

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 6th-12th 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
- Required Documentation
 - Copy of Birth Certificate
 - Copy of Most Recent Report Card

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 an athletic clearance account, EL7 (one time), and EL7V.

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 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.

Seffner Christian Academy
Application For Athletic Participation

Grade: 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

Sport(s): Baseball Basketball Cheerleading Cross Country Football Tennis
Soccer Softball Track Volleyball Beach Volleyball Flag Football Golf

STUDENT

Name _____ Date of Application _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age as of Sept. 1st _____ Sex _____ Place of Birth _____

Date of Birth _____

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

FAMILY

1. Natural Father's Name _____ Home Phone _____

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

Pick-Up Allowed? () Yes () No

Address _____ Cell Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Employer _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

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Church _____ Pastor _____ Attend Regularly? () Yes () No

2. Natural Mother's Name _____ Home Phone _____

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

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)
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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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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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

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

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.

Lifestyle Statement

Seffner Christian Academy is a Christian institution providing an education in a distinct Christian environment. We believe that its Biblical role is to work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christ-like. On those occasions in which the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home is counter to or in opposition to the Biblical lifestyle the school teaches, the school reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission of an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, living in, condoning, or supporting sexual immorality; practicing homosexual lifestyle or alternative gender identity; promoting such practices; or otherwise having the inability to support the moral principles of the school. (Leviticus 20:13a, Romans 1:27, Matthew 19:4-6)

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

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

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.
- Male Athletes- Hair must be its natural color. No highlighting, dying or bleaching of hair is permitted.
- Female athletes are expected to dress in accordance to dress code policies in regards to length of shorts, banquet attire and practice guidelines.
- Hair must be properly tapered, with no grooves, cornrows, braids, etc.
- Male athletes must be clean-shaven. Sideburns must not come past the bottom of the ear.
- Male athletes are not allowed to wear earrings on school grounds or any school events, or any time when an athlete is representing SCA in any capacity. (Banquets, away games, graduation, etc.)
- Body piercings or tattoos are not permitted. Any existing tattoos must be covered at all times at any school related event.
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- Failure to comply with dress code guidelines could result in removal from practice, games or team.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

- Teams will travel to all games on school transportation.
- Homeschool students are expected to ride to all games with the team.
- Homeschool students are not permitted to transport other students in their vehicles.

CHAPEL POLICY

- Students must commit to attend weekly Chapel services during the season in which they participate.

FINANCIAL POLICY

- The non-refundable application fee is **\$500.00**.
- Sports Fees
 - Football – \$525.00 (Varsity)
 - \$350.00 (Junior High)
 - All other Varsity Sports \$125.00
 - All other Junior High Sports \$105.00
- 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

Student Signature

Date

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

Step 1 – Application

- ___ Application
- ___ Enrollment Agreement
- ___ Statement of Faith
- ___ Copy of Documents
- ___ Birth Certificate
- ___ Report Card
- ___ Medical Release Form
- ___ Reference Form

Step 2 – FHSAA Paperwork

- ___ Athletic Clearance Account
- ___ EL7
- ___ EL7V

Step 3 - Interview

___ Date: ___ Time

Step 4 - Evaluation ___ *Application Accepted* ___ *Card Issued*

___ *Application Not Accepted* ___ *Notification Sent*

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 # _____

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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

So that each parent and student understands school policies, we ask that you read the following information and initial next to each statement and sign this form indicating your agreement and understanding of the policies set forth.

1. _____ Students are to show respect in relation to the faculty and in speaking to faculty members. 2. _____ The use of profanity, tobacco, nicotine 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 may lead to expulsion. On campus, drug and nicotine testing 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 (including custody arrangements) 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. 24. _____ SCA reserves the right with or without cause to search lockers, backpacks, cellphones, devices, and vehicles while on school grounds or school related functions off campus.

Parent Signature

Date

Student 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, self-identification, bisexuality, transgender identity/lifestyle, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful 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

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION REFERENCE FORM

**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: _____

**Forms may be returned to aholmes@scacrusaders.com or you may fax this form to 813-627-0330 or mail to 11605 Hwy 92 East Seffner, FL 33584 Attention: Athletic Department.
Thank you for your valuable time.**