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PHOENIX CHRISTIAN JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Phoenix Christian High School is located in the heart of Phoenix, the capital of Arizona. Over 1.3 million people live in the Phoenix metropolitan area, which provides many cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities. Students at Phoenix Christian enjoy a secure environment in which they can develop their academic potential and establish long-lasting friendships. The school's enrollment for 2011-2012 is 224 for grades 9-12 and 95 for grades 6-8. Founded in 1912, Phoenix Christian has consistently maintained its Christian perspective and its standard of academic excellence. Over 90% of our seniors go on to attend colleges and universities. Through the nationally recognized Advanced Placement program, many students earn college credit while in high school. Phoenix Christian also has an impressive history of National Merit scholars. The International Student Program currently includes students from Korea, Taiwan, China, Germany, Brazil, Iceland, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Italy, Senegal and Vietnam. The list of countries represented varies from year to year.

Mission

Phoenix Christian provides a distinctively Christian educational environment and strives to equip students to discover and develop their talents and spiritual gifts in order to live a life of service, thus impacting the world for Christ.

Admission Criteria

Phoenix Christian High School is looking for serious students who are Christians. While most students enter from 8th to 10th grades and continue in the school until graduation, students wishing to study for only one year are also welcome. In addition to the application and supporting documents described on the following pages, the following criteria are also required:

- Interest in attending a Christian school
- Academic ability and interest ("C+" average or higher)
- Good study skills

- Emotional maturity necessary to adjust to a new language, new culture, and new educational environment

English for International Students

The English program for international students at Phoenix Christian High School consists of an ESL class and an ESL study hall with student tutor. The remainder of the international student's classes will be regular classes. Therefore, the student must have good English skills demonstrated through the SLEP exam and the Student Essay.

Grade Level Placement

The student's transcript will be evaluated for transfer of credits for core subjects. The number and types of course credits will determine the student's grade level placement at the time of admission. This is particularly important for students requesting admission at the senior (12th grade) level. Significant limitations of either English proficiency or transferable credits will not permit placement into the 12th grade because the applicant would not be able to complete the required courses in one year.

Extracurricular Activities

Phoenix Christian High School offers a wide variety of extracurricular activities, and all students are encouraged to participate.

Fall Sports:	Football, Volleyball (girls), Cheerleading (girls), Swim/Dive (coed)
Winter Sports:	Basketball, Wrestling, Soccer (coed), Cheerleading (girls)
Spring Sports:	Baseball (boys), Softball (girls), Track and Field, Golf (boys), Tennis
All-Year:	Drama, Music (band, choir), Student Council, Community Service Projects, National Honor Society

Host Families

International students who are not living with their own family members or relatives are placed with Christian host families, who are screened and approved by the school. Great effort is made to match students and families in interests, temperaments, and specific requests. The Director of International Programs communicates regularly with students and hosts to provide the best possible experience for everyone involved. Students are expected to attend church with their host family and to assist with family chores (such as keeping his or her room clean).

Advising/Grade Reports

The Director of International Programs is the primary advisor for the international students. Grade reports are available **on-line** for parents in the student's home country to access. Please contact cstines@phoenixchristian.org to learn how to access your student's grades.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

May 1 for August admission (fall semester) for **2012-2013** school year
Nov. 1 for January admission (spring semester)

Please submit all documents by the above dates; failure to do so will delay the processing of the application. Mail completed application to:

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Students should arrive 1 to 3 weeks before the actual start of classes.

Required Application Documents

Application Fee of \$250.00 (non-refundable), plus \$100 if requesting a host family.

Birth Certificate (with English translation) or **copy of passport**

Completed **Application for Admission-International Student** – pages 2-7

Teacher Recommendation Form – page 8

Principal/Counselor Recommendation Form (Principal, Headmaster, School Counselor) – page 9

Math Recommendation Form (Most recent Math teacher) – pages 10

Health History/Physical Examination Forms – pages 11 - 12

Immunizations Verification Form – page 13

Host Family Information Form (required) – page 14

Confidential Statement of Financial Support for International Students—page 15

Official English transcripts of all academic work completed from grade 7 to present

Grades 11– 12: minimum score of 50 on SLEP test for Grades 11 and 12, 48 on SLEP test for Grades 8 – 10, 47 on SLEP test for Grades 4 - 7,

Applicants who are selected for admission will be provided with the I-20 immigration document. Phoenix Christian High School is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students. When the student arrives, copies of the identification page of the student’s passport, the student’s copy of the I-20, and the I-94 arrival/departure card will be made.

TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES

Application Fee (one time only)	\$	250.00	
2012-2013 High School Tuition	\$	14,200.00*	<i>*Subject to change by the school board without prior notice</i>
<i>Junior High Tuition</i>		<i>12,000</i>	
<i>Elementary</i>		<i>9,900</i>	
Early Re-Enrollment Fee	\$	75.00	
Regular Re-Enrollment fee		200.00	(non-refundable)
Host Placement/Change Fee	\$	100.00	for initial placement or host family change
Room and Board (based on 10 months)	\$	9,000.00	paid to the school for administrative costs and reimbursement to host families; rate for summer months is pro-rated at \$30.00 per day.

Fees for Optional Activities

Athletic Fee-High School	\$	100.00-125	per sport
-Junior High	\$	75.00-100	per sport
Fine Arts Fees			
	\$	100.00	for Chorale (approximate)
	\$	125.00	for Band (uniform cleaning)

Phoenix Christian High School does have a dress code, which requires students to wear specific school shirts. The cost per shirt is approximately \$21, and they are purchased on-line. (Click on “uniforms”).

Payment Schedule—The application fee must accompany the application. One semester’s tuition must be paid prior to the start of classes. One semester’s room and board and the host family placement fee must be paid before the student arrives. For subsequent semesters, tuition, room and board must be paid prior to each term—August 1 for the Fall term and Dec. 15 for the Spring term.

Application Fee—covers the cost of application evaluation, document preparation, and mailing of acceptance documents. The fee is non-refundable, even if the student is unable to obtain the appropriate visa.

Re-Enrollment/Registration Fee—payable each winter prior to a continuing year of study.

Tuition—includes regular and International Student English classes, yearbook, retreat fee, class dues, and standardized achievement tests. **Medical and accident insurance is also included.** Medical care in the United States is expensive. Students are required to have insurance coverage for accident and illness while they are enrolled at Phoenix Christian High School. Tuition does not include lunches, social functions, workbooks/other class supplies, and optional events. Tuition must be paid before the student is allowed to enter classes for that term. **Once the student has entered classes, the tuition for that term is non-refundable because it has been committed to teachers and supplies.** Tuition refunds will be made for school terms paid for but not yet begun.

Host Placement Fee—covers the cost of host family recruitment, screening host families, and matching the student with an appropriate family. This fee is required for initial placement and for changes in placement requested by the student.

Host Family Fee—covers food (when prepared at home), lodging, and transportation to and from school. Expenses for personal items (clothing, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.) and entertainment are the student's responsibility. **Note:** If the student is going to live with a family relative or friend, that relative or friend must provide a letter saying that he or she is going to provide room, board, and transportation for the student, and that they will be attending a Christian church regularly.

Payments

Wiring Instructions

Payments for **tuition, room and board, and fees** may be made by bank check or sent directly to Phoenix Christian High School's bank account by wire transfer. The banks usually charge a wire transfer fee of \$18.00. Please contact cstines@phoenixchristian.org for wiring instructions.

We have also set up an account to which you can wire funds for the student's **personal expenses**. S/he can withdraw money from that account as s/he needs to do so.

Make sure that you put the student's name and the purpose of the funds (tuition, room and board, personal expenses) on the wire transfer.