

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 as outlined below.

GRADE LEVEL	ANNUAL DISCOUNT
K	\$2,000
1-6	\$2,500
7-8	\$3,000
9-11	\$3,500
12	\$4,000

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Participant must be a current, active, full-time (40+ hours) pastor at a Protestant Christian Church in the Phoenix/East Valley Area
 - Pastors serving outside of the Phoenix area are not eligible for this discount
- The church’s statement of faith must generally align with the VCS statement of faith; any discrepancies may be identified at the sole discretion of VCS
- Pastors a church that has regular (typically Sunday_ worship services
- Pastor must derive a majority of their individual income from employment as a pastor
- Multiple pastors from one church may be considered but must meet all qualifications
- Former pastors, or those who are ordained but not currently serving, are not eligible for this discount
- 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
- Pastor must renew this scholarship each academic year. Pastor must provide a new letter each year stating that he/she is a full-time pastor at a Christian church in the Phoenix metro area
 - A new letter must be provided each year on church letterhead, dated, signed by a church board member or executive staff member other than the applicant, and the church physical address must 1) be in AZ, and 2) differ from applicant’s personal address
- 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)

ADMIN & HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS
 6900 W. GALVESTON ST
 CHANDLER, AZ 85226
 (480) 705-8888

JUNIOR HIGH CAMPUS
 1005 E. GUADALUPE RD
 TEMPE, AZ 85283
 (480) 900-7100

ELEMENTARY (K-6) CAMPUS
 6304 S. PRICE RD
 TEMPE, AZ 85283
 (480) 752-8993

- 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. Each application will be individually considered, and VCS may need to follow up with the Pastor or church to confirm the details provided.

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 generally 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 sole 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 _____