

## **PASTORAL DISCOUNT PROGRAM (2023-2024)**

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The Pastoral Discount program was established at VCS in order to bless local pastors. Pastors who meet the qualifications below are eligible for a tuition discount of up to 20% for each student.

**Note:**

- *Qualifying pastors enrolled for the 2022-23 school year or earlier qualify for the previous Pastoral Discount Program in 2022-23, with a discount of 20-50% based on required collaboration and partnership opportunities successfully completed by applicants.*
- *Qualifying pastors enrolled in 2022-23 or earlier qualify for an adjusted discount (20-35%) in 2023-24 based on required collaboration and partnership opportunities.*
- *Qualifying pastors enrolling in 2023-24 or later, and all pastors – new or existing – will receive a discount of up to 20% in 2024-25. Effective for the 2024-25 school year, no collaboration or partnership opportunities are required.*

<b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>	<b>DISCOUNT RANGE</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
2022-23	20 – 50%	Partnership opportunities required
2023-24	20 – 35%	Partnership opportunities required
2024-25 and beyond	20%	No partnership opportunities required

### **PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS**

- Participant must be an active, full-time pastor at a legally recognized, Protestant Christian church.
  - Former Pastors, or those who are ordained but not currently serving, are not considered.
- The church must include a regular congregation and host regular (typically weekly) services.
- The church’s statement of faith must align with the VCS statement of faith.
- Participant must annually provide a letter stating that he/she is a full-time pastor at a Christian church in the Phoenix metropolitan area.
  - A new letter must be provided each year on church letterhead, dated and signed by a church board member other than the applicant.
- The church’s physical address must differ from the applicant’s personal address.
- Active, full-time pastors of a parachurch ministry whose role represents that of a pastor *may* be considered for a discount; this decision is made at the discretion of VCS and does not include all employees of parachurch ministries, nor do all parachurch ministries qualify.

### **PROGRAM SPECIFICS**

- This discount applies to every student in a participant’s family, at all grade levels (K-12).
- Discount applies to the base VCS tuition, but does not include any VINE-specific tuition fees.
  - Application, enrollment, and re-enrollment fees are not eligible for a discount.
- When participants are interacting with VCS students, they must respect VCS students’ current church/youth group membership. If a VCS student does not currently attend a church/youth group, pastors are encouraged to invite him/her to their congregation.

- While there is no requirement for Pastors to collaborate or partner with VCS in order to receive the discount, Pastors and churches participating in this program are asked to consider partnering with VCS in the following ways:
  - Allow VCS to set up an information booth at a Sunday service or church event(s)
  - Advertise a VCS open house or a VCS community event
  - Show a VCS promo video (provided by VCS) during a church service or event
  - Advertise state tuition tax credit (STO) opportunities via a live announcement or pre-produced video
  - Participate in a mass mailing project (paid for by ACSTO) promoting school choice, Christian schools
  - Participate in a mass mailing project (paid for by VCS) to your congregants promoting VCS
  - *If first selected by VCS, partner with VCS and VCS partner, Financial Planning Ministry, by hosting an estate planning seminar on church campus (paid for by VCS)*
  - Allow our students to serve your community through a music, drama, or other fine arts performance

This discount is intended for full-time Pastors in the VCS community. It is not intended for all nonprofit employees or for all employees of a church. Please answer the questions honestly below in order to apply for this discount at VCS:

**ALL BOXES MUST BE CHECKED**

- I am an active, full-time pastor (40+ hours)
- I am a pastor at a legally recognized, Protestant Christian church in the Phoenix/East Valley area
- The church's statement of faith aligns with the VCS statement of faith
- I agree to provide a letter from a board member of our church each year to be considered for this discount
- \*ONLY IF APPLICABLE: I am an active, full-time pastor of a parachurch ministry, and my role represents that of a pastor. I understand that the decision for a discount is made at the discretion of VCS and does not include all employees of parachurch ministries.*

*By signing below, I am acknowledging that I have reviewed the criteria above in their entirety, agree to the terms, and am submitting this form in order to apply for a Pastoral Discount at Valley Christian Schools.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_