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Student Application For 2024-2025

The purpose and mission of Banks Academy is to provide students with an excellent Private Christian education based on Biblical principles, so they will thrive in the communities in which they live.

We currently serve students in grades 6th, 7th, 9th through 12th

Our Commitment to Parents:

- Your child will be in a **safer and positive** learning environment.
- Your child will be will be enrolled in an **Accredited School**.
- Your child will be **advised and prepared for future college/employment**.
- Your child will be in a **Christ centered environment**

**Scholarships are available to all applicants for the Fall/Spring 2024/25 for a limited time.
(We have limited our total number of students accepted, please apply quickly)**

We are accepting applications for up and coming **6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades**.

Upon completion of your application, you will need to call and schedule a meeting. Please call 205-368-3090 to set a time. **You need to bring your application and required documents to your initial meeting along with a \$20 application the fee.** (See the following page for documents needed)

Mailing Address: or **Fax** or **Email**

Banks Academy, Inc. 205 879-7418 info@banksacademy.org

PO Box 590049

Birmingham, Al 35259

(Our School's location is 700 Huffman Road, 35215) Please gather all of the necessary documents prior to setting up a meeting. Call 205-368-3090 to set a time to meet.

Instructions For Applications

STEP ONE

Please complete the Student Application Form, pages 3 through 5 and have a **\$20.00 non-refundable Application Fee**. You can either pay with check, money order or pay online at www.banksacademy.org/make-a-payment/ or bring cash for the initial meeting.

For the initial scheduled meeting, we need you and your child to come together. At this meeting, we will provide information about the school and the amount of the scholarship that your child will qualify to receive.

FOR YOUR INITIAL MEETING, ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING IN STEP TWO

STEP TWO – To determine acceptance, you need to bring to the 1st meeting

1. Copy of their **Birth Certificate**
2. Copy of their **Social Security Card**
3. **6th, 7th and 9th graders** need a copy of their **last report card**
10th, 11th, and 12th graders must have a copy of their high school **transcript**.
4. **1040 Federal Tax Return for 2023 tax year.** (Not 2022 Tax Return) The student/child must be on the Tax Return. If someone else has them as a dependent, we that 1040 Return also.
5. If you receive the following documents, please bring them to our initial meeting.
 - SSI Disability Payment benefits letter,
 - SSI Payment letter for the Child
 - Child Support Payments Letter
 - Retirement Income from 401K or other

The income letters above must be for **money/funds you received** for the 2023.

Each one of these benefits & income letters must be for what you received for the 2023 Year, not 2022. (These documents will allow us to calculate the amount of your scholarship)

6. If you have custody of the child, we need the “**Custody Letter**” from the court
7. Standardized Test Scores from your child’s (“Aspire”) or (Explore”) **if AVAILABLE**
8. Blue Immunization Form (You can provide this later if necessary)

STEP THREE -

After Acceptance we require a **Registration Fee for Accepted Students of \$75.00** and you will be billed one time for the **\$95 Technology fee** in August. Tuition payments begin September 1st through May 1st.

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STUDENT APPLICATION

Student Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home/Cell Phone () _____ - _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Age ____ Sex ____ Grade in Fall (____) **for 2024-25 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades**

School Last Attended _____

A Teacher or Counselor **at your former School** that will recommend your child to Banks

Academy? **Name of School Person Giving the recommendation** _____

Phone Number of Teacher/Staff person to call _____ Email _____ Title _____

Public School Student is assigned to attend _____

Extracurricular Interest Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Baseball, Softball, Cheerleading, Choir, Debate,

Band, other _____ **Circle any of the above your child has participated in or has an interest**

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name _____ Email _____

Employment _____ Position _____

Work Phone _____ - _____ Cell _____ - _____

Email address _____

Mother's Name/Guardian Name _____ Email _____

Employment _____ Position _____

Work Phone _____ - _____ Cell _____ - _____

Email address _____

***Student is currently living with** _____

Other Children or Dependents living in the home.

Name _____ Age _____

School Attending Currently _____

Name _____ Age _____

School Attending Currently _____

Name _____ Age _____

School Attending Currently _____

Name _____ Age _____

School Attending Currently _____

Name _____ Age _____

School Attending Currently _____

In case of an emergency please contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____ - _____

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Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____ - _____

RELIGIOUS INFORMATION

Church Affiliation

Pastor's Name _____

Address _____ City, St. Zip _____

(Please fill out the next page "Disclosure Form" also)

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DISCLOSURE FORM

***APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE “FULL DISCLOSURE IN REGARDS TO THE STUDENT(S) ACADEMIC, DISCIPLINARY, AND SOCIAL HISTORY AT THEIR FORMER SCHOOL.**

Has child ever been expelled, dismissed, suspended, or refused admission to another school? _____ Explain: _____

Has child ever had any disciplinary difficulties which did not include suspension? _____ Explain: _____

Has child ever been in trouble with the law, arrested, etc? _____ Explain _____

Has child had problems with alcohol, marijuana, tobacco or drugs of any kind? _____ Explain: _____

Please indicate academic level of applicant’s previous performance:

Excellent _____ Good _____ Average _____ Poor _____ IEP (We do not offer IEP)

Has child ever failed a grade in school? _____ Explain: _____

How did you hear about Banks Academy? _____

Your reason for selecting this school? _____

Which academic track was your child a part of at his/her former school?

_____ Gifted/Honors _____ Basic _____ IEP (Banks does not honor IEP’s)

Student Referral for Banks Academy

to be filled out by teacher from your School

Student Name _____ Date _____

School Name _____

Grade Taught _____

Teacher Name _____

Subject Taught _____

1. How do you rank this student regarding his/her academic performance?
(Circle One)

- 1 __ Below Grade Level
- 2 __ On Grade Level
- 3 __ Above Grade Level
- 4 __ Exceptional

2. Please circle ALL of the behaviors that apply to this student.

Disruptive	Cooperative	Helpful	Talkative
Fighting	Poor Language	Bullying	Respectful
Disrespectful	Impulsive	Positive Attitude	

3. Please circle ALL of the academic qualities that apply to this student.

Stays on task	Diligent	Difficulty staying on task	
Academically Oriented	Not Motivated	Motivated	Good Reader
Good Mathematician	Struggles Academically	Hard Worker	Collaborative

Registration Fees for Fall Classes (Due June before the Fall Semester)

Annual REGISTRATION FEE (Non-Refundable and required each year) \$75.00

Annual Technology/Activity Fee (Non-Refundable & required each year) \$95.00 Due August 1st

TUITION (Paid Monthly & Non-Refundable, Due the 1st of each School month, Sept –May)

Tuition Costs: \$10,500 High School \$10,500 Middle (Scholarships Available for all Students)

The portion of the tuition the parents will pay is determined by a sliding scale based on household income. Every student accepted to Banks Academy may be eligible for financial assistance to pay the remainder of the tuition. In our initial meeting, we will be able to determine your child's qualification for our Scholarship program.

School Hours: (School Calendar is on web page)

Banks Academy's Core Values

We are committed to providing a safer and encouraging environment

We are committed to provide a holistic approach in which the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each student are addressed.

We are committed to providing excellent education and Godly training to prepare the students for life.

What We Believe

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21).
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).
3. We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His Resurrection (John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:4), His Ascension to the right hand of God (Mark 16:19), and His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved (John 3:16–19, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8–9; Ephesians 2:8–10; Titus 3:5).
5. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:28–29).
6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12–13, Galatians 3:26–28).

7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13–14; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19–20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).
8. We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18–25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2–5; Hebrews 13:4).
9. We believe that God’s command is that there be no sexual intimacy outside of or apart from marriage between a man and a woman.
10. We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably created each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological sex. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:26–27).

General Information and Policy:

Discipline is necessary for the welfare of the students as well as the entire school. It is impossible for learning to take place in a classroom unless control and good order are maintained. Therefore, each teacher has been instructed on methods for enforcing classroom discipline based on Christian principles as set forth in the Scriptures. Banks Academy expects full cooperation from both students and parents. Any parent or student suggestions or complaints are urged to be taken up with the principal in a respectful manner.

UPON ACCEPTANCE, PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN DISCIPLINE PERMISSION FORMS. ALSO ALL NEW STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND MANDATORY INTRODUCTORY MEETINGS TO HELP THEM TO BE PREPARED FOR THE NEW SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT. (These meetings will be scheduled in the summer)

- A)** Discipline is a reflection of love and concern as we train and nurture students.
- B)** Responsibility and authority to discipline comes from God. Teachers stand in the place of parents during school hours and have delegated authority to discipline students. It is vital that teachers and parents closely communicate on discipline matters.
- C)** All discipline should be administered at (or as near as possible to) the time of the offense in a thoughtful, caring manner by the person immediately responsible for the student or the principal.
- D)** Discipline procedures should be limited to those directly involved and related to a specific incidence. The people involved should be held to the smallest number possible without undue conversation that would initiate rumors or attitudes negative to the student’s school experience.
- E)** The intent of all disciplinary procedures is to instruct and correct bad behavior. Discipline of the students is administered to submit to God and learn to obey the authorities over them.
- F)** The teachers and principal have full discretion in the discipline of the child.
- G)** The school reserves the right to discipline or expel any student who does not cooperate with the total instructional program. Students or parents alike who, violate Biblical principles or cast a poor reflection on the school may be subject to dismissal.
- H)** If a student does any malicious damage or vandalism to school property, the parent will be held financially responsible and the student will be subject to disciplinary action. (8)

School Uniforms and Dress Code

It is the desire of Banks Academy that our students live and conduct themselves in a manner that will be pleasing to God, and glorifying to the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Standards for appearance are a means of building character and distinction in the lives of our students. It not only affects the clothes budget, and the planning and shopping for a wardrobe, but every school day this rule visibly affects our students. Each student will be allowed to purchase school uniform items. It is required to be in official school attire. If a teacher or the principal see a student to be in violation of the dress code, the parents or legal guardian may be called and the student may be sent home to make any needed alterations. If it is impossible for the student to go home to change, he or she may be held out of class for the remainder of the day. The student's grade for each day will reflect his or her absence. We will provide guidelines each year for the school's dress code. The dress code is on our website.

Delinquent Tuition and Fees Policy

- * Payment of tuition is due on the first of each month. (You may pay online or an auto draft plan)
- * Debit card payments are processed the first of each month for tuition that is due on the 1st. (Please **do not pay with cash**, You may use a money order or a bank check instead)
- * Tuition not paid by the 5th of the month may cause your child to be removed from class
- * If tuition has not been paid by the 15th of the month, the parents will receive communication notifying them of the outstanding payment. If payment of tuition has not been paid by the end of the month, the student may not be allowed to attend class on the first of the following month. **For example**, if tuition is late and is not paid for September by September 30th, the student could be held out of classes on October 1st.
- * Students may be dismissed for non-payment of tuition.
- * Report cards, academic records, and/or graduation diploma may not be released if there is an outstanding balance at the time of the request.
- * Re-Enrollment for existing students is automatic each year unless tuition and fees for the previous school year have been paid. Also any student that transfers to another School, must have all outstanding balances paid before the transcript will be sent the new school.

Open Communication

If you are having any issues with paying your tuition bill on time, you must communicate with Cas McWaters. Call or text to 205-578-2541 or email at cmcwaters@banksacademy.org