

Athlete Name: _____

Seffner Christian Academy

**Application for
Homeschool/Nontraditional
Athletic Participation**

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Philosophy of Homeschooling/Nontraditional Families in SCA Athletics

Seffner Christian Academy recognizes that the parents are ultimately responsible for the education of their children. As such, some parents will choose a program of home education that specifically meets the needs of their children. Seffner Christian Academy will seek to support home education families within the guidelines approved by the school board.

Only students in grades 6th-12th are eligible for SCA athletics.

In order for a student to try out for a team, the application process must be completed in the following steps.

1) Application Packet

Please submit all of these items to the athletics office
(aknox@scacrusaders.com) in one package, not separately.

- Application
- Enrollment Agreement
- Statement of Faith
- Signature Page from Athletic Handbook
- Birth Certificate (copy)
- Report Card (most recent copy)
- Medical Release Form (notarized)
- Reference Form
- \$50 non-refundable portion of the \$500 enrollment fee (**cash/check only**)

2) Interview

Upon receipt of the application packet, the athletic office will contact you within 3-5 business days to decline your application or schedule your interview with an athletic administrator. The athlete and at least one parent must attend the interview.

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Within 24 hours of the completed interview, you will be contacted to either proceed to the next step of the enrollment checklist or to be informed that we will not continue the process of enrolling your athlete in SCA Athletics. SCA reserves the right to accept or deny admission based on the information provided in the completed application packet and interview.

3) FHSAA Paperwork

FHSAA documentation, as required by the state of Florida, must be submitted before tryouts.

- EL 7/EL7V, EL12, or EL15 (correct form will be emailed to you)
- Athletic Clearance Account, created and completed (See instructions on sadersports.com. Click RESOURCES,)

Clearance with these forms may take up to 3-5 business days.

4) Tryouts

Once FHSAA paperwork has been cleared, you will receive an email communication with verification that the homeschool athlete is permitted to try out for his/her sport; the coach of that sport will also receive this verification. No athlete may begin participation without this confirmation email. _____ (initial here)

5) Enrollment Fee

Upon being placed on a team, the remaining \$450 of the enrollment fee must be paid to the athletic office (not coaches) before the homeschool athlete may practice/participate with the team. _____ (initial here)

6) Sports Fee

Upon being placed on a team, the fee for that sport and its player pack (up to \$100) must be paid within 15 days of the acceptance date (**cash/check only**). Fees per sport:

Football- \$600 Varsity team; \$400 MS team (6th-8th grades)

All other Varsity teams- \$150.00

All other MS (6th-8th grades) teams- \$100

Seffner Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, and activities made available to students of the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, athletics, or any other school-administered programs.

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Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature

Date

STUDENT

Name _____ Current Grade: _____ Date of Application _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Age as of Sept. 1st _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____ Who does the student reside with? () Mother () Father
() Step-Mother () Step-Father () Grandparents () Other

FAMILY

1. Natural Father's Name _____ Cell Number: _____

Marital Status: () Married () Widowed () Separated () Divorced () Remarried () Single

Pick-Up Allowed? () Yes () No

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Employer _____ Phone: _____

Church _____ Pastor _____

Attend Regularly? () Yes () No

2. Natural Mother's Name _____ Cell Number: _____

Marital Status: () Married () Widowed () Separated () Divorced () Remarried () Single

Pick-Up Allowed? () Yes () No

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Employer _____ Phone: _____

Church _____ Pastor _____

Attend Regularly? () Yes () No

3. Who has legal custody of the child for whom this application is made?

A current copy of any legal documents must be kept on file in the office. It is the sole responsibility of the parent to provide the school with any changes or updated legal documents.

4. Name of person responsible for fees: _____

Credit card to be kept on file in case of unreturned uniforms/equipment or delinquent fees: Name on card: _____

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Card number

exp

crv

zip code

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

List below all schools your child has attended (include home schooling).

Name of School	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	Dates Attended (Month/Year)

Reason for leaving last school: _____

Has any grade been repeated? _____ If yes, list: _____

Reason _____

Has applicant had any discipline problems or been suspended or expelled? _____

If yes, explain: _____

Has the applicant ever been arrested? _____ If yes, explain: _____

Does applicant have any physical, emotional, or mental problems or handicaps that may affect activities? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Has the applicant ever taken any type of psychiatric, psychological, or educational testing other than the regularly administered school achievement tests? _____ If yes, explain: _____

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Has the applicant ever been seen by a psychologist or psychiatrist? _____ If yes, explain: _____

PARENT: Please state clearly why you want your child to participate in Seffner Christian Academy's athletic program.

ATHLETE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please state why you wish to participate in Seffner Christian Academy's athletic program.

If you died today, do you know where you would spend eternity? Explain.

Write a paragraph about how you make decisions regarding clothes, movies, music, T.V., and friends.

What sports are interested in playing at SCA? _____

STUDENT AND FAMILY COMMITMENT

Purpose Statement:

Seffner Christian Academy is a school dedicated to the glory of God. It is in existence to help you grow spiritually, emotionally, physically, and academically. We believe that the biblical writer was correct when he said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

In a very brief manner, let's look at some of the stated purposes of Seffner Christian Academy:

1. To teach that God is the creator and sustainer of the universe, and that the Lord Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God who came to earth to die for your sins.
2. To teach that God has spoken to us through the Bible, the only infallible Word of God, and to teach you how to study it, understand it, and apply its principles to every part of your daily life.
3. To inspire and motivate you toward a total personal commitment to Jesus Christ so that you might live by and believe personally His Good News, allowing Him to change and shape you.
4. To help you love, obey, respect and help others, as God desires you to look at life from His point of view.
5. To develop within you the ability to assume responsibility for the tasks that have been given you to do, and to be responsible in the way you behave and treat others.
6. To develop your mental abilities for they are given to you by God so that you may take your place in society as a mature, competent, alert, and well-trained person.
7. To help you grow as a thankful and responsible citizen of the country in which God has placed you, to understand our American heritage in order that you may better understand and appreciate the other cultures and peoples of the world.

As a Christian school, we are committed to the teachings of the Bible, and we are persuaded that there should be a direct relationship between what a Christian athlete believes and how he/she behaves. Seffner Christian Academy athletes must commit themselves to:

Abstain from involvement with tobacco, drugs, alcohol, sexual immorality, and profane language on or off campus, and submit without reservation to the authority of your parents, coaches, and school officials as given to them by the Lord. This is a committed lifestyle, not just during school

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hours, but twenty-four hours per day. Violations are considered as breaking a firm commitment that each athlete makes when voluntarily choosing to participate in SCA Athletics. Participation in drugs, alcohol and/or sexual immorality, on or off campus, will lead to immediate dismissal from all teams at Seffner Christian Academy. As a member of Seffner Christian Academy, you will be expected to exert a positive influence in your social relationships and to be a responsible member of the Seffner Christian Academy community.

Lifestyle Statement

Seffner Christian Academy is a Christian institution providing an education in a distinct Christian environment. We believe that its Biblical role is to work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christ-like. On those occasions in which the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home is counter to or in opposition to the Biblical lifestyle that the school teaches, the school reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission of an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of an athlete. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, living in, condoning, or supporting sexual immorality; practicing homosexual lifestyle or alternative gender identity; promoting such practices; or otherwise having the inability to support the moral principles of the school. (Leviticus 20:13a, Romans 1:27, Matthew 19:4-6)

I have read the purpose statement and lifestyle statement of Seffner Christian Academy and choose to faithfully abide by the school's policies that govern these areas.

_____ Parent Printed Name	_____ Parent Signature	_____ Date
_____ Athlete Printed Name	_____ Athlete Signature	_____ Date

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POLICY INFORMATION

APPEARANCE POLICY

- Male Athletes:
 - Hair must not touch the eyebrows, cover the eyes, or overlap the collar.
 - Face must be clean-shaven. Sideburns must not come past the bottom of the ear.
 - Earrings may not be worn on school grounds, to any school events, or any time that an athlete is representing SCA in any capacity (banquets, home/away games, graduation, practices, workouts, before school, after school tournaments, etc.).
- Female Athletes:
 - Dress in accordance with dress code policies in regards to length of shorts/shirts, banquet attire, and practice guidelines on school grounds, to any school events, or any time that an athlete is representing SCA in any capacity (banquets, home/away games, graduation, practices, workouts, before school, after school, tournaments, etc.).
- All Athletes:
 - Hair must be a natural color.
 - Body piercings or tattoos are not permitted. Any existing tattoos must be covered at all times at any school related event.

Failure to comply with appearance policies could result in removal from practice, games, teams, or special occasions (ie. banquets). (initial here)

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

- Teams will travel to all games on school transportation (unless this is unavailable).
- Homeschool students are expected to ride to all games with the team.
- Homeschool students are not permitted to transport other students in their vehicles.

CHAPEL POLICY

- Athletes in grades 7-12 must commit to attend weekly Chapel services during the season in which they participate. Chapel is Tuesday morning 9:25-10:10. Check-in up to 20 minutes prior at the main gate on campus. Tardiness and absences will result in

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game and practice suspensions and/or removal from the team. _____ (initial here)

FINANCIAL POLICY

Cash/Check only

Initial after each item

- \$50 non-refundable enrollment fee submitted with application packet _____
- Remaining balance of \$450 paid immediately upon placement on a team _____
- Sport fee submitted within 15 days of placement on a team _____
 - Football- JV/V \$600; MS (6th-8th grades) \$400 _____
 - All other JV/V sports - \$150 _____
 - All other MS sports - \$100 _____
 - Player Pack fee up to \$100 _____
- Late charge of \$35 for sport fees for not being paid by due date _____
- Suspension from sport for fee not being paid by due date _____

I have read the above appearance, transportation, chapel, and financial policies and agree to abide by these policies. I understand that failure to abide by these policies can cause my athlete to be suspended and/ or dismissed from the team.

Parent Printed Name	Parent Signature	Date
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Athlete Printed Name	Athlete Signature	Date
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MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

To: Emergency Personnel

I hereby give my consent to any emergency medical personnel to administer necessary treatment to my child, _____, in the event of an emergency at which time I cannot be reached. I give consent to transport by ambulance if the situation warrants it.

I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in any and all sports and all extra-curricular activities. I waive, release, absolve, and hold blameless First Free Will Baptist Church and Seffner Christian Academy and their administrators, teachers, supervisors, physical education directors, managers, persons transporting my child to and from school activities and other participants, from any claim arising out of an injury or sickness to my child.

I authorize the personnel at Seffner Christian Academy to administer first aid to my child in the event of their involvement in an accident, injury or sickness.

THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED

State of Florida _____ County of Hillsborough DRIVERS LICENSE # _____
On the _____ day of _____, 20____, before me came _____,
to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the same.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

Child's Doctor _____ Office Phone _____
Insurance Name _____ Policy # _____
Hospital Preference _____

PICK-UP/EMERGENCY LIST: Please list the people who are allowed to pick up your child from Seffner Christian Academy AND can be contacted in case of an emergency. It is the sole responsibility of the parent to notify the school of any changes to this list.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Cell #: _____ Other # _____
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Name: _____ Relationship: _____
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Medical History:

Previous hospitalization? () No () Yes- If yes, why? _____ Is child allergic to anything? () No () Yes - If yes, what? _____ Any previous diseases or illness? () No () Yes- -If yes, what? _____ Is the child under the care of a doctor? () No () Yes -If yes, for what reason? _____
Does child take any prescribed medications on a daily basis? () No () Yes- If yes, please list below:

NOTICE: No medication will be dispensed without a written prescription (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin, etc) Any history of convulsions? () No () Yes- If yes, please explain. _____ Are there any special instructions that we should know about? () No () Yes- If yes, please list. _____

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HOMESCHOOL/NONTRADITIONAL ATHLETE ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

So that each parent and athlete understands school and athletic policies, we ask that you read the following information, **initial next to each statement**, and sign this form indicating your agreement and understanding of the policies set forth.

1. _____ Students are to show respect in relation to and in speaking with SCA employees.
2. _____ The use of profanity, tobacco, nicotine, alcoholic beverages, illegal or unauthorized drugs on campus or off campus, at any time, are serious violations of the standards of Seffner Christian Academy and may lead to suspension or dismissal from the team. On campus, drug and nicotine testing of athletes may be conducted at any time and for any reason.
3. _____ Athletes are not allowed to leave the school grounds during activity hours without permission from parents and proper school authorities.
4. _____ The School is not responsible for the loss of personal property, whether the loss occurs by theft or other cause.
5. _____ Seffner Christian Academy reserves the right of dismissal of any student who persistently and willfully neglects his athletic commitment, missed chapel, exercises poor citizenship, reflects adversely on the Christian principles of the school, or generally fails to cooperate with coaches or administration. He or she may be indefinitely expelled.
6. _____ Any student known to deface or destroy school property will be assessed the full cost of repairs and be subject to possible disciplinary action, including dismissal from the team.
7. _____ It is the sole responsibility of the parent to provide the athletic office with updated records and legal documents (including custody arrangements).
8. _____ Seffner Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships, athletic, and other school administrative programs.
9. _____ An athletic handbook will be furnished to each student and family via the athletic website. As parents, and students, we agree to read and adhere to the policies and guidelines set forth in the athletic handbook.
10. _____ Any form of homosexuality (including self-identification), lesbianism, bisexuality, transgender lifestyle/identity, fornication or pornography is a violation of the standards of SCA and will lead to dismissal from the team or non-admittance.
11. _____ As parents, we agree that Seffner Christian Academy may use my child's picture in its promotional and periodical literature for athletic and social media use.
12. _____ I agree to the financial policies of an SCA Homeschool Athlete, and I understand that payments for Homeschool Enrollment and Team Fees must be paid on time. Should my fees not be paid on time, I will be charged a late fee of \$35. If my payment is past due, my child will be removed from the team until my account is made current.
13. _____ My child is permitted to take part in all sport activities related to the team, and I absolve the school and church from liability to me or my child in case of accident or injury to my child while on campus or during any school sponsored event. I am aware that my athlete reports all sports-related medical concerns to the Athletic Trainer.
14. _____ As parents, we sincerely pledge our loyalty to the aims and ideals of the school and athletic program.
15. _____ As parents, we hereby invest authority in the athletic department, coaches, and administration concerning the discipline of our child as necessary. We further agree that we will support the faculty and administration in discipline at home as needed.
16. _____ As parents, we agree, in accordance with the principle of Matthew 18:15-17, to bring any and all questions and criticisms to the person most directly involved. If we have a question about a specific athletic action or procedure, we will contact the appropriate coach. If a satisfactory conclusion is not reached, we will then contact the appropriate athletic administrator.
17. _____ I agree to comply with and support the spiritual, moral, dress, and disciplinary standards and policies of the school and further agree that the school has full discretion in the discipline of my child while under school supervision.
18. _____ I understand that if I, or any agent acting in my behalf or on behalf of my child, brings any legal action against the school, athletic program, or its agents and such legal action is found in favor of the school or its agents, I will be

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responsible to pay all legal fees and other expenses related to such action. All disputes shall be settled in binding arbitration.

19. _____ SCA reserves the right with or without cause to search lockers, backpacks, cellphones, devices, and vehicles while on school grounds or school related functions off campus.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

- A. There is one God eternally existing in three persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).
- B. The Bible is the Word of God, verbally inspired, infallible and inerrant in all that it says (II Timothy 3:16, I Thessalonians 2:13).
- C. The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God (John 1:1), fully man (John 1:14), born of a virgin (Matthew 1:23), lived a sinless life (Hebrews 4:15), performed miracles (John 4:29), shed His blood and died a substitutionary death (Hebrews 10:10,12,19), arose bodily from the dead (I Corinthians 15:12-20), ascended to and sits in glory at the Father's right hand (Hebrews 1:3) and is to return for His own (John 14:3).
- D. Man is by nature and practice a sinner, separated from God and can become God's child only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His work of redemption on Calvary (Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 2:23, Ephesians 2:8,9 and Romans 10:9,10).
- E. Those who are born into God's family have eternal life and those who are not remain in spiritual death and will be separated from God forever in hell (John 3:18,36, Matthew 25:46).
- F. The Holy Spirit lives in the believer and enables the child of God to walk in purity of life and submission to the will of God (Ephesians 1:13,14 Galatians 2:22,23).
- G. All believers are united together by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ for the purpose of causing the growth of the body and building itself up in love (I Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 4:16).
- H. The triune God created from nothing all that is in the span of six days (Genesis 1).
- I. The ministry of the local church is God's established instrument for carrying out the Great Commission. The body of Christ, the church, is composed of all born again believers who have by faith accepted Christ as Lord.
- J. The Bible is part of our daily curriculum. This Statement constitutes the doctrinal boundaries wherein we take a firm stand.
- The original King James Version of the Bible will be used in all teaching and Bible memory activities.
- K. Human Sexuality. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged outside of a marriage between a man and woman (Hebrews 13:4 and I Corinthians 7:1-4). We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, self-identification, bisexuality, transgender identity/lifestyle, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful in the sight of God and the church (Genesis 2:24, Leviticus 18:1-30, Romans 1:26-29, I Corinthians 5:1 and 6:9, I Thessalonians 4:2-7). We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman by mutual covenant (Genesis 2:24, Romans 7:2). We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God (Galatians 3:28), but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and woman in the home and the church (Colossians 3:18, I Timothy 2:8-15). The husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be leaders (pastors and deacons) of the church (I Timothy 3:4-5, 12). Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church.
- L. Abortion. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion

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constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of an unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well being of the mother are acceptable (Job 3:16, Psalm 51:5 and 139:13-16, Isaiah 44:24 and 49:1,5; Jeremiah 1:5, 20:15-18, Luke 1:44

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

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ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION REFERENCE FORM

This form must be completed by a non-family member. Preferably a Sunday school teacher, youth group worker, employer, or coach.

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____ Grade: _____

For each section, mark the description that best fits the athlete.

Obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> Responds well to authority <input type="checkbox"/> Unpredictable <input type="checkbox"/> Defiant
Emotional	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually well-controlled <input type="checkbox"/> Excitable; moody; upsets others <input type="checkbox"/> Apathetic; irresponsible
Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Dependable worker <input type="checkbox"/> Works just enough to get by
Socialability	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to spend time with others <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to be solitary <input type="checkbox"/> Has difficulty relating to others <input type="checkbox"/> Tends to be bossy, argumentative <input type="checkbox"/> Talkative; tends to disrupt
Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Unusually high maturity <input type="checkbox"/> Average common sense <input type="checkbox"/> Immature
Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent; volunteers for tasks <input type="checkbox"/> Usually accepts when asked <input type="checkbox"/> Often irresponsible
Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Eagerly seeks to involve themselves <input type="checkbox"/> Must be contacted to encourage their involvement <input type="checkbox"/> Always cooperative and supportive <input type="checkbox"/> Often defensive and unsupportive <input type="checkbox"/> Have remained uninvolved

I recommend this applicant for character and personal promise:

☐ Enthusiastically ☐ Strongly ☐ Fairly Strongly ☐ Without Enthusiasm ☐ Not Recommended

Name: _____ Title: _____

Contact information: _____

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Reference forms may be returned to aknox@scacrusaders.com or via mail to 11605 Hwy 92 East Seffner, FL 33584 - Attention: Athletic Department.

SCA HOMESCHOOL/NONTRADITIONAL ATHLETIC ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

Step 1- Application Packet

- ☐ Application
- ☐ Enrollment Agreement
- ☐ Statement of Faith
- ☐ Signature Page from Athletic Handbook
- ☐ Birth Certificate
- ☐ Report Card
- ☐ Medical Release Form
- ☐ Reference Form
- ☐ \$50 non-refundable portion of the \$500 enrollment fee (**cash/check only**)

Step 2- Interview

- ☐ Interview with SCA Athletic Office
- ☐ Permission via email from SCA to proceed with enrollment

Step 3- FHSA Paperwork

- ☐ Submit to SCA Athletic Office EL 7/EL7V, EL12 or EL15
- ☐ Submit to SCA Athletic Office GA4 if applicable (10th-12th only)
- ☐ Create and Complete Athletic Clearance Account

Step 4- Tryout

- ☐ Receive verification email from the SCA Athletic Office to participate in tryouts

Step 5- Enrollment Fee

- ☐ Upon being placed on a team, pay the remaining \$450 balance of the enrollment fee before continuing in the SCA athletic program (**cash or check**)

Step 6- Sports Fee

- ☐ Pay the team sport fee within 15 days of the roster to continue in the SCA athletic program (**cash or check**)