



OKLAHOMA STATE
DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The State Department of Education

FROM: Stacy Eden

DATE: July 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

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

GLCA is committed to providing a Christ-centered education where every student is welcomed, valued, and supported to succeed. The school offers specialized medical services, including daily catheterization for a student with medical needs, as well as individualized paraprofessional support for students with autism and other disabilities to help them thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Through specialized staffing, training, and adaptive resources, the school also supports students from foster and adoptive families, ensuring that disabilities or financial circumstances never prevent access to a high-quality, faith-based education.

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

- Criteria 1: Fiscal Soundness – Certified Accountant Statement and 2025-2026 Calendar
- Criteria 2: Non-Discrimination – Student and Parent Handbook
- Criteria 3: Teacher Requirement – Teacher Employment Policy
- Criteria 4: Accreditation – ICAA and OPSAC Certificate

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Grand Lake Christian Academy Inc

PPK3-9th

NAME OF PRIVATE SCHOOL

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Ok

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STATE

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SUPERINTENDENT, HEADMASTER OR PRINCIPAL NAME

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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 policies 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.***

International Christian Accrediting Association

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.***

Grand Lake Christian Academy is dedicated to providing a Christ centered education where every child is welcomed, valued, and given the opportunity to succeed. As our school continues to grow, so does the diversity and complexity of our students' needs. We currently provide specialized medical support, including twice-daily catheterization, five days a week, for one student, ensuring they can safely attend school and fully participate in the educational experience. We also provide dedicated paraprofessional support for a student with Level 3 autism and another student with Level 1 autism, allowing them to receive individualized instruction, develop social skills, and thrive alongside their peers. In addition, we serve children from foster and adoptive families, including several students with disabilities who require additional academic, behavioral, and emotional support. These families often face unique challenges, and our school is committed to providing a nurturing environment where every child feels safe, loved and accepted. Providing these specialized services requires additional staffing training, adaptive resources, and classroom supports that place a significant financial responsibility on our school. As a small nonprofit Christian school, we are committed to ensuring that a family's financial circumstances or a child's disability never become barriers to receiving a high-quality, faith based education. Grant funding would allow us to expand student support services, provide specialized training for staff, purchase adaptive educational resources, and continue offering individualized care that enables every student to flourish academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

I verify that Grand Lake Christian Academy Inc 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.

Amanda Cox

SIGNATURE

7.20.26

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.

Public Accountants
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July 11, 2026

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To: Oklahoma Department of Education

Re: Confirmation of Insurance and Financial Capacity Grand Lake Christian Academy Inc

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the State of Missouri, and I have been engaged by Grand Lake Christian Academy Inc ("the School") to provide this confirmation regarding its insurance coverage and financial capacity.

Based on the information provided to me by the School's management, and on procedures performed in accordance with standard CPA attestation practices, I provide the following:

1. Insurance Coverage - The School maintains active and adequate insurance coverage, including general liability and property insurance, through Scottsdale Insurance Company, policy number CPS8266042, with coverage limits consistent with industry expectations for private educational institutions. Coverage is in force for the upcoming academic year ending 6/30/27.
2. Capital and Credit Capacity - Based on my review of the School's most recent financial statements, supporting documentation, and representations from ownership, it is my professional opinion that the owner(s) of Gand Lake Christian Academy Inc possess sufficient capital and/or available credit to operate the School for the upcoming year and to serve the projected enrollment of 68 students.

This confirmation is provided solely for submission to the Oklahoma Department of Education for the purpose of determining eligibility for participation in state-approved programs. It is not intended for any other use.

Sincerely,

Victoria Myers-Ales, CPA

2025-2026 CALENDAR

August

11-13 Professional Development
12-Open House
14 - 1st Day of School

AUGUST 2025						
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January

1-2 - Winter Break
5-6 - Professional Development
7 - 2nd Semester Begins
19 - Martin Luther King Day

September

1-Labor Day
2- Professional Development
5-Grandparents Day
24-See You at the Pole

SEPTEMBER 2025						
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February

13-Valentine's Day Party
16 - Presidents Day

October

14 - Parent Teacher Conference
15 -17 - Fall Break
31-Fall Festival

OCTOBER 2025						
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March

13 - Parent Teacher Conference
16 - 20 - Spring Break

November

24 -28 - Thanksgiving Break
11-Veteran's Day Event
21-Thanksgiving Feast

NOVEMBER 2025						
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April

2-Easter Event
3 - Good Friday

December

18-Christmas Program
19-31 - Winter Break

DECEMBER 2025						
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May

14 - Last Day of School
14-End of Year Program
15,18 - Professional Development

Key

1st Day/Last Day of School

No School

Professional Development

Parent Teacher Conference

GLCA EVENT



2025-2026 CALENDAR

ADMISSIONS

General Admission Requirements

Admission to GLCA is open to students of all backgrounds, provided families understand and support our mission, Statement of Faith, and policies. Applicants must:

- Meet age and grade-level eligibility for the desired enrollment.
- Complete all enrollment forms and submit required documents.
- Attend a family interview with administration.
- Demonstrate readiness for the academic and spiritual expectations of the school.

Required Documents

- Completed application form
- Birth certificate
- Immunization records or exemption form
- Previous school records, if applicable
- Copy of parent or guardian photo ID
- Signed Statement of Faith agreement
- Signed Parent Handbook acknowledgment

Grade-Level Age Requirements

- PK3: must be 3 years old by September 1 of the enrollment year.
- PK4: must be 4 years old by September 1 of the enrollment year.
- Kindergarten: must be 5 years old by September 1 of the enrollment year.

All preschool students must be fully potty-trained prior to enrollment.

Grade range. GLCA serves students from PK3 through 8th grade and is ICAA-accredited through 9th grade. Enrollment at each level is subject to available staffing and space.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Grand Lake Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or disability to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or disability in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and financial aid programs, or other school-administered programs, in accordance with applicable federal and state law.

As a religious institution, Grand Lake Christian Academy reserves the right to establish and apply admissions and conduct standards based on its Statement of Faith and religious mission, as permitted by applicable law. This religious-liberty reservation is consistent with Article XI of the school's Bylaws.

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Qualifications for Full-Time Teachers

All full-time teachers employed by Grand Lake Christian Academy must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Hold a current and valid Oklahoma Teaching Certificate appropriate for the grade level and/or subject area being taught.
- Maintain certification in good standing throughout the duration of employment.
- Provide copies of all current certifications, endorsements, and renewals to the school office upon hire and as updated.
- Successfully pass all required background checks and screenings as required by school policy and applicable law.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the school's Christian mission, statement of faith, and biblical worldview.
- Possess the knowledge, skills, and professional disposition necessary to effectively instruct, supervise, and support students.
- Participate in required professional development, training, and continuing education as directed by the Head of School.

Failure to maintain a valid Oklahoma Teaching Certificate or meet required employment qualifications will result in disciplinary action and may result in non-renewal of contract or termination of employment. The Head of School and/or Board of Directors reserve the right to verify credentials and determine continued eligibility for employment at any time.

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION
CERTIFIES THAT

Grand Lake Christian Academy

GROVE, OKLAHOMA

has met the requirements for

ACCREDITATION

Kindergarten through Grade 9

JUNE 2026 - JUNE 2028



Eugene H. Hays
Chairman
Rui Hays
Secretary
Charles Hays
Executive Director

OPSAC Commission

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

This certificate is issued to

Grand Lake Christian Academy

Effective 2025-2026

Kindergarten—Grade 9

By the Members of the Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission
upon the recommendation of the Commission.

The issuance of this certificate acknowledges the fulfillment of
requirements, provisions, and standards prescribed by OPSAC for member accrediting agencies .



Chairman

Colin Yocum



Executive Director

Chris Belyeu

