuals only for the purpose of creating meaning and value.
 - God is a being who designed the universe and "set it in motion" but who remains uninvolved or, at best, a distant observer.
 - God is the Creator of the universe. He has concern for and is closely involved with His creation.

2. Which statement comes closest to what you believe?
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3. Which statement comes closest to what you believe?
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5. Which statement comes closest to what you believe?
 - I believe that salvation is granted by God to those who achieve a certain level of perfection.
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Print Name _____ Grade Entering _____