



OKLAHOMA STATE
DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The State Department of Education

FROM: Stacy Eden

DATE: August 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

Grace Academy request approval to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program. They are accredited through Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS) and recognized by the Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission charged by the Oklahoma State Department of Education with overseeing educational quality of accredited private schools in the state.

Grace Academy has been in operation since 2019. They offer small class sizes (10-12 students per teacher) that allow for individualized attention, including 1-on-1 instruction when needed, creating a calmer environment for students with attention disorders. Each student is assessed through diagnostic testing, and remedial curriculum is provided based on results to support individualized education. The school also provides 1-on-1 intervention outside the classroom for additional support, and for students requiring more assistance, a full-time paraprofessional may be assigned to help with academics. Additionally, the school partners with a local hospital to provide Occupational and Speech Therapy for students in need.

Included is compliance documentation that meets certain criteria in the application.

- Criteria 1: Fiscal Soundness – CPA Letter
- Criteria 2: Non-Discrimination – Operating Policy Manual
- Criteria 3: Teacher Requirement – Operating Policy Manual
- Criteria 4: Accreditation – ACTS Certificate

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LINDSEY NICOLE HENRY SCHOLARSHIP PRIVATE SCHOOL APPLICATION

Grace Academy

K4-12th

NAME OF PRIVATE SCHOOL

GRADE LEVELS

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PRIVATE SCHOOL CONTACT FOR LNH

CONTACT EMAIL

The Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship Act requires participating schools to be physical, brick-and-mortar institutions in Oklahoma and meet certain approval criteria. Schools must provide documentation to show they comply, which will be reviewed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE). This documentation is often found in the school’s policies or handbook. Please prepare a PDF for each item listed below to email with your application.

The OSDE will approve a private school for the scholarship program if it meets the following criteria:

1. The private school must demonstrate fiscal soundness by having been in operation for one (1) year or providing the OSDE with a statement by a certified public accountant confirming that the private school is insured and the owner or owners have sufficient capital or credit to operate the school for the upcoming year by serving the number of students anticipated with expected revenues from tuition and other sources that may be reasonably expected. In lieu of a statement, a surety bond or letter of credit for the amount equal to the scholarship funds for any quarter may be filed with the Oklahoma State Department of Education. ***Proof of compliance required. Save in a PDF, and label it Criteria 1.***
2. The private school must comply with the antidiscrimination provision of 42 U.S.C. § 2000d. ***Proof of compliance required. Save in a PDF, and label it Criteria 2.***
3. The private school must employ or contract with teachers who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees, or have at least three (3) years of teaching experience in public instruction in subjects taught. ***Proof of compliance required. A statement or excerpt from the school polices or handbook stating the educational requirement for the teaching staff is acceptable documentation. Save in a PDF, and label it Criteria 3.***

4. The private school must meet the accreditation requirements set by the SDE or another accrediting association approved by the OSDE. ***Please type the name of your accrediting agency in the box below. Save the accreditation approval letter or certificate as a PDF, and label it Criteria 4.***

Association of Christian Schools and Teachers (ACTS)

5. The private school must be able to provide services and/or accommodations for students with disabilities. ***Please describe in detail the services, programs and support you offer to students with disabilities in the box below.***

Grace Academy provides small classroom sizes(10-12 Student:1 teacher ratio) allowing for sufficient small group time as well as 1-on-1 instruction from the teacher if necessary. This also provides a calmer learning enviroment for those with attention disorders.

The school diagnostic tests each student and provides remedial curriculum based upon the results for an individualized education.

The school provides 1-on-1 intervention outisde the classroom for those students who need additonal assistance.

For students requiring it, a full-time paraprofessional is placed with the student and used for academic learning while still participating in extra-curricular activities with their class.

The school has a contract with the local hospital and provides Occupational and Speech Therapy for those students needing it.

I verify that Grace Academy _____ complies with all the criteria listed
NAME OF PRIVATE SCHOOL

above and will provide documentation for each as proof. The information I have provided to the OSDE is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.


SIGNATURE

8-19-2025

DATE

How to Submit the Private School Application to participate in the LNH Scholarship

1. Save each criterion as an individual PDF, labeling them as "Criteria 1," "Criteria 2," and so on.
2. Email the complete application, along with all required PDF attachments to stacy.eden@sde.ok.gov. You may also contact Stacy at (405) 521-4876.

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Date: August 29, 2023

Kyle Jordan, Pastor & Administrator
The Board of Directors
Grace Academy
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I have reviewed the accompanying financial statement of Grace Academy as of December 31, 2022, and the related check register of the operations. Year-end W2 and W3 have also been reviewed.

Special attention has been made to the financial separation of the School and Church. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of School and Church management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair representation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair representation of the financial statements.

My responsibility is to conduct reviews in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. I believe the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for the report.

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statement in order management to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Paul Ko, CPA

Independent Reviewer

Statement of Nondiscrimination

Grace Academy admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. In addition, Grace Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color and national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, sponsorships/fees/waivers/educational programs and athletic/extra-curricular activities. Grace Academy does reserve the right to not admit students that we feel we are unable to meet their special educational needs.

This nondiscriminatory Policy of Grace Academy also includes the hiring of faculty or administrative staff.

Professional Qualifications for Certification and Appointment

1. Teachers must have and maintain a valid ACTS certificate.
2. The required course-work in the subject matter.
3. Evidence of good teaching ability.
4. Acceptable personal references.
5. An experiential knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
6. Dedication to the ministry of Christian teaching.

Certificate of Accreditation



Awarded to:

Grace Academy

211 Sunrise Street, Idabel, Oklahoma 74745

Grades: Kindergarten through 12th

Based on recommendation through peer evaluation and affirmation of the ACTS Accreditation Commission, the status of

Accredited with Merit

has been granted for successful completion of and alignment with the expectations for accreditation

Evaluation for re-accreditation is to be completed prior to date of expiration.

February 19, 2025

Date of Accreditation

June 30, 2031

Date of Expiration



Steve Lindquist, Chief Operations Officer



ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN
TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS



Ike Stokes, Chair, Accreditation Commission