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## 2020-2021 ADMISSION PACKET

### Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### FEE STRUCTURE AND INFORMATION

Somerset Christian School (SCS) offers:

**All-day Kindergarten**  
**Traditional Classrooms for Grades 1-12**

<b>Grades 7-12</b>	<b>\$4,900/year</b>
<b>Kindergarten-Sixth</b>	<b>\$4,725/year</b>
<b>Technology</b>	<b>\$100/yr per student (1st-12<sup>th</sup>)</b>
<b>Enrollment Fee</b>	<b>\$35/child (one-time fee)</b>
<b>Tuition Discount</b>	Second Child 10% Third (or more) Child 20%

**Tuition:** Tuition is due the fifth day of the month, starting **July 2020**. Monthly payments will be accepted on a twelve-month plan. If payment is not received by the 10<sup>th</sup>, a \$25 late fee is assessed. We accept check, cash and credit card. (Credit card users are charged a 3% processing fee.)

**Discounts:** The first month's tuition is due **July 1, 2020**. If you choose to pay your full tuition in advance, you will receive the following discount:  
Paid in Full by July 1 - 5% off

**Scholarships:** Scholarships are available once a year through the Tax Credit Scholarship program, which is funded via Education Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) and participating businesses, the WPA K-12 Education Scholarship Fund and the Gary Wayne Shaffer Scholarships. Deadline to apply for the scholarships is April 30, 2020.

**Technology Fee:** A fee of \$100 per student in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> is charged to offset our technology expenses. This fee is **not** eligible for discounts but may be spread out over twelve months as part of a payment plan.





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## 2020-2021 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

**STUDENT'S FULL NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE ENTERING** \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

Age \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city, state, zip)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student lives with: \_\_\_\_\_ Both biological parents \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stepparent \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Last School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sibling Info: (name, age, and school)

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## PARENT INFORMATION

Father/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address (if different from child's): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address (if different from child's): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

## PURPOSE OF ENROLLMENT

Please answer the questions below. Use a separate piece of paper if needed.

1. Why are you seeking to enroll your child in Somerset Christian School?
2. What is your understanding of God's order of the home, the church and the Christian school, and the relationship between them?
3. Please rank the following reasons for enrollment 1-5, with 1 being the most important:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Christian based curriculum
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Quality academics
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Teachers & staff
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Safety
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Location
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Admission to Somerset Christian School is a privilege, not a right. Therefore all students and parents must go through an interview process to ensure students can be appropriately placed.

Please answer the following with as much information as possible.

1. Does the child have a history of physical or emotional conditions, or a learning disability which may require professional attention?  
 No  Yes Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Does your child currently have a mental health diagnosis?  
 No  Yes Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Has the student repeated any grade level?  No  Yes If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has the student ever been suspended or expelled?  No  Yes If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_
5. Has the child participated in any special learning/tutoring program?  
 No  Yes If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Has the student participated in any gifted learning programs?  
 No  Yes If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Does your child exhibit any behaviors that need special considerations?  
 No  Yes If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Has the child ever attended daycare? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any additional information you think we should know?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Where did you hear about us? Were you referred to Somerset Christian School by another family? If so, please list their name.**

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AFTER READING AND INITIALING ALL POLICIES LISTED, PLEASE SIGN BELOW.

## ENROLLMENT POLICIES

By signing below, I agree to the enrollment policies: In making application, I state that I am in agreement with the Statement of Faith and Philosophy of Education of SCS. As a parent, I agree to: cooperate with SCS in the enforcement of disciplinary procedures, encourage habits of promptness, and encourage positive attitudes toward the school by my conversation and attitude. I will be faithful in prayer and I will support excellence in education for each student. I believe the Bible commands us to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian community in conformity with the Biblical injunctions of I Corinthians 6:1-8, Matthew 5:23-24 and Matthew 18:15-20. Therefore I agree that any claim or dispute arising out of, or related to, this agreement or to any aspect of the school relationship, including any statutory claim, shall be settled by Biblically based mediation.

**(Your initials below indicate that you have read and agree to the policies below.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL CHURCH:** Somerset Christian School is an extension of the home and relies on a partnership with parents to teach children a Biblical worldview. We believe a consistent message from home, church and school will result in developing Godly character and values. Therefore, as you enroll, it is our understanding that you are or will seek to be actively involved in a local church, which teaches its members to live consistently with Biblical standards.

\_\_\_\_\_ **SICK CHILDREN:** If a child is sick with any of the following symptoms or any other contagious illness, he/she will be unable to attend school or Afterschool daycare. Symptoms include, but are not limited to: a fever of **100.4 degrees**; vomiting; undiagnosed rash; diarrhea; strep throat; contagious conjunctivitis; and chicken pox. Children must not exhibit symptoms for **24 hours** and have a physician's statement before they may return to school or Afterschool daycare.

\_\_\_\_\_ **UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN:** Unsupervised students will be placed in Before School Care and Afterschool Daycare. Every student, Preschool-6<sup>th</sup>, must be supervised. Non-bused students dropped off before 8:00am or picked up after 3:00pm are required to be in the care of an adult or in the Before School Care or Afterschool Daycare.

\_\_\_\_\_ **SCS HANDBOOK:** We have read the SCS Handbook and will support the policies and regulations contained therein.

\_\_\_\_\_ **FUNDRAISING:** We recognize that tuition payments cover only a portion of school expenses. The remaining portion must be raised by monetary contributions and fundraising events. We recognize our support of these events is necessary to the operation of the school.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

X

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

AFTER READING AND INITIALING ALL POLICIES LISTED, PLEASE SIGN BELOW.

## 2020-2021 FINANCIAL POLICY

*Deut. 23:21 "if you make a vow to the Lord your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the Lord your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin."*

By signing below, I agree to the financial policies of Somerset Christian School:

*I understand the registration fee is non-refundable. I understand the withdrawal policy and my obligation to follow through with my financial commitments of tuition and all fees as detailed in this contract. I understand my child's records will not be released until our SCS financial obligations are fulfilled. (Your initials below indicate that you have read and agree to the policies.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ ENROLLMENT FEE: An enrollment fee of \$35 per student is due at the time of application and is non-refundable. If the school denies your acceptance, you will be refunded the enrollment fee. This is a one-time fee due at time of initial enrollment at SCS.

\_\_\_\_\_ TUITION: Tuition fees paid in monthly installments are due the 5th of each month, beginning July 1, 2020, with the final payment due June 1, 2021. A \$25 late charge will be added if payment is not received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Failure to keep your account current will result in the family being asked to withdraw from the school. Payments can be made in check, cash or credit card. Credit card payments are charged a 3% processing fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ TECHNOLOGY FEE: An annual technology fee of \$100 per student is required at the time of application and is non-refundable (First – Twelfth grades only).

\_\_\_\_\_ PARENT HOURS: All families (K-12) are required to complete 20 parent hours for the school to help keep operating costs down. Pre-K parents are required to complete 10 parent hours. Parent hours may be completed between July, 2020 and May 31, 2021. Families must have a minimum of half their service hours completed by January 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for priority registration for the next year. All parent hours must be completed before May 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible to re-enroll. **If hours are not completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>, you will be billed \$15.00 per hour for each remaining hour.**

\_\_\_\_\_ WITHDRAWAL POLICY: If a student withdraws from SCS for any reason, the parents remain responsible for that month's complete tuition. If the withdrawal is at the School's request, tuition for the remainder of the month will be refunded on a pro rata basis.

\_\_\_\_\_ AFTER SCHOOL DAYCARE FEES: Students are to be picked up no later than 3:00pm. Students who are not picked up by 3:00pm will be placed in our fee-based supervised after school care. Fees will be determined by time of pick-up.

\_\_\_\_\_ TUITION ASSISTANCE: Admission to SCS is a privilege, not a right. Families who desire a Christian education for their children, must be willing to sacrifice time and monies so that their child may attend Somerset Christian School. No longer will discounts to tuition be given. Parents will have the opportunity to participate in many fundraisers in order to earn tuition dollars that will be applied directly to your account. Failure to pay your tuition balance in full will result in non-acceptance to SCS the following year and possible charges with the Magistrate's office. No school records will be released until accounts are paid in full.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Guardian Signature and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian Signature and Date







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## Letter to Prospective Parents

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Somerset Christian 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 to 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 mission or Christian 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 will answer from a biblical viewpoint consistent with our mission and belief statements. 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 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 teaching 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.

Respectfully,  
Erica James-Handley  
Administrator

# STANDARDS FOR EVALUATING PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

## A. Spiritual Considerations

- Personal Christian commitment of parents and students
- Willingness of parents and student to be supportive of the school's Christian philosophy of education.
- Willingness of parents and student to support the administration and faculty in carrying out the goals and programs of the school.

## B. Behavioral Considerations

- History of acceptable citizenship on previous school experience
- Agreement of parents and student to abide by the behavioral standards established by the school.

## C. Academic Considerations

- Documented record of acceptable grades in previous school experience.
- Acceptable scores on achievement tests.

## D. Personal Considerations

- Student's special interests, talents, and skills.
- School makes no distinction in its admission policy on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin.

## ADMISSION DOCUMENTS

Enclosed in this packet is the following information:

- **Enrollment Form:** To be considered for admission to Somerset Christian School for the 2020-2021 school year, please complete the application and return to the school office with a check for the \$35 Enrollment fee (per child).
- **Scholarship Forms.** There are three possible scholarships for financial aid: the EITC Scholarship, the WPA CMA scholarship and the Gary Wayne Shaffer Scholarship. If you would like a form, please call the school office.
- **Open House Flyer**
- **Student Handbook**