

Completing Principia's Upper School Application

Here's a checklist of things to do:

- Please be sure all questions are answered fully.
- Please include a picture of the applicant when you return the completed application.
- Sign the application. If only one parent has full legal custody, only that parent's signature is necessary. Legally separated or divorced parents will need to send a copy of the final agreement regarding custody.
- Request an official copy of grades (showing the last two full years' work plus the current year's) and the most recent standardized test scores for the applicant.
- Hand out the teacher references – one to your English teacher, one to your math teacher, and one to a third teacher of your choice. Teacher reference forms may be sent to Principia in the same envelope with the grades.
- Hand out the Christian Science reference forms – one to a branch church member who knows the parent(s) and the applicant well, and one to the applicant's present Sunday School teacher.
- Read as a family the Principia Pledge and discuss together the importance of supporting it. Then sign the back page of the completed application form.

Please request that all academic records and reference forms be sent to Principia's Admissions Office as soon as possible.

Please Note: All discussions regarding a candidate, candidate file contents, and decisions are confidential. Please refer questions to the director of admissions.

The Principia

Upper School



13201 Clayton Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63131-1099
314-434-2100 or 800-218-7746 Fax 314-275-3519

Application for Admission

The Principia accepts young Christian Scientists for Upper School who are regularly attending a Christian Science Sunday School. Principia expects that at least one parent be an active student of Christian Science and a branch church member, and that both parents be willing that the applicant grow in his or her understanding of this religion and have Christian Science treatment in case of physical and non-physical needs. Principia's director of admissions will be glad to talk with parents regarding these important points.

Every application is given careful consideration in three areas: the student's academic and citizenship record, the student's and parents' desire for a Principia education, and a commitment to Christian Science as indicated by regular attendance at Sunday School and a branch church. It is expected that Principia applicants themselves be sincerely interested in progressing in the understanding and demonstration of Christian Science.

Applicant's Personal Information

• Legal name _____
First Middle Last/surname Jr/etc.

• Preferred or nickname _____ Female Male

• Home address _____ Phone () _____
Street

City State/province Zip/postal code Country

• Date of birth _____ Citizenship USA Other _____
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• Social Security number _____

• Date of proposed entrance to Principia Fall 200 ____ Other _____

• Applying for 9th 10th 11th 12th • Applying for Day Boarding

School Information

Please list all schools the applicant has attended in the last three years (starting with the most recent):

Name of school (Address, city, state, zip)	Director/Principal	Dates attended	Numbers
			Phone
			Fax
			Phone
			Fax
			Phone
			Fax

• Has the applicant ever been dismissed from school or been placed on probation or suspension? Yes No

If "yes," please attach a letter of explanation.

Family Information

Father's name _____
First Middle Last/surname Jr./etc.

Married Separated Divorced Remarried (current spouse full name _____) Deceased

Address _____
Street City State/province Zip/postal code Country

Home phone () _____ Fax () _____ Cell () _____

E-mail address _____ Business phone () _____

Father's occupation _____ Employer _____

Mother's name _____
First Middle Last/surname

Married Separated Divorced Remarried (current spouse full name _____) Deceased

Address _____
Street City State/province Zip/postal code Country

Home phone () _____ Fax () _____ Cell () _____

E-mail address _____ Business phone () _____

Mother's occupation _____ Employer _____

• Applicant lives with (check all that apply): Father Mother Both Other _____

• Where should admissions materials be sent? Father Mother Both Other _____

• Where should conference reports/grades be sent? Father Mother Both Other _____

• Where should bills be sent? Father Mother Both Other _____

• If anyone else shares legal responsibility for the applicant, please give the following information.

Legal guardian's name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____
Street City State/province Zip/postal code Country

Home phone () _____ Fax () _____ Cell () _____

E-mail address _____ Business phone () _____

• Please indicate names of relatives who have attended Principia or who have served on the faculty or staff:

Name	Relationship	Dates attended or served

Family Information (continued)

• Please list the names of other children in the family:

Name _____ M / F Age _____ Grade _____
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The Principia shall recognize that man as the child of God reflects the intelligence and strength of his Maker, and that all men have equal opportunity and equal ability in the sight of God. The Principia refuses to accept as final any belief of limitation which grants greater capacity to one individual than to another. – Policy 3 of The Principia.

• Though Principia is not always able to meet the needs of every student, Policy 3 stands as our guide when considering your responses to the following: Is the applicant currently experiencing a physical, emotional, or academic challenge that might suggest a limitation to normal participation in school activities? If so, please explain. Use additional paper if necessary.

• Is there anything unusual about the applicant's home life? If so, please explain. Use additional paper if necessary.

Christian Science Information

The following questions apply to those *with whom the applicant is now living*.

• Is the applicant's father stepfather guardian a Christian Scientist? Yes No

How long has he relied on it? _____

Is he a member of The Mother Church? _____ of a branch church? _____ class taught? _____

How long has he been attending services regularly? _____ Former church affiliation, if any? _____

If he is not a Christian Scientist, is he active in another church? _____ If so, which? _____

Is he willing for the applicant to depend on Christian Science treatment in case of physical and non-physical needs? _____

• Is the applicant's mother stepmother guardian a Christian Scientist? Yes No

How long has she relied on it? _____

Is she a member of The Mother Church? _____ of a branch church? _____ class taught? _____

How long has she been attending services regularly? _____ Former church affiliation, if any? _____

If she is not a Christian Scientist, is she active in another church? _____ If so, which? _____

Is she willing for the applicant to depend on Christian Science treatment in case of physical and non-physical needs? _____

Applicant's and Parents' Signatures

• Student:

Having read the Principia Pledge, do you understand the promise/commitment you are making to Principia?
to yourself? Yes No Yes No

The information I have provided in this application and the questionnaire sheet is factually correct, is honestly presented, and is my own work. I have read the Principia Pledge, and as a Principian I will support it.

• **Signature of Applicant** _____ **Date** _____

• Parent(s) or legal guardian:

Please give reasons for wanting your child to attend Principia.

Principia is a community with a specific educational program. It seeks to serve the Cause of Christian Science by providing a program that supports your child's growth spiritually, morally, intellectually, socially, and physically.

We/I, the undersigned, have read and discussed the Principia Pledge with our child. We/I fully support this application to The Principia Upper School. We/I understand that members of the Principia community are expected to live as Christian Scientists and to rely on Christian Science treatment in case of physical and non-physical needs. We/I also agree to be responsible for payment of all charges, fees, etc., effective if and when this applicant enrolls.

• **Signature of father** _____ **Date** _____

Stepfather Guardian

• **Signature of mother** _____ **Date** _____

Stepmother Guardian

The Principia admits and enrolls qualified Christian Science students without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin and affords these students an equal opportunity to experience a Principia education. In the administration of all its educational policies, financial aid programs, athletic and other school-administered programs, Principia does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin, but rather appreciates the diversity and the individuality found in the entire student body.

Applicant's Questionnaire

Your application is important to us. Please tell us about yourself so we can know you better. Answer the following questions *in your own handwriting*. Additional paper may be used and attached.

Your name _____

Christian Science Information

1. Do you attend a Christian Science Sunday School regularly? _____ occasionally? _____

If you attend occasionally, please explain. _____

2. Are you a member of The Mother Church? _____ of a branch church? _____

3. Are you willing to rely on Christian Science to meet physical and non-physical problems? _____

4. How do you use Christian Science in your daily life? _____

5. Please share a recent experience that helped you grow in your application and understanding of Christian Science.

Academic and School Activities Information

6. What are your academic strengths? What areas need improving? _____

7. Tell us about any school-sponsored programs, clubs, student government, or community service in which you have participated.

8. If you have been nominated for or received special recognition for any school or extracurricular activities, please describe them.

Personal Information

9. What are your interests and activities outside of school? _____

10. What athletic experience have you had?

SPORT	POSITION	YEARS PLAYED	LEVEL OF COMPETITION

11. Have you attended a boarding school, gone to camp, or traveled? If so, what did the experience of being away from home mean to you? _____

12. Please tell us about yourself and your family. _____

Principia Information

13. What are your reasons for applying to Principia? _____

14. Principia's motto is "As the sowing, the reaping." What you receive at Principia depends greatly on what you bring to the experience. What do you hope to contribute to Principia? _____



Principia Pledge

Purpose:

The primary purpose of The Principia is to serve the Cause of Christian Science.

This pledge is my promise to serve the Cause of Christian Science by striving to live in accord with God's law — thereby blessing myself, the Principia community and the world.

As a student at The Principia, I commit to serve God and humanity through the study and healing practice of Christian Science, expressed in principled thought and action, unselfed love, and moral courage.

I agree to support the school's purpose by:

- having a desire to grow in my understanding of Christian Science as a way of life, including turning to and studying the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, to meet my physical, mental, academic, and social needs, and through church attendance and support.
- maintaining a high moral standard for myself and encouraging the same in others. This standard includes such commitments as expressing integrity in my dealings with others; keeping my actions and speech pure; abstaining from the use of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs; and abstaining from lying, cheating, vandalism, stealing, and sexual misconduct.
- expressing a spirit of cooperation, by following the standards, rules, and expectations willingly and respectfully.

I recognize and understand that by signing this pledge, I am making a commitment to maintain these standards, on and off campus, during the time I am enrolled at The Principia.

Please comment on this candidate's proficiency in reading and writing. We are particularly interested in his or her thematic writing skills, ability to analyze written material, use of standard grammar and correct spelling, and his or her level of reading comprehension and reasoning skills.

Is there any additional information you would like to provide which would be helpful to the Admissions Committee as it considers this candidate?

Please rate the candidate in the following categories:

	Excellent	Above average	Average	Below average
Academic ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal qualities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How do you support this candidate's application to Principia?

- Strongly recommend Recommend Recommend with reservation Do not recommend

Signature _____ Date _____

Subjects you are teaching/have taught this candidate _____

_____ Grade level _____

School _____ Public Private

City _____ State/province _____ Zip/postal code _____ Country _____

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Confidential Christian Science Reference

Middle School / Upper School

Name of applicant: _____

Name of reference: _____

- Sunday School teacher
- Christian Science practitioner
- Branch church member
- other _____

Student Information

Please describe how well and how long you've known the applicant. _____

How consistent is the applicant's attendance at a Christian Science Sunday School? _____

What is his/her attitude toward coming to Sunday School? _____

Does he/she come prepared and participate well? _____

Does the applicant apply Christian Science on his/her own initiative? Please give an example. _____

Please share what you know of the applicant's stand concerning sexual involvement, and the use of tobacco, liquor, and drugs.

Is the applicant currently working with a physical or emotional problem that might limit normal participation in school activities?

How do you regard the applicant's citizenship (willingness/ability to get along with others, respect for rules, leadership potential, etc.)?

What a student receives at Principia depends greatly on what he or she brings to the experience. What positive qualities or talents do you see the applicant contributing to his overall experience at Principia?

Family Information

How well and how long have you known the applicant's parents?

Are parents active Christian Scientists? Mother: Yes No Stepfather: Yes No
Father: Yes No Stepmother: Yes No

Do you think both parents are willing to trust the applicant to Christian Science treatment for healing?

Is there any other religious influence in the home? _____

Are you familiar enough with the home life to know if there is anything unusual or unsettling that we should know about in order to work effectively with the applicant?

Do you know the parents' reasons for wanting their child to attend Principia?

Are you aware of any reason why Principia should not accept the applicant?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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