

**Calvin Christian School
Pastor's Confidential Recommendation Form**

I **To the Family:** Please complete the top portion of this form, then give to your pastor to complete and mail (or fax) directly to the school.

Name of Student _____ Family Name _____

Church Name _____ Pastor's Name _____

Church Address _____ Phone Number _____

II **Dear Pastor:** We are in the process of applying to Calvin Christian School for our son/daughter's enrollment and have given your name as a reference. Will you kindly give your confidential evaluation of us as a potential family at CCS? I hereby waive my right to have access to this evaluation form. Thank you.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

As part of the application process at Calvin Christian School, we ask our parents to obtain a reference from their pastor. We do this because we believe that the Christian training of our children can be most effective when the home has the support systems of both the Christian day school & the church family & programs. By answering these few questions, you enable us to give clearer direction to those families seeking entrance into CCS. We also trust that this procedure will assist you in working with those families who list your church as their church home.

We ask that you please complete the front and back of this form and send to Calvin Christian School (address/fax listed below). In order that we might become better acquainted with your church, please include your church's *Statement of Faith* with this recommendation. Thank you for your assistance. - - *Randy Moes, Principal*

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| 1. | Is this family a member of your church? | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| 2. | Do you consider the above family to be active in your church? | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| 3. | Has this family been regular in their attendance during the past year? | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| 4. | Have any members of the family held a leadership position in your church? | Yes _____ | No _____ |

If yes, please explain:

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| 5. | Have the children been involved in the religious education program of the church?
Examples: | Yes _____ | No _____ |
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| 6. | Do you believe this family has an understanding of personal salvation through Jesus Christ?
Comments: | Yes _____ | No _____ |
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| 7. | Are there any matters that you feel we should know about as a school which might influence our decision regarding the admission of this family? |
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Do you recommend this family for admission to CCS? Yes _____ No _____

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

Please read and sign the back side of this page, which states the Foundational Beliefs of Calvin Christian School, so that you may better understand who we are and the critical partnership we enjoy with our families' church homes.

Send to: Calvin Christian School (Attn. Director of Admissions), 528 E. 161st Place, South Holland, IL 60473
or Fax to: 708-331-8728

Please read the following carefully. CCS seeks to educate children of parents who share these basic Biblical beliefs; only when home, church, and school are in agreement can education succeed.

Foundational Beliefs of Calvin Christian School

1. The Bible is the divinely inspired, infallible written Word of God (II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:21), the only rule of faith and life.
2. God reveals Himself in Scripture as undividedly Triune – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19; II Cor. 13:14; Genesis 1:26, 3:22, 11:7; John 10:30; Acts 5:3-4)
3. God is Creator of the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1): the entire universe bears His fingerprints (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20), and He continues to uphold creation by His eternal power and providence. (Psalm 104)
4. God is eternal, completely sovereign, all-knowing, everywhere present, supremely just, the overflowing fountain of all that is good. (Psalm 90:2, 139:1-12; Job 9:19, 42:2; Matthew 5:45; John 1:16)
5. God created mankind in his own image, reflecting Himself in righteousness and holiness, as well as granting natural endowments such as speech, creativity, knowledge, and authority to rule. (Genesis 1:26-27, 28; James 3:9)
6. Mankind died spiritually by sinning against God, and physical death came into the world as a result. (Genesis 2:17; 3:6-7, 19, 24) Every human comes into the world with the corrupt nature received from our first parents, Adam and Eve, condemnable in God's sight, inclined by nature to hate both God and neighbor. (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12, 15-19) Unless the sinner is reconciled with God, that sinner will perish, enduring eternal punishment. (Romans 1:18; II Cor. 5:12, 17-20; Matthew 7:23, 10:11-15; Luke 16:23; Revelation 20:10, 14-15, 21:8)
7. God graciously chose to save from the fallen human race those He gave to His Son, Jesus Christ (John 6:37, 39; 17:6), by sending Him into the world to redeem fallen human beings from sin and its consequences. Jesus Christ, the eternal and divine Word of God, took on a sinless human nature at His incarnation (John 1:14), lived a life on behalf of His people which fulfilled all the righteous requirements of the law of God, and died on the cross to atone for their sins. (Romans 3:21-26) He was then raised for their justification. (Romans 4:25)
8. God graciously grants faith to believe in Jesus Christ and so to receive His saving benefits. (Philippians 1:29; Acts 13:48; Ephesians 2:8-9) Only through belief in the finished work of Jesus Christ can we be made right with God (Romans 3:24,28); nothing we do can make us acceptable before God. (Isaiah 64:6; II Timothy 1:9) Therefore, we say that we are justified by grace alone through faith alone. (Romans 3:28)
9. In the life of a believer, good works are the necessary result of saving faith in Jesus Christ. (James 2:17; Ephesians 2:10) Christians are called to live holy lives of gratitude to God for His great salvation. (I Thess. 4:7)
10. God regards children of believers as holy, and distinguishes them from children of unbelievers (I Cor. 7:14). God's promises are for the children as well as their believing parents. [This is the basis upon which children of believers were circumcised under the Old Covenant and are baptized under the New Covenant. (Genesis 17:7; Acts 2:39; Colossians 2:11-12)]
11. Whether in the Old Testament or New, God saves sinners in the same way – through Jesus Christ and faith in Him. The revelation of His plan in Jesus Christ became increasingly clearer as history moved from the Old Testament into the New. (Romans 4:3,6)
12. At the end of history, Jesus Christ will return to judge the living and the dead; (Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:11-15) all will give account before God. (II Cor. 5:10) Only those who have been saved by Jesus Christ and made righteous through his atoning blood will escape eternal condemnation and live forever with Him. (Matthew 25:46)

I hereby certify that I have read and our Church agrees with the *Foundational Beliefs of Calvin Christian School*. I affirm that our Church's beliefs are consistent with those stated.

Pastor's Signature _____ **Date** _____

If there are any statements or beliefs with which your church does not agree, please identify them below. Admission for a family is possible even if their church does not agree with everything set forth above, though some principles, including, but not limited to, belief in the Trinity, the infallibility of the Bible, and salvation through Jesus Christ alone, are essential.

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation in completing this form.

The information you have provided will be kept in confidence and used only by the Education Committee.

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