

Family Name _____

School Year _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Received on _____

Fee \$_____ Check Cash Money Order

Testing/Interview Date: _____

Committee Recommendation: _____

Status letter sent: _____

Application for Admission

Desert Springs Christian Academy

1st ~ 12th grades

Our Mission

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Admissions Procedures: One application per family. (You may copy additional teacher recommendation forms)

1. Mail the completed application form, supplemental documents, and the \$100.00 per child non-refundable application fee. Include most recent report card(s), standardized test results, and any other pertinent academic information regarding your child.

Mailing Address:

Desert Springs Christian Academy

c/o Admissions Committee

210 S. Nevarez

Las Cruces, NM 88001

2. Upon receipt of completed application (application form and supplemental documents) and application fee, the application will go to the admissions committee.
3. The admissions committee will contact you to schedule a testing date (if applicable) and interview.
4. After testing and interviewing, you will receive a letter regarding the status of your child's acceptance.

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Desert Springs Christian Academy admits students of any color, race, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities available to students at the school. Desert Springs Christian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of any of its policies or school-administered programs.

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Family Application

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Scientia, Veritas, Virtus

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Application Form



Family Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parents: ☐ married ☐ separated ☐ divorced ☐ widowed (date: _____)

If parents are separated or divorced, to whom should correspondence be sent?

☐ Father ☐ Mother

If parents are separated or divorced, to whom should billing/statements be sent?

☐ Father ☐ Mother

Paternal Information

Please check one: ☐ Father ☐ Step-father ☐ Grandfather ☐ Guardian

Name _____

Email _____

Occupation _____ Cell phone _____

Employer _____ Work phone _____

Employer's address _____

Maternal Information

Please check one: ☐ Mother ☐ Step-mother ☐ Grandmother ☐ Guardian

Name _____

Email _____

Occupation _____ Cell phone _____

Employer _____ Work phone _____

Employer's address _____

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If divorced or separated, please list the following information for the parent with whom the student does not live:

Name _____
Email _____
Occupation _____ Cell phone _____
Employer _____ Work phone _____
Employer's address _____

Parents sharing custody of the student, please enclose pertinent court documents indicating the custody agreement, decision making responsibilities and financial responsibilities.

Please list students you plan to enroll from oldest to youngest.

Student Name (Last, First, Middle)	Gender	Date of Birth	Grade Entering in Fall

Please attach a copy of your child's birth certificate.

SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

Please list where you attend church:

Father	Mother	Children
_____	_____	_____

You attend:

<input type="checkbox"/> frequently <input type="checkbox"/> occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> frequently <input type="checkbox"/> occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> frequently <input type="checkbox"/> occasionally
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Are you a member:

<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> n/a
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Please describe who Jesus Christ is to you. (may be answered separately & attached)

Father

Mother

PARENTAL QUESTIONS

1. Are there any points in the *Statement of Faith* that are inconsistent with your convictions? If so, please explain.

2. Which three factors most influenced you to apply to Desert Springs Christian Academy? (please rank your top 3 in order of importance)

<input type="checkbox"/> Parent involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> Academic standards/Classical approach	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost/Affordability
<input type="checkbox"/> Dissatisfaction w/current school	<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Teacher ratio
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please indicate): _____	

3. How did you hear about Desert Springs Christian Academy?

4. Why do you want your child (ren) to attend Desert Springs Christian Academy?

5. Is either parent, step-parent, or guardian opposed to Christian education? If so, explain.

FAMILY COMMITMENT

In signing this application, we attest that:

1. We have answered the questions in this application to the best of our knowledge and ability.
2. We agree with Desert Springs Christian Academy's Mission and Educational Philosophy.
3. We understand that Desert Springs Christian Academy requires all students to wear school uniforms.
4. We will provide continually updated immunizations and records of such for our attending child.
5. We agree to meet all tuition deadlines as specified.
6. We agree to inform the school immediately of **any** change to the information contained herein.

WE SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION FULLY ACKNOWLEDGING AND AGREEING TO EACH ITEM CONTAINED HEREIN.

Signature of Custodial Father/Guardian

Date

Signature of Custodial Mother/Guardian

Date

Printed Name

Printed Name

2016-2017 Financial Information

Tuition & Fees:

Grades 1-12

Tuition may be paid in one, two, ten or twelve payments as follows:

	<u>Yearly fee</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>10 payments</u>	<u>12 payments</u>
1 Student	\$4,656/yr.	\$2328.00/sem.	\$465.60/mo.	\$388.00/mo.
2 Students	\$9,312/yr.	\$4656.00/sem.	\$931.20/mo.	\$776.00/mo.
3 rd or more Students	\$12,412/yr.	\$6206.00/sem.	1,241.20/mo.	\$1,034.34/mo.

One paymentJuly 15th

Semester paymentsJuly 15th, January 15th

10 paymentsMonthly, beginning July 15th

12 paymentsMonthly, beginning May 15th

- Returned Check Fee: \$25.00 Charge for returned checks.
- Late Fee: \$25.00 fee will be charged for payments received after the 20th of each month

New Student Application Process:

Submit a complete DSCA application to the school including:

- Recent report card
- Immunization Record
- \$100.00 Application fee (non-refundable)

When application is complete, the family will be called in for an interview.

Returning Student Re-enrollment Fees:

(Non-Refundable)

Payment by March 1st

\$100.00

Payment by April 1st

\$125.00

Payment after April 1st

\$150.00

Athletic Fees:

Volleyball

TBA

Basketball

TBA

Cross country

TBA

Track & Field

TBA

School Uniform Packages:

Uniforms should be purchased from Sunshine Uniforms (sunshine-wear.com)

(844)-419-0100

We will post Pre-owned Uniform sales/donations in the school office.

Desert Springs Christian Academy

Our Statement of Faith

Desert Springs Christian Academy uses the traditional English Apostles' Creed as our statement of faith.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

By signing this document, I indicate I have read the statement of faith and will support it as the doctrinal position of Desert Springs Christian Academy.

Father's Signature _____

Mother's Signature _____

A pastoral recommendation is not required for acceptance to Desert Springs Christian Academy. If you cannot submit a pastoral recommendation, please attach an explanation to your application.

To Be Completed by Parents

Complete the form below and give it to your Pastor. Please request that your pastor complete this form in its entirety and mail it directly to the address above.

Student Name: _____

Parents Names: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

To Be Completed by Pastor or Christian Leader

Dear Pastor, we would be grateful if you would complete the following reference form for the student named above. A Pastoral recommendation is requested for all students making application to Desert Springs Christian Academy. Our admissions committee will use the form to determine whether or not Desert Springs Christian Academy is the right educational environment for this student. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

1. How many years has this family attended your congregation? _____

2. How would you evaluate the family's involvement in the ministries of your church?

_____ Regular and faithful

_____ Fairly regular and faithful

_____ Sporadic in attendance or participation

_____ Seldom, if ever, attends or participates.

3. Does the student indicate submission to the authority of parent(s)/guardian?

_____ Yes

_____ No

_____ Sometimes

4. Does the family demonstrate respect for the authority of your church and the Biblical principles you proclaim?

_____ Generally, Yes

_____ Somewhat

_____ No

5. What evidence is there that the parent(s)/guardian have a relationship with Christ?

6. If student has professed faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, what evidence do you see of a developing relationship with Christ?

7. Is there any other information regarding this family/student that you believe would be helpful to the admissions committee? _____

Church Name _____

Church Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email (optional) _____

Thank you for your assistance with this reference. May God richly bless you and your ministry!

Please mail this completed form to:

Desert Springs Christian Academy
210 S. Nevarez
Las Cruces, NM
88001

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Mission Statement

Supplement 3: Parent Covenant

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Parent Covenant

- We understand and acknowledge our commitment to the philosophy of education at Desert Springs Christian Academy.
- We understand and promise to abide by the policies and procedures of Desert Springs Christian Academy.
- We will keep apprised of our child's academic progress and behavior by appropriately communicating on a frequent and consistent basis with teachers.
- We acknowledge our God-given responsibility to discipline our child. We understand that Biblical discipline involves internal attitudes and external actions. When informed by the staff of behavioral infractions, we will properly discipline our child with the goal of ensuring that the infraction does not occur again.
- As directed by the Holy Spirit, we promise to regularly pray for the administration, faculty and all students of Desert Springs Christian Academy
- We promise to provide our child with an adequate and regular time and place to study and complete homework/projects.
- We promise to resolve disputes by dealing directly with the person or persons involved without criticizing them or the school. We will maintain confidentiality by discussing a matter only with one who is part of the problem or solution. Our attitude will be one of instruction and grace with the goal of reconciliation.
- We promise to take an active interest in all aspects of Desert Springs Christian Academy and, as God leads and opportunities arise, to assume volunteer duties and responsibilities.
- We promise to pay all financial obligations to the school promptly. If unable to do so, we will notify the school immediately.
- We will make school attendance a priority by adhering to the school calendar and limiting absences to illness and/or family emergencies.
- In keeping with the goals of our child's education, we promise to make church attendance a priority and to pursue involvement in the ministries of the church.
- We will notify the school of any changes of church attendance or membership; particularly if we change denominations.

We hereby agree with the above Parent Covenant:

Father/Male Guardian _____

Mother/Female Guardian _____

Date _____

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Confidential Teacher Evaluation (*Please obtain from current teacher.*)

Supplement 4: Teacher Evaluation

Student's Name: _____

Name of School: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

How long have you known this student? _____

In which grade and/or which subject(s) did you teach this student? _____

Please rate the student in each of the areas below:

Expectation	Rating 1 – 5 (5 excellent)	Comment
Work ethic	1 2 3 4 5	
Attendance	1 2 3 4 5	
Classroom behavior	1 2 3 4 5	
Potential to meet high expectations	1 2 3 4 5	

Please share your opinions of the child's strengths and weaknesses—particularly as it relates to the child's character and classroom/playground conduct.

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please place this recommendation in a sealed envelope and return to student or mail it directly to:

Desert Springs Christian Academy
2010 E. Wisconsin
Las Cruces, NM 88001