

ANN ARBOR ORTHODOX CLASSICAL ACADEMY 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICATION FOR NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Mission Statement

The mission of Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy (A2OCA) is to provide a classical education in an Orthodox Christian environment, in which we actively practice our faith, allowing students to grow to their full human and spiritual potential, with the ability to engage society as mature followers of Jesus Christ. We encourage all families who support our mission statement to apply to join our school family.

Application Fee and Enrollment Fee

There is a one-time application fee of \$50 for new students and an annual enrollment fee of \$30 for new and current students, due at the time of application submission and enrollment. Each fee is payable via FACTS, the independent agency through which parents/guardians can apply/enroll their child(ren) to A2OCA. These fees cover the cost of the FACTS services for the application and student enrollment and other annual administrative costs. These fees are non-refundable.

Please note, that the application and the enrollment fee is waived for families applying for admission to A2OCA in the 2021-2022 school year.

Tuition and Tuition Assistance

Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy is committed to offering an education that is financially accessible to all families who wish to make A2OCA a part of their and their children's lives. Current tuition is twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) per year, per child. Discounts are available for multiple children from the same family; 10% for the second child, 20% for the third and subsequent child. There may be the option of a half-day or half-time Pre-K program based on demand, and tuition for this program is six thousand dollars (\$6,500) per year, per child. Please check (✓) the box below if you intend to apply for tuition assistance, and you will be notified when the application is available for you to complete. **Please note that the tuition assistance application and assessment is managed by FACTS, which charges \$35 for this service and is due to the agency at the time of submitting your tuition assistance application.**

[] I intend to apply for tuition assistance and understand that the amount that my family qualifies for will be determined by an independent agency and based upon the needs of the family and the tuition assistance funds that are available during the school year being applied for.

Tuition Payments

To secure your child(ren)'s enrollment, the first month's tuition payment (\$1,000) is due by May 15th of the school year being applied for or in the case of enrollment after May 15th, this payment is due at the time of submission of the enrollment form. If paying this amount by check, please make checks payable to 'St. Vladimir Orthodox Church,' and in the memo indicate 'School tuition.' This fee is non-refundable after June 30th. **For our inaugural year there is a tuition discount of \$500 for each student whose completed application and supporting documents are submitted by the extended deadline of June 15th (including the first month's tuition payment), which will be applied to the student's account upon receipt of all documents.** If you intend to apply for tuition assistance, this amount will be deducted from the total tuition amount that your family qualifies for, and you will be responsible to pay the remaining balance, which will be divided equally among 11 monthly tuition payments, the first of which is due by June 30th and the remainder of which are due by the end of each calendar month thereafter (e.g., July 31st, August 31st, September 30th, etc.) and the final tuition payment for the school year is due by April 30th. For students who enroll past the first month of the school year, tuition is prorated and will be communicated accordingly. Paying tuition in full or

dividing payments into bi-annual or bi-monthly payments is also an option. If you experience difficulty in making a tuition payment, please reach out to us as soon as you are able to, so that we can work together to find a solution.

Additional Fees

Tuition Fees include the cost of books from Pre-K to 3rd Grade. Beginning in 4th Grade, there is a fee for consumable curriculum materials that parents/guardians are responsible for. In addition to tuition, additional fees include the cost of uniforms, field trips, private lessons, and before- or after-school care. More information about each of these additional fees will be communicated to parents/guardians as more information about them becomes available.

Eligibility for Enrollment

To be eligible for enrollment in Pre-K, a child must turn 4 years old on or before September 1st of the school year being applied for and must be potty-trained. To be eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten, a child must turn 5 years old on or before September 1st of the school year being applied for. A child who turns the age of eligibility (for either Pre-K or Kindergarten) between September 2nd and December 1st (inclusive) may, also, be eligible for enrollment if parents/guardians complete and submit the Application for Early Admission to Pre-K and Kindergarten - Waiver Form.

Pre-K Program

Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy seeks to garner from parents/guardians their interest in each of the following Pre-K program options, so that it can develop a Pre-K program that meets the needs of most families. If you wish to enroll your child in the Pre-K program, please indicate which of the following programs interest you (please select all options that work for your family by numbering your choices in the order of your preference; e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4).

Full-day (8:30-3:30, 5 days/week)

Half-time, full-day (10-day schedule, meeting on alternating days, total of 5 full days over two school weeks)

Half-day, every day (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

Half-day, every day (12:30-3:30 p.m.)

3rd and 4th Grade

In our inaugural year, we will offer Pre-K to 2nd Grade. The availability of 3rd and 4th grade will be based upon whether we have a sufficient number of enrolled students (3 students for each grade for a mixed-grade class or 6 students per grade for a single-grade class). If you wish to enroll your child(ren) for 3rd or 4th grade, please indicate so here, while also completing and submitting the application form and supporting documents. You do not need to submit the first month's tuition payment (\$1,000) until you receive notification from the school (by June 30th, 2021) that these grades will be offered for the 2021-2022 school year, in which case the first month's tuition payment will be due by July 15th, 2021.

I understand that the availability of 3rd and 4th Grade for the 2021-2022 school year is not guaranteed and depends on A2OCA reaching minimum enrollment numbers. I wish for my child(ren) to enroll in:

3rd Grade

4th Grade

Statement of Inclusion

Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Due to staffing, funding, and facility limitations, the school may not be in the position to adequately provide the necessary learning supports to some students with special learning needs.

Privacy Statement

We respect the privacy of all our families. Any personal information that you provide to A2OCA is important and will not be shared with any unauthorized persons. Electronic copies of this information are stored securely for administrative use throughout the duration of your child(ren)'s enrollment at A2OCA. We are committed to protecting your information in all areas of communication.

Application Submission

The application period is open until we reach full enrollment. One application is required per family. For the enrollment of multiple children, please print out and complete page 5 per student. Kindly fill out the information in this application as accurately as possible and to the best of your knowledge. Missing information may delay the processing of your application and inaccurate information may be grounds for rejection of an application or dismissal of a student. Applications are considered complete when submitted with supporting documentation (as outlined in the 'Supporting Documentation' section) and when all sections are filled in appropriately and accurately. Please indicate a 'N/A' for sections that do not apply to your situation. You are responsible to ensure your application is complete and accurate prior to its submission. Upon your child's admission to A2OCA, you will be notified if there are any additional forms that need to be completed and submitted. Completed applications, along with supporting documentation, may be scanned and e-mailed to us at info@a2oca.org or can be mailed to:

Administration Office
Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy
9900 Jackson Road
Dexter, MI 48130

Interview and Entrance Assessment

Once the application form and supporting documents have been received and reviewed by A2OCA administration, your family will be invited to attend an interview at A2OCA. At the interview we will discuss your application and ask other questions to better get to know your family and your student(s), both academically and spiritually. You will, also, have the opportunity to ask us any questions that you may have about the school. At a later date, your student(s) will be invited to complete an entrance assessment to determine the student's readiness for the curriculum.

Supporting Documentation

An original or color photocopy of each of the following documents is required in order for your application to be considered complete. Please check (✓) to confirm the inclusion of each document in your application, if applicable. Kindly note that missing documentation may delay the processing of your application.

- Page 5 filled-in for each child being applied for
- A recent photograph of each child being applied for, as well as a recent family photograph
- Last two years of final report cards, with teacher comments (for each child being applied for, entering 1st Grade and beyond)
- Current report card, with teacher comments (for each child being applied for, if applicable, if enrollment takes place in January or afterwards in a given school year)
- Most recent standardized test scores (for each child being applied for, if applicable)
- Copy of psychological reports, testing or curriculum modifications (for each child being applied for, if applicable)
- Individualized education plans (for each child being applied for, if applicable)
- Copy of current immunization records or exemption waiver (for each child being applied for)
- Early Admission/Age Waiver (if applicable; for each child being enrolled in Pre-K or Kindergarten who turns the age of eligibility between September 2nd and December 1st, inclusive)

Other Documentation

Upon a student's acceptance to A2OCA, parents/guardians will be asked to provide additional documentation, such as the signed tuition contract, the student's birth certificate and baptismal certificate, as well as a health appraisal form from the student's physician and parents. Additionally, parents/guardians will be asked to submit a records request form for each student to allow A2OCA to access the student's official file from his or her previous school (if applicable). Details about the submission of these additional documents will be communicated with parents/guardians accordingly.

We thank you for your interest in Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy, and we look forward to the opportunity to work together with you to support your child(ren)'s educational journey.

Student Information

*** please print out and complete this page for each child being applied for**

Student's Full Name: _____
Last First Middle Preferred Name

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ School Year applying for: _____ Grade Applying for: _____
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Current Grade in School: _____ Preferred Daytime Phone: _____ Current school: _____

Other schools attended (beginning with kindergarten):

Name Address City State

Name Address City State

Student is changing schools: Voluntarily Involuntarily (please explain):

Describe your child to us. Please comment on your child's personality, interests, and favorite activities apart from school.

Describe your child's academic interests, homework habits, and work ethic.

Has your child ever repeated a grade? No Yes (please explain):

Has your child ever been expelled or suspended? No Yes (please explain):

Has your child ever been tested for a learning difference or been placed on an Individual Educational Plan (IEP)? No Yes (please attach a copy of test results and IEP and please explain):

Describe how your child usually responds to parental discipline.

Is there anything else that we should be aware of to help us know your child better and/or to support his or her learning needs?

Student's Medical History

Give a brief medical history of the student, identifying any allergies, serious illnesses, and injuries of which the school should be made aware. List any emotional or medical treatments or physical impairments that may affect the student's activities. Please, also, include with this application a health appraisal from you and your student's physician.

Family Information

Father/Male Guardian's Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Other (please specify): _____

Employer: _____ Email Address: _____

Mother/Female Guardian's Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Other (please specify): _____

Employer: _____ Email Address: _____

List other children under 18 years of age living with the family.

Name Grade School Attending

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Students reside with (circle all that apply): Father Mother Grandparents Step-Parent Guardian

*** Please include copies of custody papers with your application form (if applicable).**

Mail should be addressed to: Mr./Mrs./Ms./Rev./Dr./Drs.: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How did you first learn about Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy (please check all that apply)?

Parish Newspaper Facebook

Other (please specify): _____

Referral by an A2OCA family (please list name): _____

Please attach a recent photograph of each child being applied for, as well as a recent photograph of your family.

Parent/Guardian Questionnaire

Please describe your primary reasons for seeking admission for your child(ren) to Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy.

In what ways do you believe parents/guardians should participate in the education and school life of their child(ren)?

In what ways do you incorporate your faith in your family's daily activities?

Thinking ahead to your child(ren)'s graduation from Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy, what are your expectations for how your child(ren)'s educational journey at A2OCA played an influential role in their development?

Church Affiliation

Father/Male Guardian:

Name of Church and Jurisdiction	Member in good standing? (Y) (N)	Name(s) of Pastor(s)
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Mother/Female Guardian:

Name of Church and Jurisdiction	Member in good standing? (Y) (N)	Name(s) of Pastor(s)
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Student 1 (include name):

Name of Church and Jurisdiction	Member in good standing? (Y) (N)	Name(s) of Pastor(s)
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Student 2 (include name):

Name of Church and Jurisdiction	Member in good standing? (Y) (N)	Name(s) of Pastor(s)
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Student 3 (include name):

Name of Church and Jurisdiction	Member in good standing? (Y) (N)	Name(s) of Pastor(s)
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Student 4 (include name):

Name of Church and Jurisdiction	Member in good standing? (Y) (N)	Name(s) of Pastor(s)
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Student 5 (include name):

Name of Church and Jurisdiction	Member in good standing? (Y) (N)	Name(s) of Pastor(s)
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Student 6 (include name):

Name of Church and Jurisdiction	Member in good standing? (Y) (N)	Name(s) of Pastor(s)
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Statement of Experience and Faith in the Orthodox Church

In order to fulfill the mission of Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy, it is important (although not necessary) that at least one parent/guardian has been Baptized into the Orthodox Christian faith. In the space below, please share briefly your experience with the Orthodox Church, as well as your faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Who is the Head of the Orthodox Church.

Father/Male Guardian:

Mother/Female Guardian:

A2OCA Agreement

Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy endeavors to partner with Christian families in the education of their children. We invite parents/guardians to work together with A2OCA and support these efforts through the following agreement. Those of other faith traditions are welcome. It is important to be clear, however, that all students, regardless of their faith, are required to participate in religious instruction and chapel programs.

1. I agree to support my child(ren)'s learning in the Orthodox Christian faith, which is an integral part of the school's curriculum, as well as:
 - for my child(ren) to take part in A2OCA church services and in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Orthodox Church;
 - to pray earnestly for one another, the school and staff, and A2OCA families; and
 - to build a strong, Christian community by peacefully resolving conflict through prayer, respect, and Christ-like love for one another.
2. I agree to support A2OCA's mission and financial sustainability and will, therefore:
 - seek to foster positive relationships among all members of the school community;
 - support A2OCA fundraising efforts;
 - support the school's long-term sustainability by volunteering 20 hours per trimester or contributing a tax-deductible donation of \$1,000 per trimester; and
 - uphold the name of A2OCA and bear witness to Jesus Christ, both inside and outside of the community, through thought, word, and deed.

Applicant Agreement

I certify that the information given on this application is factual and true to the best of my knowledge and that I am in agreement with the mission and academic philosophy of Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy.

Full Name of parent/guardian who filled in application (print clearly)

Signature

Date

Full Name of parent/guardian who filled in application (print clearly)

Signature

Date