

You're invited to become a member!

TRI-COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS IT?

Occasionally people will ask, "What is the TCCS Association?" and "How does it relate to TCCS?" Please allow me to quickly answer these questions for you.

What is the Association?

The Association is the official not-for-profit corporation which owns and operates Tri-County Christian School. The Association, composed of school parents and other Christian friends, meets twice annually, in January and May, to elect members to the Board of Directors and to approve other major policy or financial decisions such as approving the school's annual tuition rates and budgets. This elected nine-person Board of Directors meets monthly to carry out the Association's mission, hire staff, and oversee the day to day operation of the school.

Is the Association or school controlled by any one denomination?

The TCCS Association was formed in 1981 by Christians representing some six denominations. Their vision was to establish a traditional interdenominational Christian school, which would make quality Christian education available to the general evangelical Christian community. The envisioned school would promote only those common, central, biblical beliefs, which are shared by all conservative evangelical believers.

Though Tri-County meets in the facilities of various local churches, the school is not owned by or connected to any one specific denomination. During any given school year, the members of both the Association and Tri-County's Board of Directors represent a broad spectrum of churches. During a typical school year, the student body is composed of families representing some 25 to 30 different local churches.

Who is eligible to become an Association member?

Membership in the Tri-County Christian School Association is open to all Christian families who enroll their child(ren) in one of Tri-County Christian's Pre-8th educational programs. Other active Christian believers from the general Christian community such as pastors, grandparents, or other friends of Christian Education are also eligible for membership. **Members must be active Christian believers who are at least eighteen years of age and are living a lifestyle honoring to our Savior and the Kingdom of God. Membership forms are available in the school office.**

What are the responsibilities of Association membership?

Association members need only attend the two annual association meetings and meet the prerequisites listed below. *We would ask you not to become an association member unless you are able to attend most association meetings since it is legally essential that we have enough members present to have a legal quorum.*

How does a person become an Association member?

Association membership involves the following:

1. Annually obtain a membership application from the school office (815-233-1876).
2. To become Association members all candidates are required to write out their Christian testimony and to sign their full agreement with the Association's Mission Statement, Statement of Faith, and Educational Philosophy.
3. All membership applications must be approved annually by the Board of Directors.
4. **Annual Membership Fee for non-parent candidates.** There is a \$25 annual family membership fee which is waived for:
 - (a) all current TCCS families who pay tuition or
 - (b) for any non-school families who give at least \$25 in gifts to the school annually.

When are memberships renewals?

Association memberships are renewed July 1 of each year. A new membership renewal form must be submitted each school year.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

On August 6, 1981 the Tri-County Christian School Association was organized to promote Christian education and to maintain a school or schools to provide Bible-centered instruction. Membership is open to any born-again Christian, eighteen years of age or older, who is in agreement with the stated purposes, philosophy of Christian education and Statement of Faith of the Association. School parents do not automatically become members but must make application for membership, if desired. Members elect the board of directors, approve budgets, approve constitutional changes, etc.

- (a) I (we) hereby subscribe to and endorse the purposes, philosophy of Christian education, and the following Statement of Faith of the Tri-County Christian School Association. **(Please sign back)**
1. We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God.
 2. We believe there is one God, infinitely perfect and eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 3. We believe in the complete deity and perfect humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutionary atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His ministry of intercession for His people and in His personal return in power and glory.
 4. We believe man was originally created in the image and after the likeness of God, and that he fell through sin, and is therefore spiritually dead in trespasses and sins.
 5. We believe in salvation by the sacrifice of Christ received by grace through faith alone.
 6. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit in this world, which includes the convicting of the lost of sin, the regenerating and indwelling of all who believe, and the empowering of believers for service and godly living.
 7. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; the saved to the resurrection of eternal life and the lost to the resurrection of eternal punishment.
 8. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers under the headship of Jesus Christ.
- (b) **Donation Requirement For Non-School Families:** I (we) hereby agree to make an annual gift to the Association of at least \$25.00 (husband and wife shall make one gift only). **School families are exempt from this gift requirement.**

Please turn over.

Please Check One: New Membership Renewal

New Applicants Only, please complete (renewing members need only sign the bottom of this page and return to office:

Applicant's Christian Experience

- 1. Are you a Christian? _____
- 2. If yes, what is the basis of your salvation? _____

- 3. What does Jesus Christ mean to you personally? _____

This section needs to be completed only if the spouse is also applying for membership.

Spouse's Christian Experience

- 1. Are you a Christian? _____
- 2. If yes, what is the basis of your salvation? _____

- 3. What does Jesus Christ mean to you personally? _____

ALL APPLICANTS:

I hereby declare my agreement with the Mission and Statement of Faith of Tri-County Christian School and desire to be a member of the Tri-County Christian School Association.

Name (Please Print): _____

Signature(s): _____ (Applicant) _____ (Spouse)

Address: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

APPROVAL	
Board Action _____	Date _____