



## IV. Personal Background

Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Language \_\_\_\_\_

What is your religious affiliation or background? \_\_\_\_\_

Atlantic Shores Christian School is an accredited private school which teaches a Christian worldview and promotes Christian values and ethics among its students. The school welcomes international students from other faiths, but desires that they be aware of ASCS distinctive position before they apply.

1. ASCS students are expected to participate in the Christian activities of the campus community, including weekly chapels.
2. ASCS students are required to take specific Bible courses designed to help them understand Christianity and learn what it means to be a Christian.
3. ASCS students are required to follow the policies of the Student Handbook (see website), the Admissions Policies and the student code of conduct. Violations of these policies can result in dismissal from school, so it is important that international students be aware of these policies before submitting an application. The expected conduct of Atlantic Shores Christian School students includes these policies:
  - *Respect for the Christian philosophy of the school and using the time at the school to grow in understanding Christianity*
  - *Showing proper respect to fellow students, faculty, and staff*
  - *Attending weekly Chapel*
  - *Not using tobacco in any form*
  - *No drinking of alcohol or using drugs in any form*
  - *Following the rules of the student's host family*
  - *No inappropriate interaction/physical contact with students of either sex*
  - *Not looking at explicitly sexual material or movies*
  - *Using appropriate language*
  - *Wearing appropriate clothing*

Please answer the following questions:

Yes No

1. Have you ever been dismissed from school for academic or disciplinary reasons?  
  2. Have you used alcohol, tobacco or non-medical drugs during the past 12 months?  
  3. Have you engaged in any type of sexual activity?  
  4. Have you ever been arrested, petitioned, or placed on a court order or probation?

If you checked yes for any of the above, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why do you wish to study at a Christian school? \_\_\_\_\_

## V. Student Information – Student’s Essays

**Student** – *In your own words, respond to the following essay questions, introducing yourself to the school and host family. Keep in mind that this will be their first impression of you. Provide as much detail as possible. The essay must be written in English and signed by the student.*

- 1. Describe yourself. Tell about an important accomplishment or special interest. Tell about your strengths and weaknesses. What are your likes and dislikes?** (What activities do you enjoy? Have you received awards in any of these areas? What type of things do you find easy or difficult? Do you like or dislike certain foods, animals, treatment of other people, etc.?)
  
- 2. Describe your family and home.** (Introduce your family members. What are their names, ages, and occupations? What is your home like? Do you have your own room, or do you share with others? Where do you study in your home? How far away is your home from your school? Do you drive, ride a bus, or a bicycle, or walk to school?)
  
- 3. Describe your involvement in a faith community.** (Do you go to church? How do you participate?)
  
- 4. Describe a typical day at school.** (How many subjects do you take and what are they? What is your daily schedule like during the school year? Start with when you wake up and discuss one typical day’s schedule.)
  
- 5. Describe what you do in your free time.** (Do you spend time with friends, family or alone?)

## VI. Admissions Policy

Attending ASCS is a privilege and not a right. As students and parents consider making ASCS their choice, the following standards and policies must be followed:

1. Full cooperation is expected from both students and parents in the education of the student. If at any time the school determines that this cooperation is lacking, the student will be requested to withdraw.
2. Students must be open to instruction from a Christian perspective. It is understood that students should exhibit a definite personal desire to attend ASCS. If the student's behavior or attitude indicates an uncooperative spirit or one that is inconsistent with the philosophy and standards of ASCS, the student will be requested to withdraw.
3. I give permission for my child to take part in school activities, including sports and school-sponsored trips and absolve the school from liability to me or my child because of any injury to my child at the school or during any school activity. In case of accident or serious illness, I request the school to contact the host family. If the school is unable to reach me, I hereby authorize the school to make whatever arrangements deemed necessary.
4. Parents must be united in their belief that enrollment at ASCS is the best thing for their child. Parents must exhibit a strong desire for having their child taught from a Christian perspective.
5. Atlantic Shores Christian School does not provide accident or supplemental insurance for students. All international students must purchase medical insurance. Proof of insurance must be shown to the school before the first day of school.
6. I give permission for the school nurse to release medical information to the teachers and administrators.
7. I hereby grant ASCS permission to use my son or daughter's photograph in print, electronic and video formats, or in other official ASCS print publications and I acknowledge ASCS's right to appropriately crop and/or correct the photograph as needed.
8. The student's behavioral standards at school must extend to his life away from school as well. Thus, ASCS retains the right to refuse enrollment to or expel any student who engages in sexual immorality, including any student who professes to be homosexual/bisexual or is a practicing homosexual/bisexual, as well as any student who condones, supports, or otherwise promotes such practices. Any use of or involvement with tobacco, drugs, alcohol, cheating, fighting, stealing, lying, or un-Christian entertainment/behavior may result in immediate expulsion from ASCS.
9. The biblical and philosophical goal of ASCS is to develop students into mature, Christ-like individuals who will be able to exhibit a Christ-like life. Even though parents may personally believe differently, all students, while at ASCS are expected to exhibit the qualities of a Christ-like life espoused and taught by the school and to refrain from certain activities or behavior.
10. SEVP requires ASCS to monitor and report on all F-1 students' status. I acknowledge that communicating and changes in address, travel plans or personal information with the DSO for Atlantic Shores Christian School is necessary.

All students are accepted on an eight week probationary period in regard to academics and discipline. A student's acceptance is based upon past achievement, a favorable pastoral recommendation, a family interview with the administration, and this signed agreement from parents and student declaring that they will abide by and support the rules, regulations, standards and statement of faith of ASCS.

We submit this application with the understanding and acceptance of Atlantic Shores Christian School's admission requirements and procedures. We understand that withholding or misrepresenting information may jeopardize admission or enrollment at ASCS. We understand that the submission of this application does not guarantee enrollment at ASCS. We agree with and support the Admissions Policy, the educational philosophy, and the expectations and standards of Atlantic Shores Christian School. We understand that the Application Fee is non-refundable, but will be applied to registration fees pending the student's acceptance into Atlantic Shores Christian School.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Nondiscrimination Policy**

Atlantic Shores Christian School admits students of any race, color, gender, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, and national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial assistance, and athletic or other school-administered programs.

*Atlantic Shores Christian School is accredited by the  
Association of Christian Schools International and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.*



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