



## **Student Application**

Dear parent,

We are glad that you are considering St. Andrew's School at Wears Valley Ranch. Our vision is to see every child inspired to follow Christ, healed from the past, and equipped to reach his or her full potential.

The education children receive here is unique. St. Andrews School is...

### **Christian**

St. Andrews is named for the disciple most famous for bringing people to Jesus. Andrew brought a little boy with only 2 small fish and 5 small loaves and thousands of people were fed. We believe that a little becomes a lot when given to Jesus.

### **Community**

At St. Andrews School, students live in homes and learn the skills they need for true success in life. The environment is structured to address not only the educational, but also the spiritual, physical, psychological, and emotional needs of each child.

### **Tutorial and personal**

Our tutorial approach to education is tailored to meet the individual needs of each student. Class sizes are small, with a maximum ratio of four students to one instructor. Using this approach, children who have struggled will find their best chance for success, and gifted students will have the opportunity to excel.

### **Multi-faceted**

In addition to traditional subjects, students at St. Andrews have opportunities to learn home economics, Bible, horseback riding, horticulture, music, foreign languages, trade skills, and more. Our talented, dedicated staff are able to prepare students for college as well as teach them valuable trade skills.

### **Accredited**

St. Andrews School is fully accredited K-12 by ACSI, the Association of Christian Schools International. Since its inception, all graduates who have wanted to go on to college have been admitted to the college of their choice.

### **Funded by caring individuals**

Each year hundreds of caring people donate, so that St. Andrews School can be affordable for any child who meets our admissions criteria. Parents are expected to do what they can, but scholarships are available to help bridge the gap for those who cannot afford full tuition.

St. Andrews School at Wears Valley Ranch is located on a beautiful 122 acre campus in Sevier County, Tennessee. The campus borders the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and is nestled between Townsend, Gatlinburg, and Pigeon Forge. Our address: 100 One Fine Place, Sevierville, TN 37862.

For more information or to submit a student application, contact us at 865-429-5437 or [admissions@wvr.org](mailto:admissions@wvr.org), or visit us on the web at [www.wvr.org](http://www.wvr.org).

Yours truly,

James P. Wood  
Executive Director



## **Eligibility and Application Checklist**

Thank you for your interest in seeking admission to St. Andrew's School at Wears Valley Ranch. Enclosed you will find the information needed for you to submit a pre-interview application. It is important for you to read the Memorandum of Understanding and the Statement of Faith carefully.

### **Eligibility**

For a child to meet the admission requirements, he or she must be between the ages of 6 and 17 at the time of admission and have an IQ of 80 or higher. Circumstances in the child's home must indicate that he or she will benefit from a change in environment. The child must be willing to work on personal problems.

There are many children in difficult situations, and we want to offer hope and assistance to all. However, the programs at St. Andrews School and Wears Valley Ranch are uniquely suited to children in difficult situations that are not *primarily* the child's fault. We cannot admit children who

- have a drug or alcohol dependency
- are adjudicated delinquents
- are severely emotionally disturbed

If your child does not meet our criteria for admission, we still want to help! There are many other ministries and schools that specialize in helping children with these needs. Please feel free to contact us for a referral.

***In Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88 – 352) no person shall be excluded from the services of St. Andrew's School or Wears Valley Ranch on the grounds of race, color or national origin.***

### **Financial Aid**

We DO NOT discriminate because of a student's inability to pay. We DO expect each student's family to support him or her financially to the best of their ability.

Room, Board, and School Tuition is currently \$48,000 annually. Scholarships are available based on need.

### **Initial Application Checklist**

In order for your initial application to be complete, it must include the following for each child seeking admission:

- Student Information form*
- Statement of Faith/Memorandum of Understanding*

After the completed application has been reviewed, if your child meets the admission requirements and there are potential openings, our staff will contact you to arrange an interview. Legal custody holder(s) must be present at the interview.

Mail completed applications to

Wears Valley Ranch admissions  
100 One Fine Place  
Sevierville, TN 37862-2505



# Student Information

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal information

Please print or type neatly

Full name of student	_____	Sex	_____
Date of birth	_____	Race	_____
Place of birth	_____	Height	_____
Social Security #	_____	Weight	_____
Birth Certificate #	_____	Hair color	_____
Country of citizenship	_____	Eye color	_____

## Child's legal guardian

Guardian's name	_____	Phone	_____
Address	_____	Mobile	_____
City, State, Zip	_____	Email	_____

## Child is currently living with

Name	_____	Phone	_____
Address	_____	Mobile	_____
City, State, Zip	_____	Email	_____

## Church child attends

Church name	_____	Phone	_____
Pastor's name	_____	Email	_____
Address	_____		
City, State, Zip	_____		

Does this child attend church often? \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School? \_\_\_\_\_

## List all previous schools attended

Name	Address	Grade	Year
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Has this child ever repeated a grade? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which grade(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach copy of school records for the past two years, along with results of any standardized tests.**



## Student Information

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the child's attitude toward authority and discipline?

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How does this child relate to other children close to his/her age?

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Has this child ever been suspended or dismissed at any school? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain.

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Has the child had any history of an unusual physical or emotional condition, or learning disability which has required professional attention or which might require special attention at St. Andrew's School? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please explain and include copies of all reports.

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What special ability or interest (mental, physical, artistic, musical, social) does the child have?

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Are there any unusual factors in the child's life of which we need to be aware (absence of father or mother, chronic health problem of family member, unusual accidents or serious illness, custody dispute, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you willing to fill out extensive family history forms to help the staff in dealing with the needs of this child?

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How did you hear about St. Andrews School at Wears Valley Ranch?

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How does the child feel about being enrolled?

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What can St. Andrews School at Wears Valley Ranch provide for this child that you are currently unable to provide?

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## **Statement of Faith/Memo of Understanding**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Statement of Faith**

#### ***The Bible***

The Bible is God's Word. It contains truth without any mixture of error. We accept its authority over every area of our lives. Through it we come to know God as revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. There are some things in the Bible that we may not fully understand, but as we study we can always learn more.

#### ***God***

God is the creator of all things. He is perfect, eternal, self-existent, all knowing, all powerful, and present everywhere. He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He has revealed Himself finally through Jesus the Messiah, Who was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on the cross as the full payment for the sins of all who believe, rose from the dead, and is coming again in glory.

#### ***Man***

Man was created by God for the purpose of serving Him and enjoying fellowship with Him forever. Given the freedom to choose good or evil, our first parents, Adam and Eve, chose evil with the result that suffering and death have passed to every generation in history. All of us demonstrate the effects of this sin in that from our earliest opportunity each of us chooses to disobey God. The consequence is guilt and eternal death.

#### ***Salvation***

Despite our sin, God loved us so much that He gave His only Son to provide a sacrifice that would remove the guilt of everyone who trusts in Jesus. Salvation is only available through God's grace (undeserved favor) and is received by those who trust Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Salvation is more than being forgiven. It means a new life in which God comes to live in us and change us by His power from the inside out.

#### ***The Church***

When a person is led by God's Spirit to trust in Jesus and receives Him as Lord and Savior, that individual becomes part of a family that is worldwide and will live forever. This family of believers is the Church. Members of the Church are commanded to meet together and worship God, study His word and strengthen one another. We are also commanded to take the good news of God's love to people all over the world until everyone has had the opportunity to trust Jesus. Someday people everywhere will have heard the good news, and Jesus will return to earth to take all His family home to be with Him forever.



# Statement of Faith/Memo of Understanding

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Memorandum of Understanding

To be completed by parent(s) or guardian(s)

1. I (we) have read the *Statement of Faith* of the school and agree not to oppose my (our) child's instruction in accordance therewith.
2. I (we) agree
  - a. to support the stated objectives of the school in general and of my (our) child's individualized curriculum plan in particular.
  - b. that the school has the discretion to administer discipline within the context of the school's role *in loco parentis*.
  - c. that I (we) will meet all tuition obligations according to the financial arrangements signed at the time of the child's admission.
3. I (we) understand that all prospective students will be given tests to determine academic placement and assist in the formulation of the ICP. These tests will include psychological as well as academic evaluation. Testing will also assess the student's optimum learning modes.

Parent/guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian sign \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian sign \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Student response

To be completed by the child

How do you think life at St. Andrew's will help you?

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What are your interests and hobbies?

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What are your future plans?

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***I hereby request that St. Andrew's School and Wears Valley Ranch consider admitting me as a student. I intend to cooperate with the staff as they seek to lead me into maturity.***

Child sign \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_