



# HIGHLAND RIM ACADEMY

## PASTOR RECOMMENDATION LETTER

*Parents: Please complete Section I and then give this form to your pastor to complete Section II.*

### SECTION I. TO BE COMPLETED BY A PARENT

Family Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Child(ren) & Grade Applying for Admission: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION II. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PASTOR AND SENT DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL

Pastor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*The above family is applying for admission to Highland Rim Academy.*

How long have you known this family? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has this family been attending your church? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this family a member in good standing of your church? \_\_\_\_\_

Does this family faithfully attend church on a regular (at least bi-monthly) basis?

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Is the Christian faith and practice of this family consistent with what you would expect from a faithful, involved church family? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any reservations concerning this family partnering with HRA?

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**Please note: On the reverse side of this page is HRA's statement of faith. Please read before signing this recommendation letter. By signing, you agree that your church affirms and practices the doctrines therein.**

Pastors Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*The admissions application will be held until this letter of recommendation has been submitted. This letter of recommendation is confidential and will be used for admissions purposes by school administration exclusively.*

**Please submit this letter directly to Highland Rim Academy. ATTN: Admissions Office, PO Box 3022, Cookeville, TN 38502**

# Highland Rim Academy

## Statement of Faith

It is our desire to see the school securely anchored in the teachings of the Scriptures. In all matters of faith and practice, we desire to be guided at all times by the Word of God. All teachers, administrators, school board members, and parents enrolling their children declare unconditional acceptance of the following beliefs:

· We believe that the Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the inspired, perfect Word of God and the ultimate and infallible authority for faith and practice.

· We believe in one living, Sovereign, and true God who is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in all His attributes. He is Creator of all things and exists eternally in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal in power and glory, having the same essence, attributes, and perfections.

· We believe that the eternal purpose of God extends to all events. Further, we believe that His purpose is holy, wise, altogether good, and does not deprive man of his responsibility, nor does it make God the author of sin. Before the foundation of the world, God the Father chose for Himself, in Jesus Christ, a people whom He gave to His Son that they should be holy and without blame before Him.

· We believe that God created the world and all things out of nothing by His powerful Word, all for His own glory. Mankind and all life on earth did not evolve but were created by a direct act of God. Man was created in the image of God, male and female, to have fellowship with Him and to glorify and serve Him.

· We believe that all men and women are born with a sin nature. By choice, our first parents, Adam and Eve, willfully disobeyed God and fell from fellowship with Him. Therefore, all men are sinners, spiritually dead and separated from God.

· We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, and in His ascension to the right hand of the Father. He now intercedes for His church, rules over all things on her behalf, and continues His presence among His people through the agency of His Holy Spirit.

· We believe that salvation is totally by God's grace, freely given by grace through faith to any individual who repents of his or her sin and trusts Christ as Savior. It is an unmerited gift to the believer that is wholly dependent upon the shed blood of Jesus.

· We believe that Jesus Christ will return personally, bodily, and visibly at the end of the age to judge the world, both the living and the dead. We further believe in the bodily resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous, the everlasting punishment of the unrighteous, and the everlasting happiness of the saints whom God has called to Himself in glory.

· We believe the church is the body of Christ, of whom Christ is the Head. The local church serves the ordinary means of the edifying of the saints and the fulfilling of the Great Commission. We believe that Christ has ordained sacraments for the church in the present age. They are not in themselves means of salvation, but acts of obedience to our Lord and Savior. They are signs and seals of God's covenant of grace and are properly given to every member of the visible church.

· We believe that God ordained the family as the building block upon which all peaceful and just societies are built. Biblically, families are comprised of a married union between one man and one woman and their respective children. We also believe that parents stand responsible before God for the nurture and education of their children. We encourage and support the family in this endeavor.

## Secondary Doctrine Policy

HRA chooses to enroll families from a variety of Evangelical Protestant denominations and commits to teaching unapologetically on the core issues of the Christian faith as outlined in our Statement of Faith. This statement establishes the theological boundaries for our classrooms as students discuss a range of doctrinal issues. Secondary doctrinal beliefs are appropriate – even at times encouraged – for in-class discussion and debate.