

Tupelo Christian Preparatory School



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APPLICATION FOR INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Leadership is essential for Tupelo Christian Preparatory School. We are grateful for teachers who are professionally qualified, who love and know children, and who by the pattern of their lives in the classroom exemplify Christ. We look forward to receiving your application.

Date of Application: _____ Date Available for an Interview: _____

Applying For: Full Time Part Time Referred By: _____

When Are You Available to Begin Work? _____

Send unmounted photo. Write on back: Name, Address

PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Social Security Number: _____ Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Drivers License number: _____ State: _____ Birth Date: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ How long have you lived at this address? _____

Marital Status: Married Divorced Single Engaged Separated Remarried Widower

Please attach explanation if divorced or remarried.

If married give spouse name: _____ Number of children: _____ Ages of children: _____

Other dependents: _____ Health: Excellent Good Fair

Do you smoke? Yes No Do you drink? Yes No

What is your attitude toward alcohol, tobacco, and other controlled substances so far as Christians are concerned?

Are you currently under contract for the ensuing year? Yes No

What was your most recent annual salary?

PRAXIS EXAMINATION

Praxis or GRE (Graduate Records Examination) scores are required for all applicants that have graduated from college within the last three years including those from states with reciprocity agreements. Praxis or GRE scores may be submitted after the application has been submitted.

Have you taken the Praxis? Yes No If yes, when: _____

Professional Knowledge Score: _____ Area Score: _____ If not, do you plan to take it?

Please attach a copy of your Praxis or GRE scores.

EDUCATION

College or University	City/State	Degree	Major	Dates Attended	Overall GPA

Copies of all College and / or University transcripts, both undergraduate and graduate, must be filed with your application or soon after it has been submitted.

List any other educational advantages that you have had including opportunities for travel.

List any books or articles that you have read recently that have helped you grow professionally.

STUDENT TEACHING

If student teaching was completed within the **last three years**, send us your college placement file and supply the following information:

School: _____ Grade/Subject: _____

Address: _____

Dates: From (M/D/Y): _____ To (M/D/Y): _____

Cooperating Teacher: _____ Telephone: _____

College Supervisor: _____ Telephone: _____

College/University Address: _____

School: _____ Grade/Subject: _____

Address: _____

Dates: From (M/D/Y): _____ To (M/D/Y): _____

Cooperating Teacher: _____ Telephone: _____

College Supervisor: _____ Telephone: _____

College/University Address: _____

TEACHING OR INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Beginning with your most recent position, list all teaching or instructional support experience for which you have been or are being paid. Please complete all information even if you include a resume.

Name of School: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Job Title/Grade(s) and/or Subject Taught: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

Name and title of supervisor: _____ May we contact? Yes No

Name of School: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Job Title/Grade(s) and/or Subject Taught: _____

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Name of School: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Job Title/Grade(s) and/or Subject Taught: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

Name and title of supervisor: _____ May we contact? Yes No

NON-TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Please list below your non-teaching work experience beginning with the most recent.

Employer: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Your position/title: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

Name and title of supervisor: _____ May we contact? Yes No

Employer: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Your position/title: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

Name and title of supervisor: _____ May we contact? Yes No

REFERENCES

List persons, such as former employers, pastors, supervisors, and instructors, who have first hand knowledge of your professional preparation and competence, and your spiritual maturity. A minimum of three references is requested.

Incomplete/inaccurate reference information (i.e., names, addresses, zip codes, phone numbers, etc.) may make it difficult for your application to be given further consideration.

Name: _____ Title: _____ School/Company: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____ School/Company: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____ School/Company: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

PERSONAL HISTORY

Do you have any physical condition or handicap that may limit your ability to perform the job for which you are applying? Yes No

If so, please describe:

Would you be willing to provide and submit to a criminal background check? Yes No

Have you been a victim of child abuse? Yes No

Have you ever been charged or convicted of domestic violence or a crime against a child (under 12) or minor (under 18)? Yes No

If so, please describe:

List all criminal charges that you have had filed against you that could have resulted in more than a 60 day imprisonment:

Has your teaching license or certificate ever been revoked? Yes No

List memberships, offices, and honors obtained in:

High School: _____

College: _____

List your hobbies and personal interests: _____

List periodicals you read regularly: _____

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

- 1) What are the main characteristics that distinguish a Christian school from a government school?
 - 2) What do you consider to be the proper classroom atmosphere for learning?
 - 3) What is your philosophy of discipline?
 - 4) What is your attitude toward physical punishment?
 - 5) What ministries have you had or are you presently involved in with children?
 - 6) Have you lead a child to Christ?
 - 7) What do you believe about the origin of the earth and mankind?
 - 8) Briefly describe your philosophy of Christian Education:
 - 9) Have you had any courses in the Christian Philosophy of Education? Yes No
 - 10) If so, where and when?
 - 11) If not, would you be willing to take such a course by correspondence or otherwise? Yes No
 - 12) Have you had other courses giving specific training for Christian Day Schools? Yes No
 - 13) List any conferences in which you have participated or seminars that you have led.
 - 14) Give a brief summary of your concept of submissiveness to those in authority over you?
 - 15) Describe how teacher evaluation has been helpful to you.
 - 16) Within the teaching process, what is the difference and give an example of that difference between:
 - a. Indoctrination and Inquiry
 - b. Dogma and discourse
 - c. Catechesis and challenge
 - 17) In what way(s) do you model for your students Christian attitudes toward family, church, social, and authority structures?
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Please list the textbooks with which you are familiar for the grade(s) for which you are applying:

List in order of priority what you consider to be the three most important objectives of Christian education:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

In the last year, what have you done to enhance your knowledge in any area that was not required or paid for by any employer, educational institution, or other person?

Why have you chosen education as a career?

What is your motive in seeking a position in a Christian school?

Indicate any goals you have established for your own educational growth and plans you have for meeting these goals:

What do you believe is the unique function of the Christian school program?

CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND

State your relationship with Jesus Christ. _____

How long have you known Christ as your Lord and Savior? _____

What is your denominational preference? _____

What is your local church affiliation? _____

Pastor's name: _____

Are you presently a member in good standing? Yes No Years? _____

In what church activities are you involved and with what degree of regularity? _____

Church Attendance: Weekly Regularly Seldom Never

Have you lead someone (child or adult) to Christ? Yes No

What other Christian service have you done since becoming a Christian? _____

What is your attitude toward working with those of other races and other denominational belief?

Describe your routine of personal Bible study and prayer.

What books have you read recently that has helped you spiritually?

Are you active in your church? Yes No In what capacity? _____

Do you believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God and infallible, our final authority in all matters of faith, conduct, and truth? Yes No

- 1) Give your own definition of a Christian:
- 2) What was your life like before receiving Christ?
- 3) How did you realize you needed Christ?
- 4) How did you receive Christ and become a Christian?
- 5) How is Christ helping you day by day?

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Tupelo Christian Preparatory School's (TCPS) Doctrinal Statement expresses its foundational life view and direction for the present and future and our understanding of the past.

We ask that you read over it and sign below.

1. We believe in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned, and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and, that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and, in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word and deed.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
7. We believe that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will personally return and set up His Kingdom wherein He will rule and reign in righteousness.
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God.
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the blessedness of the saved, and the retribution of the lost.
10. We, therefore, believe in:
 - a. The Deity, Virgin Birth, Vicarious Death, Physical Resurrection, Ascension and Personal Glory of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - b. The Personality, Deity, and Work of the Holy Spirit
 - c. The personality of Satan

- d. The Great Scriptural Doctrines of Sin, Salvation by Grace, Redemption, Regeneration, Justification by Faith, Prayer, Physical Resurrection, the Reward of Believers, and the Retribution of Unbelievers

I HAVE READ AND FULLY SUBSCRIBE TO AND SUPPORT THE STATEMENT OF FAITH OF TUPELO CHRISTIAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND PROMISE THAT WHEN I CAN NO LONGER DO SO, I WILL RESIGN MY POSITION OR WILL CONSIDER MY CONTRACT NULL AND VOID.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

STAFF COVENANT

I believe that a call to serve on the staff of Tupelo Christian Preparatory School is a call from God, and as such should not be accepted lightly or thoughtlessly, but earnestly and prayerfully, and that this position carries with it authority, responsibility and privileges. Thus to help develop and maintain the highest possible standards of administrative and teaching efficiency, I cheerfully and wholeheartedly subscribe to and enter into the following covenant:

1. I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and have received Him as my personal Savior, and desire Him to be the Lord of my Life.
2. Realizing my responsibility both to God and to the students, I pledge myself to a disciplined devotional life, seeking time daily for prayer and Bible study. I also pledge myself to holy living, maintaining a consistent Christian testimony, avoiding all appearance of evil, praying for those qualities of chastity and virtue which will make my life the best possible influence upon those I lead and which magnify the Lord.
3. As a Christian leader, I will seek every opportunity, in partnership with the family, to lead each unsaved student to Christ and to help those who are saved to grow in grace and understanding of God's Word and Will. I will diligently lead the students by word and example to godly use and stewardship of time, talent and treasure.
4. Realizing my responsibility, and the witness and example I am to my students, their parents, and my fellow workers, I will be regular in attendance at a Christ centered, biblically founded church. If for any reason my attendance becomes irregular, or I anticipate changing my membership or attendance to another church, I will bring this to the attention of the Headmaster.
5. I realize that my contract is dependent in part on my commitment to a local church.
6. Earnestly seeking that God may guide, bless and use me in the work of the school, I subscribe to the above standards and to the school's Doctrinal Statement, trusting in His grace for their fulfillment.

If you agree with the statements above, please sign below. If you do not agree on every point, please state your differences at the bottom of this page, or with an attachment.

Date

Signature

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT

I have made application for a position as a _____ with Tupelo Christian Preparatory School.

I understand that Tupelo Christian Preparatory School does not discriminate in its employment practices against any person because of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, age, or qualified disability.

I hereby certify that the facts set forth in this application process are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of any statement or a significant omission of fact may prevent me from being hired, or if hired, may subject me to immediate dismissal regardless of the time elapsed before discovery. If I am released under these circumstances, I further understand and agree that I will be paid and receive benefits only through the day of release.

I authorize Tupelo Christian Preparatory School to thoroughly interview the primary references which I have listed, any secondary references mentioned through interviews with primary references, or other individuals who know me and have knowledge regarding my testimony and work record.

I also authorize the school to thoroughly investigate my work records and evaluations, my educational preparation, and other matters related to my suitability for the position.

I authorize references and my former employers to disclose to the school any and all employment records, performance reviews, letters, reports, and other information related to my life and employment, without giving me prior notice of such disclosure.

In addition, I hereby release the school, my former employers, references, and all other parties from any and all claims, demands, or liabilities arising out of or in any way related to such investigation or disclosure.

I waive the right to ever personally view any references given to the school.

Since I will be working with children, I understand that I may be submitted to a fingerprint check by the FBI and possibly other federal and state authorities. I agree to fully cooperate in providing and recording as many sets of my fingerprints as are necessary for such an investigation.

I authorize the school to conduct a criminal records check.

I understand and agree that any offer of employment that I may receive from the school is conditioned upon the receipt of background information, including criminal background information.

The school may refuse employment or terminate conditional employment if the school deems any background information unfavorable or that it could reflect adversely on the school or on me as a Christian role model.

I understand that this is only an application for employment and that no employment contract is being offered at this time.

I agree that a photocopy or facsimile copy of this document and any signature shall be considered for all purposes as the original signed release on file.

I certify that I have carefully read and do understand the above statements.

Applicant's Name (Print): _____

Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Applicant's Social Security Number: _____

I waive the right to ever personally view any references given to Tupelo Christian Preparatory School.

I agree that a photocopy or facsimile copy of this document and any signature shall be considered for all purposes as the original signed release on file.

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DECLARATION OF MORAL INTEGRITY

Our school expects all of its employees and its volunteers with unsupervised access to children to model the same Christian values and lifestyle that it seeks to inculcate in its students. As an applicant for a ministry position as an employee or as a volunteer at this school,

I (print name) _____ recognize, understand, and agree to live by the Christian moral standards of the school.

I declare that during the past year I have not engaged in, at the current time I am not engaging in, and promise that I will not during the term of my employment or volunteering, engage in inappropriate sexual conduct. Inappropriate conduct includes, *but is not limited to*, such behaviors as the following: heterosexual activity outside of marriage (e.g., premarital sex, cohabitation, extramarital sex), homosexual or lesbian sexual activity, sexual harassment, use or viewing of pornographic material or websites, or sexual abuse or improprieties toward minors as defined by Scripture and federal or state law.

“Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex.” Hebrews 13:4 The Message

I declare that I do not use tobacco products of any nature and I do not drink alcoholic beverages or engage in the sale or distribution of those products.

I declare that the above statement is factual and true. My signature below indicates that I meet the moral integrity standards and Christian role model lifestyle requirements of this Christian school.

Applicant’s signature: _____

Date: _____

Administrator’s signature after discussion with applicant/volunteer: _____

Date: _____

“A pupil is not superior to his teacher, but every one [when he is] completely trained—readjusted, restored, set to rights, and perfected—will be like his teacher.” Luke 6:40 The Amplified Bible

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INSTRUCTIONAL REFERENCE FORM

I, _____ have filed my application for an instructional position at Tupelo Christian Preparatory School.

I have asked for assignment in _____ or in _____.

I shall appreciate it very much if you will fill in the blanks below and mail direct to Tupelo Christian Preparatory School.

Sincerely,

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

OFFICIAL CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

	SUPERIOR	STRONG	AVERAGE	FAIR	POOR
GENERAL APPEARANCE acceptable, attractive, neat					
PHYSICAL FITNESS free from chronic ailments					
PERSONALITY wholesome, pleasing					
SOCIAL QUALITIES evidence of social maturity					
ETHICS professional relationships					
EMOTIONAL STABILITY self-control, possesses spiritual convictions					
CITIZENSHIP community and personal standing					
VOICE pleasing and modulated					
USE OF ENGLISH acceptable in conversation and speech					
INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY alert, responsive, adequate					
ATTITUDE TOWARD CHILDREN recognizes the needs of children					
ADEQUACY OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING evidence of being up to date professionally					
SUCCESS AS AN INSTRUCTOR works to capacity with maximum results					
GENERAL RATING					

OVER

How long have you known the applicant?

In what capacity?

Has this applicant demonstrated a real commitment to Christian living both on and off campus? Is he/she a good role model for students?

List principal character and personality strengths.

Are there character or personality weaknesses that diminish this applicant's effectiveness as a role model?

Are there family factors that might help or hinder the applicant's success at this school?

Have you noted depth of convictions as demonstrated by honesty, fairness, respect for authority, diligence, compassion, tact, and other Christian virtues?

Do you consider the applicant a self-starter, willing to do extra tasks if needed?

EMPLOYER

How would you rank this person as compared to others you have supervised?

Top 5% Next 20% Middle 50% Low 25%

Would you employ the above applicant as an instructor? Yes No

COMMENTS: (If you prefer you may call me 1-662-844-8604)

SIGNATURE OF REFERENCE: _____

NAME OF REFERENCE: _____

TITLE OR POSITION: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE ZIP

AREA CODE PHONE