

# **Seffner Christian Academy**

## **Application for**

### **Homeschool Athletic Participation**

#### **Philosophy of Homeschooling Families participating in SCA Athletics**

Seffner Christian Academy recognizes that the parents are ultimately responsible for the education of their children. As such, some parents will choose a program of home education that specifically meets the needs of their children. Seffner Christian Academy will seek to support home education families within the guidelines approved by the school board.

#### **Only students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are eligible for SCA athletics.**

In order for a student to try-out for a team, the application process must be complete.

#### **1) Application**

*All the following information must be submitted.*

- A completed application
- A signed enrollment agreement form
- A signed statement of faith
- A completed notarized medical release form
  - *A notary is available in the school office during regular school hours.*
- A returned reference form
- A signed athletic waiver
- Required Documentation
  - Copy of Birth Certificate
  - Copy of Social Security Card
  - Copy of Most Recent Report Card
- A completed SCA Parking Permit
- The application fee of **\$250.00** (non-refundable)
- A Fee of **\$175.00** per sport (refundable if applicant does not make the team)

#### **2) FHSAA Paperwork**

Included in this packet is all the FHSAA documentation that must be submitted. The forms are labeled in the upper right corner. All athletes must complete EL2, EL3 and EL7.

#### **3) Interview**

Upon completion of SCA paperwork, FHSAA paperwork and payment of fees, the athletic office will contact you to schedule an interview with the school administrator. The student and at least one parent must attend the interview. Interviews are scheduled during regular school hours and are approximately 20-30 minutes.

#### **4) Notification**

You will be notified by mail if your student is not eligible to play athletics for Seffner Christian Academy. SCA reserves the right to accept or deny admission based on the information provided in the completed application packet.

***Our goal is to provide a complete, accurate and speedy application process.***

*Seffner Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, and activities made available to students of the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, athletics, or any other school-administered programs.*

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*Seffner Christian Academy*  
**Application For Athletic Participation**

**Grade:** 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

**Sport(s):** Baseball Basketball Cheerleading Cross Country Football Girls' Tennis  
Soccer Softball Track Volleyball

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**STUDENT**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Who does the student reside with? ( ) Mother ( ) Father ( ) Step-Mother ( ) Step-Father ( ) Grandparents ( ) Other  
*Please include contact information for all guardians.*

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**FAMILY**

1. Natural Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: ( ) Married ( ) Widowed ( ) Separated ( ) Divorced ( ) Remarried ( ) Single

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ **Pick-Up Allowed?** ( ) Yes ( ) No

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Attend Regularly? ( ) Yes ( ) No

2. Natural Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: ( ) Married ( ) Widowed ( ) Separated ( ) Divorced ( ) Remarried ( ) Single

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ **Pick-Up Allowed?** ( ) Yes ( ) No

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Attend Regularly? ( ) Yes ( ) No

3. Who has legal custody of the child for whom application is made? \_\_\_\_\_

**A current copy of any legal documents must be kept on file in the office. It is the sole responsibility of the parent to provide the school with any changes or updated legal documents.**

4. Name of person responsible for fees: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

List below all schools your child has attended (include home schooling).

Name of school	Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	Dates (Month of Year)
Grades		

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Reason for leaving last school. \_\_\_\_\_

Has any grade been repeated? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, list: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant had any discipline problems or been suspended or expelled? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant ever been arrested? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Does applicant have any physical, emotional, or mental problems or handicaps that may affect activities?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Has applicant ever taken any type of psychiatric, psychological or educational testing other than the regularly administered school achievement tests? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant ever been seen by a psychologist or psychiatrist? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state clearly why you want your child to participate in Seffner Christian Academy's athletic program.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Please state why you wish to participate in Seffner Christian Academy's athletic program. (Should be completed by the student.)  
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## STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. If you were to die today and meet God and He should ask you, "Why should I let you into my heaven?"-What would you say?

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2. Write a paragraph about how you make decisions regarding clothes, movies, music, T.V. and friends.

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## STUDENT COMMITMENT

### Must be read and signed by all applicants.

Seffner Christian Academy is a school dedicated to the glory of God. It is in existence to help you grow spiritually, emotionally, physically and academically. We believe that the biblical writer was correct when he said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

In a very brief manner, let's look at some of the stated purposes of Seffner Christian Academy:

1. To teach that God is the creator and sustainer of the universe, and that the Lord Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God who came to earth to die for your sins.
2. To teach that God has spoken to us through the Bible, the only infallible Word of God, and to teach you how to study it, understand it, and apply its principles to every part of your daily life.
3. To inspire and motivate you toward a total personal commitment to Jesus Christ so that you might live by and believe personally His Good News, allowing Him to change and shape you.
4. To help you love, obey, respect and help others, as God desires you to look at life from His point of view.
5. To develop within you the ability to assume responsibility for the tasks that have been given you to do, and to be responsible in the way you behave and treat others.
6. To develop your mental abilities for they are given to you by God so that you may take your place in society as a mature, competent, alert, and well-trained person.
7. To help you grow as a thankful and responsible citizen of the country in which God has placed you, to understand our American heritage in order that you may better understand and appreciate the other cultures and peoples of the world.

As a Christian school, we are committed to the teachings of the Bible and we are persuaded that there should be a direct relationship between what a Christian student believes and how he or she behaves. Seffner Christian Academy students must commit themselves to:

**Abstain from involvement with tobacco, drugs, alcohol, sexual immorality and profane language on or off campus. Submit without reservation to the authority of your parents, teachers and school officials as given to them by the Lord. This is a committed lifestyle, not just during school hours, but twenty-four hours per day. Violations are considered as breaking a firm commitment that each student makes when voluntarily choosing to attend the school. Participation in drugs, alcohol and/or sexual immorality, on or off campus, will lead to immediate dismissal from all teams at Seffner Christian Academy. As a member of Seffner Christian Academy, you will be expected to exert a positive influence in your social relationships and to be a responsible member of the Seffner Christian Academy community.**

Will you faithfully abide by the school's policies that govern the lifestyle of our students? \_\_\_\_\_

# Policy Information

Please carefully read the following information.

## DRESS CODE POLICY

- Hair must be kept at a moderate length; conservative styles are appropriate. (Refrain from faddish styles and cuts)
- Hair must not touch the eyebrows, cover the eyes, or overlap the collar.
- Hair must be neatly trimmed around the ears and not overlap the ear. Hair cannot be slicked back behind the ear to satisfy over-the-ear requirements. Hair must be cut to the appropriate length, neatly trimmed on back of neck—off the collar.
- Hair must be its natural color. No highlighting, dying or bleaching of hair is permitted.
- Hair must be properly tapered, with no grooves, cornrows, braids, etc.
- Hair should be clean and neatly combed. Boys who are spoken to about needing a haircut will have 3 days to get their hair cut. Players who do not comply within the time frame may be sent home or kept out of practice and/or games until their hair has been cut.
- All boys are to be clean-shaven daily. Side burns must not come past the bottom of the ear. They may also be required to shave at school or sent home to shave.
- No earrings, body piercing or tattoo are permitted.

## TRANSPORTATION POLICY

- Teams will travel to all games on school transportation.
- Home-school students are expected to ride to and from all games with the team.
- Homeschool students are not permitted to transport other students in their vehicles.
- All homeschool cars must be registered and have an SCA parking permit clearly displayed.

## ON CAMPUS VISITS

- Homeschool students are not permitted on campus during regular school hours unless a team is leaving for a game.
- Homeschool students may arrive on campus 15 minutes prior to practice, departure, or pre-game.

## FINANCIAL POLICY

- The non-refundable application fee is **\$250.00**.
- Each sport is **\$175.00**.
- All money must be submitted at time of application.
- All money is **non-refundable** once a student is placed on a team.
- The sport fee will be refunded if a student does not make a team.

I have read the above policies and agree to abide by these policies. I understand that failure to abide by these policies can cause my student to be suspended and/ or dismissed from the team.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### \*\*\*\* Athletic Participation Checklist \*\*\*\* For Office Use ONLY

#### Step 1 – Application

- \_\_\_\_ Application
- \_\_\_\_ Enrollment Agreement
- \_\_\_\_ Statement of Faith
- \_\_\_\_ Copy of Documents
  - \_\_ Birth Certificate
  - \_\_ Social Security Card
  - \_\_ Report Card
- \_\_\_\_ Medical Release Form
- \_\_\_\_ Reference Form

#### Step 2 – FHSAA Paperwork

- \_\_\_\_ EL2
- \_\_\_\_ EL3
- \_\_\_\_ EL7
- \_\_\_\_ EL9 (if playing winter sports)

#### Step 3 - Interview

Date/ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Step 4 - Evaluation

\_\_\_\_ Application Accepted    \_\_\_\_ Application Not Accepted

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

Grade Entering \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL RELEASE FORM**

To: Emergency Personnel

I hereby give my consent to any emergency medical personnel to administer necessary treatment to my child, \_\_\_\_\_, in the event of an emergency at which time I cannot be reached. I give consent to transport by ambulance if the situation warrants it.

I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in any and all sports and all extra-curricular activities. I waive, release, absolve, and hold blameless First Free Will Baptist Church and Seffner Christian Academy and their administrators, teachers, supervisors, physical education directors, managers, persons transporting my child to and from school activities and other participants, from any claim arising out of an injury or sickness to my child.

I authorize the personnel at Seffner Christian Academy to administer first aid to my child in the event of their involvement in an accident, injury or sickness.

**THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

State of Florida  
County of Hillsborough

\_\_\_\_\_  
DRIVERS LICENSE #

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me came \_\_\_\_\_,  
to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION:**

Child's Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Name \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_  
Hospital Preference \_\_\_\_\_

**PICK-UP/ EMERGENCY LIST:** Please list the people who are allowed to pick up your child from Seffner Christian Academy **AND** can be contacted in case of an emergency. It is the sole responsibility of the parent to notify the school of any changes to this list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Other # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Other # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Other # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Other # \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical History:**

Previous hospitalization? ( ) No ( ) Yes- If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Is child allergic to anything? ( ) No ( ) Yes - If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Any previous diseases or illness? ( ) No ( ) Yes- -If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the child under the care of a doctor? ( ) No ( ) Yes -If yes, for what reason? \_\_\_\_\_

Does child take any prescribed medications on a daily basis? ( ) No ( ) Yes- If yes, please list below:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE:** No medication will be dispensed without a written prescription (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin, etc)

Any history of convulsions? ( ) No ( ) Yes- If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special instructions that we should know about? ( ) No ( ) Yes- If yes, please list. \_\_\_\_\_

## Enrollment Agreement

To emphasize and express the importance of SCA's policies, we ask that you read the following information and initial next to each statement. Please sign this form indicating your agreement and understanding of the policies set.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Students are to show respect in relation to the faculty and in speaking to faculty members.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The use of profanity, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal or unauthorized drugs on campus or off campus at any time, are serious violations of the standards of Seffner Christian Academy and will lead to expulsion. On campus, drug testing and property/car searches of students may be conducted at any time and for any reason.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Students are not allowed to leave the school grounds during school hours without permission from parents and proper school authorities.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The School is not responsible for the loss of personal property, whether the loss occurs by theft or any other cause.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Seffner Christian Academy reserves the right of dismissal of any student who persistently and willfully neglects his academic work, exercises poor citizenship, reflects adversely on the Christian principles of the school or generally fails to cooperate with teachers or administration. He or she may be indefinitely expelled.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Students are expected to adhere to dress code guidelines as described in the student handbook.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ SCA students are prohibited from having tattoos or any body piercing, with the exception of traditional ear piercing for female students.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Any student known to deface or destroy school property will be assessed the full cost of repairs and be subject to possible disciplinary action, including expulsion.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ It is the sole responsibility of the parent to provide the school with updated records and legal documents in accordance with the student handbook.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Seffner Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships, athletic and other school administrative programs.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ A student handbook will be furnished to each student and family via the school website. As parents, and students, we agree to read and adhere to the policies and guidelines set forth in the student handbook.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Any form of homosexuality (including self-identification), lesbianism, bisexuality, transgender lifestyle/identity, fornication or pornography is a violation of the standards of SCA and will lead to expulsion or non-admittance.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ As parents, we agree that Seffner Christian Academy may use my child's picture in its promotional and periodical literature for school use.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to the financial policies of SCA and I understand that payments for tuition and fees will be made by the first of each month and if late, my account will be billed a late charge of \$35. If my payment is past due for more than thirty calendar days my child may be withdrawn from school until my account is made current.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ My child is permitted to take part in all school activities, including but not limited to, sports and school sponsored field trips, and absolve the school and church from liability to me or my child in case of accident or injury to my child while on campus or during any school sponsored outing. SCA does not employ or have a nurse on campus.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ As parents, we sincerely pledge our loyalty to the aims and ideals of the school.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ As parents, we hereby invest authority in the faculty and administration concerning the discipline of our child as necessary. We further agree that we will support the faculty and administration in discipline at home as needed.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ As parents, we agree, in accordance with the principle of Matthew 18:15-17, to bring any and all questions and criticisms to the person most directly involved. If we have a question about a specific classroom action or procedure, we will contact the appropriate teacher. If a satisfactory conclusion is not reached, we will then contact the appropriate principal.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ **It is understood that all students are accepted on a trial basis for the first 30 school days before grade placement or enrollment becomes final.**
20. \_\_\_\_\_ SCA is not equipped to accommodate special needs or learning disabilities in a general education track.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to comply with and support the spiritual, moral, dress and disciplinary standards and policies of the school and further agree that the school has full discretion in the discipline of my child while under school supervision.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I, or any agent acting in my behalf or on behalf of my child, brings any legal action against the school or its agents and such legal action is found in favor of the school or its agents, I will be responsible to pay all legal fees and other expenses related to such action. All disputes shall be settled in binding arbitration.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all students are required to participate in the school's technology program.

***I understand that in signing the Enrollment Agreement, I am agreeing to accept and abide by the rules and philosophy of Seffner Christian Academy.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

- A. There is one God eternally existing in three persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).
- B. The Bible is the Word of God, verbally inspired, infallible and inerrant in all that it says (II Timothy 3:16, I Thessalonians 2:13).
- C. The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God (John 1:1), fully man (John 1:14), born of a virgin (Matthew 1:23), lived a sinless life (Hebrews 4:15), performed miracles (John 4:29), shed His blood and died a substitutionary death (Hebrews 10:10,12,19), arose bodily from the dead (I Corinthians 15:12-20), ascended to and sits in glory at the Father's right hand (Hebrews 1:3) and is to return for His own (John 14:3).
- D. Man is by nature and practice a sinner, separated from God and can become God's child only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His work of redemption on Calvary (Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 2:23, Ephesians 2:8,9 and Romans 10:9,10).
- E. Those who are born into God's family have eternal life and those who are not remain in spiritual death and will be separated from God forever in hell (John 3:18,36, Matthew 25:46).
- F. The Holy Spirit lives in the believer and enables the child of God to walk in purity of life and submission to the will of God (Ephesians 1:13,14 Galatians 2:22,23).
- G. All believers are united together by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ for the purpose of causing the growth of the body and building itself up in love (I Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 4:16).
- H. The triune God created from nothing all that is in the span of six days (Genesis 1).
- I. The ministry of the local church is God's established instrument for carrying out the Great Commission. The body of Christ, the church, is composed of all born again believers who have by faith accepted Christ as Lord.
- J. The Bible is part of our daily curriculum. This Statement constitutes the doctrinal boundaries wherein we take a firm stand. The original King James Version of the Bible will be used in all teaching and Bible memory activities.
- K. Human Sexuality. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged outside of a marriage between a man and woman (Hebrews 13:4 and I Corinthians 7:1-4). We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, transgender identity/lifestyle, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sexual perversions in the sight of God and the church (Genesis 2:24, Leviticus 18:1-30, Romans 1:26-29, I Corinthians 5:1 and 6:9, I Thessalonians 4:2-7). We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman by mutual covenant (Genesis 2:24, Romans 7:2). We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God (Galatians 3:28), but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and woman in the home and the church (Colossians 3:18, I Timothy 2:8-15). The husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be leaders (pastors and deacons) of the church (I Timothy 3:4-5, 12). Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church.
- L. Abortion. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of an unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well being of the mother are acceptable (Job 3:16, Psalm 51:5 and 139:13-16, Isaiah 44:24 and 49:1,5; Jeremiah 1:5, 20:15-18, Luke 1:44).

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Parent Signature

Date

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Parent Signature

Date

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# Athletic Participation

## Reference Form

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Seffner Christian Academy  
11605 Highway 92 East  
Seffner, FL 33584  
(813) 626-0001  
Fax: (813) 627-0330

**This form must be completed by a non family member.  
Preferably a Sunday school teacher, youth group worker, or employer.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience     Responds well to authority  
                   Unpredictable  
                   Defiant

Emotional     Usually well-controlled  
                   Excitable; moody; upsets others  
                   Apathetic; irresponsible

Industry      Dependable worker  
                   Works just enough to get by

Sociability    Prefers to spend time with others  
                   Prefers to be solitary  
                   Has difficulty relating to others  
                   Tends to be bossy, argumentative  
                   Talkative; tends to disrupt class

Judgment     Unusually high maturity  
                   Average common sense  
                   Immature

Responsibility  Excellent; volunteers for tasks  
                   Usually accepts when asked  
                   Often irresponsible

Parent Involvement  Eagerly seeks to involve themselves  
                                   Must be contacted to encourage their involvement  
                                   Always cooperative and supportive  
                                   Often defensive and unsupportive  
                                   Have remained uninvolved

I recommend this applicant for character and personal promise:

Enthusiastically     Strongly     Fairly Strongly     Without Enthusiasm     Not Recommended

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

***The reverse side of this form is a pre-addressed mailer. Please fold on the dotted lines and mail or you may fax this form to 813-627-0330. Thank you for your valuable time.***

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Stamp  
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**Seffner Christian Academy**  
**ATTENTION: Athletic Director**  
11605 US Hwy 92 East  
Seffner, FL 33585

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