



Flying Trees Academy
Application for the 2024-2025 School Year

Dear parent(s) or guardian(s),

Thank you for considering Flying Trees Academy for your child's educational and personal development. In order to apply,* mail the completed application form, relevant paperwork as requested below, and a nonrefundable application fee of \$35 to us at Flying Trees Academy, Poland Presbyterian Church, 2 Poland Manor, Poland OH 44514. Your application will be processed once we have received everything. At that time, we will contact you to discuss the next steps, which include having you and your child visit the classroom and having your child participate in individualized achievement testing. Your application fee includes the cost of testing. You will receive a formal report of your child's achievement levels in the core academic subjects of reading and math after testing is complete. After that time, we will follow up with you to discuss our decision regarding your child's application for enrollment.

Priority applications are due by February 16, 2024. Then, a rolling admissions period will last through April 15, 2024. After the admissions period is over, we may accept applications on a rolling basis if space permits. If you want to inquire about current enrollment availability before applying, please email, text, or call us.

Thank you for your interest in Flying Trees Academy. We look forward to reviewing your application and potentially enrolling your child in our academy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jaelyn Farris, Director

**Parents and children are welcome to schedule classroom visits prior to applying, but testing and consideration of applications will not occur until all materials and the application fee have been received.*



Admissions Statement

Children are selected for admission to Flying Trees Academy (FTA) on the basis of developmental maturity, readiness, and suitability for our unique and innovative program. In all cases, Flying Trees Academy retains the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether or not to select a child for admission or to re-enroll a child. The Director has ultimate authority and sole discretion in decisions regarding whether or not to admit or re-enroll a child. Typically, those decisions are based upon multiple criteria which include but are not limited to the child's academic readiness, socioemotional maturity, and behavioral fit with the program; diversity and gender balance; and the appropriateness of the match between the family and Flying Trees Academy. Flying Trees Academy admits children of any sex, gender identity, race, color, religion, or national or ethnic origin. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender or sexual identity, race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, or any other personal or cultural characteristic in the administration of its educational policies, admissions, or other FTA-administered program. All persons are encouraged to apply.

Applicant Information

Child's Name: _____

Child's Home Address: _____

Child's Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Child's Age as of September 30, 2024: _____

Child's Grade Level as of the 2023-2024 School Year (current school year): _____

Child's Grade Level as of the 2024-2025 School Year (upcoming school year): _____

Child's Sex Assigned at Birth (select one):

- Female Male Other (describe): _____

Child's Gender Identity: Female Male

- Other (describe): _____

Child's Citizenship: Is your child a citizen of the United States? Yes No

If no, please describe: _____

Child's Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply):

- White Black Latino/Latina/Latinx
 Asian American Middle Eastern Native American
 Other (describe): _____



Why do we ask about gender, citizenship, and race/ethnicity?

Characteristics such as gender identity, citizenship, race, and ethnicity are aspects of a person’s culture. Flying Trees Academy values cultural diversity and believes that exposing children to various cultures aids in their development as a well-rounded human being. We pride ourselves in being a safe, welcoming place for students of all cultures, we actively teach our students about issues related to culture and social justice, and we want to include children from a variety of cultures in our program. Your response will not have a bearing on your child’s acceptance to FTA; this question is for informational purposes only.

Statement of Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion

It is important to us that Flying Trees Academy feels like a welcoming space for all children and families who enroll in our program. We want all children to feel comfortable and supported in being who they are. We want all children to feel like they belong here. Just as diversity in nature creates a stronger ecosystem, diversity in our program creates a stronger organization. We also believe that our inclusive environment instills in our students basic attitudes of kindness and open-mindedness that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. All persons are encouraged to apply.

Do you feel that your child might experience any hurdles to enrollment due to factors beyond their control (such as cultural or religious differences, being a person of color, having a unique family structure, being gender expansive, having language barriers, etc.)?

- Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Past School Experiences

The following questions are designed to ensure that we are able to provide any accommodations your child may need if they attend Flying Trees Academy. This is delicate information that we will treat with sensitivity. Failure to disclose this information could affect your child's continued enrollment if they are accepted to FTA. Include a copy of all reports and documents related to any special needs your child has upon submission of this application.

Tell us about your child’s past school experiences (e.g., did they attend a public or private school, did you homeschool or unschool them, did you do something different in the last few years due to the pandemic?): _____



Has your child ever been tested or assessed for any special needs (such as educational, physical, or psychological needs) or been recommended for any special services?

- Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Is your child currently on an IEP, a 504 plan, or any other special plan, or receiving any other type of special supports or accommodations at school, at home, or in any other setting?

- Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

If you answered yes to either of the questions above, include copies of all relevant testing and paperwork with your application.

Has your child ever been subject to disciplinary action at school, within the court system, or anywhere else (such as suspension, expulsion, probation, or arrest) or been voluntarily or involuntarily withdrawn from a school?

- Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

If you answered yes to the question above, include copies of any relevant paperwork with your application.

What else would you like us to know about your child? _____



Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian 1

Please tell us who should be our primary contact for this child. The primary contact is generally the person who is also fiscally responsible for tuition unless otherwise indicated in writing.

Name (first, middle, last): _____

Relationship to child: _____

Home address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Place of Employment & Job Title: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian 2

If applicable, tell us who should be our secondary contact for this child.

Name (first, middle, last): _____

Relationship to child: _____

Home address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Place of Employment & Job Title: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Custody Information

It is essential that we are able to keep all children safe. Does your child have any custody or family situations that would challenge our ability to ensure your child's safety? For example, is your family going through a difficult divorce and custody situation in which a noncustodial parent may attempt to pick up the child from the program when they are not authorized to do so?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, my child is experiencing a challenging situation like this. | <input type="checkbox"/> No, my child is not experiencing a challenging situation like this. |
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If yes, describe: _____



Consent for Review of Application

Your signature indicates that: (1) all information on this form is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge, (2) you provide consent for us to talk with your child during their classroom visit and for your child to participate in relevant testing for which you may be present, (3) you provide consent for us to use your child's de-identified data for research, marketing, and related purposes, and (4) you understand that your submission of this application and the nonrefundable application fee do not guarantee that your child will be admitted to Flying Trees Academy.

Parent/Guardian #1:

 Name (print legibly)

 Signature

 Date

Parent/Guardian #2 (optional):

 Name (print legibly)

 Signature

 Date

You may add names/ signatures/ dates below if there are more than two legal parents/guardians.