

Encounter Academy Initial Application

Admissions is the process by which students and families begin receiving information about Encounter happenings and become eligible to register for Encounter activities. Please send completed applications via e-mail to sarah@encountereim.com.

Our Mission

We exist to bring discipleship opportunities to ministry workers and their families on the field, so they may in turn make disciples of Jesus Christ from all nations.

A ministry worker is one who engages in full-time ministry responsibilities as a professional career. At Encounter Academy our mission is to be a community where ministry workers and their children grow as disciples by learning...

- The story of God and His creation
- The disciplined, effective use of the mind and body
- The skills necessary to love others well
- The practice of abiding in Christ and living in the power of the Holy Spirit
- The healthy care of self and family members
- The skill of leading others in their own journeys as disciples of Jesus.

Our Ministry

We seek to provide opportunities that meet the unique needs of ministry workers while encouraging members to also be involved in the local community and local church.

The opportunities Encounter Academy offers at any location will depend each year on the resources available and needs present. Encounter Academy does not seek to offer everything, rather we prioritize the basic needs of ministry workers that cannot be adequately met through other resources.

These opportunities may include:

- General Education for Children and Youth
- Community Events
- Professional Development

- Spiritual Formation Courses and Activities
- Advisory Services

Families are encouraged to supplement Academy activities with outside opportunities in the local church and community that promote health and growth for themselves and their children.

Admissions Criteria

Encounter Academy is a highly subsidized program designed for full-time ministry workers and their children. Encounter defines a full-time ministry worker to be a single or couple who works for a church, mission board, or distinctively Christian non-profit organization devoting the majority of their work hours to Christian ministry activities. Approximately 70% of the family's financial resources must be coming from ministry work or a passive source (such as retirement) rather than by other forms of employment.

Currently, all Encounter activities are offered in English. During the registration process the coordinator and family will decide if the activities for which the student is interested in registering for will be a good fit or if language barriers may arise.

Applicants will be informed via e-mail of a decision as soon as possible after an application's submission. If you would like Encounter Academy to reconsider a decision on your application, please contact us and ask for an appointment.

Steps to Registering for Encounter Activities

- 1) Complete and submit Encounter Academy Initial Application and request a reference from a ministry supervisor be sent to Encounter Academy.
- 2) Receive an acceptance letter.
- 3) Read through Encounter Academy core documents.
- 4) Schedule an observation day to see Encounter activities in action.
- 5) Meet with Encounter Academy coordinator.
- 6) Register for activities for the coming quarter.

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Parent / Guardian Information

Name of Parent / Legal Guardian: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Languages : _____

Ministry Worker Status: Are you a ****full-time** ministry worker (missionary, pastor, or employee / staff member of a Christian non-profit organization?) **Y / N** *If yes, please complete the information below.*

Name of Parent / Legal Guardian: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Languages : _____

Ministry Worker Status: Are you a ****full-time** ministry worker (missionary, pastor, or employee / staff member of a Christian non-profit organization?) **Y / N** *If yes, please complete the information below.*

*For this application, full-time indicates a person's primary work, a position that requires 32 + hours of work a week. Persons primarily employed with or running a business and doing ministry service on the side are not considered full-time ministry workers. Stay-at-home parents who serve in ministry in part-time capacities are not considered full-time ministry workers.

Employer or Missionary Sending Agency : _____

Phone # and Email of Employer or Agency: _____

How long have you been with this Employer or Missionary Sending Agency? _____ year(s)

Please keep in mind that admissions is a separate process from registering for classes and activities.

Children

Please provide information on all children who are residing in your home (ages 0-18) and have not yet finished with their K-12 education.

Full Legal Name of Child: _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Age at time of application: _____

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Signature

I hereby attest that the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge understanding that any intentionally false or misleading information may jeopardize my admission status.

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian

_____ of _____, 20__

Internal Use

Applicant: **Accepted / Denied** Date of Decision: _____ Date Applicant Informed: _____

Administrator's Signature: _____

Notes: _____

Encounter Academy Reference

Please give this reference form to a ministry supervisor who is not also a relative to complete and return to sarah@encountereim.com.

Reference For

Name of Parent(s)/Guardians(s) engaged in ministry work: _____

Organization: _____

Job Title in Organization: _____

Years of Service: _____

Description of Ministry Activity:

Reference Provider

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Professional Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Ministry Worker Information

To your knowledge is ministry work the primary occupation of this family?

To your knowledge, does the family intend to continue in ministry work for the foreseeable future?

In your opinion, would this family benefit from the support services and community life of Encounter Academy?

Do you see any major issues which would prevent this family from participating in Encounter Academy in a healthy way? Are there any significant areas of concern that might affect their participation in the community?
