



Families must follow our formal admissions process in order to be considered for enrollment at Onward Christian.

- Attend an information meeting

At least one parent is required to attend an information meeting in order to fully understand our vision and mission, as well as the expectations of families who would like to partner with Onward Christian. A tour also fulfills this requirement. If you missed our information meeting but would like to apply, please contact us at [onwardchristian.org@gmail.com](mailto:onwardchristian.org@gmail.com).

- Read through the information on our website

We want all families who attend Onward to fully understand how we function as a collaborative educational community, in addition to our vision and mission, statement of faith, and educational philosophy.

- Fill out our Application form

Please visit [www.onwardchristian.org/apply](http://www.onwardchristian.org/apply) to fill out our application form. There is a \$50 application & placement fee associated with the application; instructions to make your payment are found at the end of the application.

- Attend a family interview.

You will receive an email from us when it is time to schedule your family interview. Both guardians (if applicable) and the student/s being considered for enrollment are recommended to attend the interview. Each family will be prayerfully considered as we determine whether or not our goals and philosophies align to successfully form a compatible partnership.

- Placement

Onward may decide to evaluate your child for proper placement; this is simply to ensure the best fit for your child.

- Acceptance

New families will be considered in the order their applications are turned in, in addition to weighing Onward/family fit and alignment. The Onward team will meet as a committee to review family and student information in order to make a decision on enrollment. Families will be notified within two weeks of the interview with an enrollment determination.

- Financial Agreement and Parent/Student Agreements

Families will have ten business days from the time of acceptance (as per acceptance confirmation email) to pay the family registration fee in addition to a down payment PER STUDENT. In addition, all applicable parent and student agreements must be signed and returned within the same time period (ten business days).

- Order Textbooks

Book lists are emailed out as soon as they are available. Please allow at least three weeks for items to arrive. It is the parent's responsibility to familiarize themselves with curriculum before classes begin.

- Order Uniforms

Onward will email a t-shirt order form to be filled out by the parent. T-shirts will be added to the first or second quarter invoice and will be picked up at Orientation Day.

- Submit Notice of Intent to Homeschool with your local city/county

Since Onward is a supplement to your child's education rather than an overseeing educational body, your child is considered a home school student according to Virginia law. Go here to learn about the NOI and to view a template: <http://heav.org/begin-homeschooling/notice-of-intent/> and here to learn specifically about your Kindergartener: <http://vahomeschoolers.org/guide/kindergarten-options/>

- Purchase supplies

Supply lists will be emailed out within a couple weeks of the first day of classes. Onward does their best to keep supply costs to a minimum (\$8-\$25 depending on level).

- Attend Parent & Student Orientations

Before classes begin, parents will attend an orientation meeting for the purpose of being fully informed of their role as co-educator and of the processes by which educator and parent co-educator will collaborate and communicate. Students will also attend a separate orientation to become familiarized with their teachers, classroom, and schedule.