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LIVE OAK
ACADEMY

A Christian & Classical Education
STUDENT APPLICATION

PART I:

Thank you for your interest in Live Oak Academy. Please fill out this form as fully as possible. Each student needs a separate sheet completed for Part I of the application.

In order for your application to be complete, parents and high school students must read, understand, and give appropriate agreement to the Academy's Educational Philosophy and Confession of Faith. An assessment test may be required, and the Academy will interview parents and children before the application is accepted.

Student Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____
Last First Preferred MI

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip Phone

Age: ____ Birth Date: ____/____/____ Grade in Fall 2012: ____ Full Program ____ Part Time ____
mm dd year

Last standardized test taken, if any: _____
Name of Test Test Date

School situation (current or most recent year): _____

School situation (previous year): _____

HSLDA member number (**will be REQUIRED after acceptance**): _____

NOTE: Except for original standardized tests, PLEASE SUBMIT ONE-SIDED COPIES ONLY. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS ARE:

1. Application fee (nonrefundable) - \$225 first child; \$350 maximum per family (when submitted at the same time). Attached
2. Copy of the most recent standardized test taken. Attached
3. Transcript or summary of achievements and evaluations for past two years. Attached
4. Reading list for past one year. Attached
5. Two writing samples from past one year. Attached
6. Family photo (photocopy okay) with applicant(s) circled. Attached

HEALTH STATEMENT

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 had any recent serious physical or emotional illness, or any other special attention needs, please explain. Include any testing or diagnoses for possible learning disabilities.

Is there anything you would like us to know about the applicant’s special needs, interests, talents, goals?

PART II :

Family contact and background information, to be filled out by a parent or guardian. (If you are applying for several children, you may fill this family information section out once for the oldest child, and simply write your name in this section for sibling applicants.) COMPLETE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH PARENTS/GUARDIANS.

Father <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>Relationship</i>) _____	Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>Relationship</i>) _____
Name _____	Name _____
Street _____	Street _____
City _____ State ____ Zip ____	City _____ State ____ Zip ____
Home Phone _____ Cell _____	Home Phone _____ Cell _____
Occupation _____	Occupation _____
Employer _____	Employer _____
Business Phone _____	Business Phone _____
E-Mail _____	E-Mail _____

Siblings

Name _____	Age _____	Name _____	Age _____
Name _____	Age _____	Name _____	Age _____
Name _____	Age _____	Name _____	Age _____

Student Application

Student Name _____
Last First

Referred to Live Oak Academy by: _____

Please tell us briefly why you are interested in Live Oak Academy _____

Where do you worship?

Name of Fellowship Address City

For how many years? _____ Are you formally a member there? _____

If less than two years, where previously? _____

Both parents must read and understand the attached Academy’s Confession of Faith, Educational Philosophy and Profile, then sign and date the following:

We have read and understood Live Oak Academy’s Confession of Faith, Educational Philosophy and Profile. As parents participating in the Academy, we will respect these convictions and principles and will strive to act in ways that are consistent with them. We will also hold our students accountable to this standard. We acknowledge that membership in Live Oak Academy is determined by the sole discretion of the Academy Board, who may deny, grant, or revoke membership at any time for any reason.

Signature of Father (or Guardian)

Date

Signature of Mother (or Guardian)

Date

Please send this application, along with the required, nonrefundable application fee and all attachments listed on page one, to the address below:

Live Oak Academy
4750-G Almaden Expressway, #254
San Jose, CA 95118

High school students must include the High School Student Application on the following pages.

PART III:

Students applying to high school must fill out this portion of the application themselves. Attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.

1. What do you hope to get from your education during the next few years? _____

2. What are your plans after high school? Who might you be in 5 years? _____

3. How does someone become a clear thinker? _____

4. What are three ways someone can speak or write more effectively? _____

5. Please list your extra-curricular activities. Indicate leadership positions and number of years you have been involved with this activity. Include activities from 7th grade and up only.

ACTIVITY	LEADERSHIP POSITION HELD	YEARS	# HOURS WEEK
_____	_____	___ to ___	___
_____	_____	___ to ___	___
_____	_____	___ to ___	___
_____	_____	___ to ___	___
_____	_____	___ to ___	___
_____	_____	___ to ___	___

6. Please read and understand the Academy’s Confession of Faith, Educational Philosophy and Profile (attached), then sign and date the following:

I have read and understood Live Oak Academy’s Confession of Faith, Educational Philosophy and Profile. As a student participating in the Academy, I will respect these convictions and principles and I will strive to act in ways that are consistent with them.

Student Signature

Date



LIVE OAK
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Confession of Faith

We believe in one God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets.

And we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. (Nicene Creed)

As individuals and as an Academy, our Christian faith is of first, formative, and final importance to us. As Christians, we aspire to a vital and saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, as revealed authoritatively in the canonical Scriptures, and as proclaimed in all ages by His Body the Church. We encourage all to do likewise.

For the purpose of clearly and publicly making a corporate confession of faith, we adhere to that most eminent of historic creeds, the Nicene Creed, as adopted in the original Greek and Latin by the ancient Church, and as used throughout the Church in all ages since. (For this purpose, minor differences of text and translation are of secondary importance. Those wishing to learn more about the use of the creeds may find it helpful to consult Augustine's sermon "De Symbolo ad Catechumenos," or Philip Schaff's book, "The Creeds of Christendom.")

It is not our goal, as a classical Christian school, to further the doctrinal conflicts that divide Protestant from Roman Catholic, or Eastern Orthodox from Western Christians. Therefore, we have chosen the Creed of the ancient unified Church to be our corporate confession. In accordance with the historic sense of the Creed, we accept the term "catholic" to describe the universal nature of the Church, without partiality or prejudice to any present-day church. As a school, we prefer the Creed to anything we could invent for ourselves or adopt from a modern denomination. We invite all to observe that the Nicene Creed is both honorable and substantial as a basis for Christian agreement, and as a statement of fundamental Christian doctrine.

All Academy directors and teachers must give their solemn and personal assent to the Nicene Creed. We hope, but do not claim or require, that every member or teacher in the Academy will personally assent to our corporate convictions. We do require and expect that these convictions be granted special authority and respect in all dealings of the Academy per se, and in all of its educational activities.



Educational Philosophy

Our Mission

Live Oak Academy offers Christian and classical educational services to home schooling families. Elementary and middle school classes meet two days per week, while some high school classes require a third day. Partnering with parents in a loving, Christ-centered community, we provide students with an excellent education, helping them grow into wise, creative, and mature adults.

A Classical Education

In calling ourselves “classical,” we mean that we find sound guidance in the ancient educational practices of the Trivium and Quadrivium, as adapted and interpreted by Christians of the Middle Ages, and as more recently described by Dorothy Sayers (“The Lost Tools of Learning”) and Douglas Wilson (Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning).

The Trivium characterizes three stages of student development. In the Grammar Stage, students acquire solid factual foundations. Next, in the Logic Stage, students learn sound reasoning and critical thinking skills. Finally, during the Rhetoric Stage, students develop their abilities to express themselves with clarity and confidence.

We also rely on classic texts, those Great Books which have proven their usefulness to many generations. C.S. Lewis recommends “the reading of old books,” as a pleasant and effective way to benefit from the best teachers in other ages, especially within the Christian Church. During the high school years, we may also critically examine the intellectual efforts and insights of those outside or against the Christian tradition, such as Euclid, Plato or modern atheists and secularists in the light of God’s truth. In the end, we find that classically-educated students are well prepared to embrace the past, to discern the present, and to shape the future.

Academy Profile

Our Christian Foundation

Live Oak Academy was founded in prayer; it is directed by Christians, operates according to Christian principles, and seeks to further the purposes of Jesus Christ in the lives of the students we teach. We aspire to a vital and saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, as revealed authoritatively in the canonical Scripture as proclaimed in all ages by His Body the Church. Our board and our teachers give personal assent to the Nicene Creed, which for centuries has provided a common claim for all the major branches of the Christian faith. To read more: <http://liveoakacademy.org/about/confessionoffaith.html>

Academics

The Academy exists to educate students through a reliable core of substantial subjects, including grammar, mathematics, logic, rhetoric, philosophy, history, Latin, Spanish, English and world literature, poetry, composition, various sciences, economics, physical education and fine arts. In addition, all high school classes are rigorous and college preparatory. Our Advanced Placement program (AP) has grown to 11 courses. We aim to challenge our students, and we expect them to take vigorous responsibility for their studies.

Spring 2011 AP scores include the following:

- A total of 38 AP tests were taken in the following subject areas: U.S. History, U.S. Government, Biology, Chemistry, Latin Vergil, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Microeconomics.
- Out of the 38 AP exams taken by Live Oak students, students scored 4’s and 5’s on 33 exams—a score of 5 was earned on 18 exams; a score of 4 was earned on 15 exams.

The 2011 National Latin Exam Awards - Of the 62 Live Oak Academy students who took the National Latin Exam, 30 received national awards as follows:

- Poetry IV – Gold Summa Cum Laude- 1; Silver Maxima Cum Laude - 2; Magna Cum Laude – 2
Cum Laude - 1; Blue Certificate of Merit – 1
- Latin III – Silver Maxima Cum Laude - 3; Magna Cum Laude - 2; Cum Laude – 1
- Latin I – Gold Summa Cum Laude – 3 ; Silver Maxima Cum Laude - 3; Magna Cum Laude - 2;
Cum Laude – 2
- Intro – Ribbon and Certificate of Merit - 6; Certificate of Merit – 1

Fine Arts

Our purpose in teaching Fine Arts is to foster in our students a love for what is good, true and beautiful, as befits a classical Christian and liberal arts education. Participation in Fine Arts is encouraged at Live Oak where students learn to read music and give praise and worship to God through song. Students participating in our four choirs, K-1 Choir, Elementary Choir (grades 2-6), Classic Choir (grades 7-12), and Choral Ensemble, total 159. This year, an additional Fine Arts section, teaching Music Appreciation and Art History, has been added to Classic Choir. Art classes are also offered for 3rd through 12th grades. We are expanding our Fine Arts Program to offer a greater variety of art and drama opportunities for students, ages 7 through 18.

Faculty

Our classes are taught by gifted teachers, who are eager to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for learning with their students. Teachers are hired for their teaching skills and knowledge, including parent teachers who are highly educated or possess exceptional skills. Currently, we have 50 teachers on staff.

Enrollment and Class Size

Recognizing the value of small classes, the Academy aims to structure its class size to average a teacher/student ratio of one to twelve (1:12). The Academy currently enrolls approximately 220 students. Our high school has grown every year; we currently have 79 high school students. The class of 2011 was Live Oak Academy's second high school graduating class.

Facilities

Calvary Chapel, our campus home for grades 7th – 12th, is easily accessed from Highways 85 and Almaden Expressway; First Baptist Church of Campbell, our main office and campus for grades K-6, is just one block from San Thomas Expressway and Hamilton Avenue. K-6 students at FBCC enjoy a large recreation area for PE and play; at Calvary Chapel, middle and high school students and teachers appreciate the warm atmosphere of Calvary's café for lunch and study.

Nonprofit Status

Live Oak Academy is a nonprofit 501©(3) public benefit corporation in the State of California, organized to provide educational services, to which contributions are tax-deductible; no one collects a profit.

HSLDA Membership

We require the families of Live Oak Academy students to have current membership in the Home School Legal Defense Association so that they are aware of the appropriate legal requirements. A special 15% group discount is available to Academy families.

Tuition Breaks

In line with our mission to support the homeschool community, the Academy offers opportunities for scholarship and tuition breaks as follows: need-based scholarships, full-time ministry discounts, and teaching family discounts. Our pricing is designed to support families with multiple students and who have been with the Academy for many years.