

**CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM**

**Roanoke Valley Christian Schools  
a ministry of Shenandoah Baptist Church**

*Part I. To be completed by the family after appropriate study of the information on the reverse side of this form.*

After you have filled in Part I, please give the attached letter and this form to your pastor to complete and mail directly to the school.

Names of Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Names & Grades of Children applying to RVCS \_\_\_\_\_

Family Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the attached letter from Rick Brown and the enrollment eligibility statements on the reverse side of this form and agree to the commitments expressed as they pertain to my family and the relationship of my family to my local church and RVCS. With full understanding, I hereby request a written reference from my pastor.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Part II. To be completed by the Pastor, after appropriate study of the information on the reverse side of this form.*

• Please identify any of the doctrinal statements listed on the back of this form that are inconsistent with the beliefs of your church.

Is your church a member of the National or World Council of Churches? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Does the above family attend your church regularly? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Are they members of your church? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How is this family involved in ministering/serving in the church? \_\_\_\_\_

Are the children active in the youth program of the church? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consider the children open to spiritual instruction? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What is your understanding of this family's relationship to Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe the testimony of this family in their "daily Christian walk" (vocational, social/entertainment, financial life, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any other matters that you feel would be helpful to know while considering the admission of this family? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend this family for admission to RVCS? \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the attached letter from Rick Brown and the doctrinal statements on the reverse side of this form.

Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this form within five days. The student application will not be processed without it. Thank you!***

## ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for RVCS enrollment consideration, a family must evidence faithful commitment to a Bible-believing local church that holds clearly to the fundamental doctrines of the faith as stated:

1. We believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, the written record of His supernatural revelation of Himself to man, absolute in its authority, complete in its revelation, final, and without errors in its content (Exodus 34:27; Jeremiah 30:1-2; II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21; Revelation 22:18-19).
2. We believe in one God, sovereign, almighty, holy, unchanging, and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; John 14:16-17).
3. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:16; John 1:1-2; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:3), His virgin birth (Matthew 1:18-20), His blood atonement (Matthew 26:28; I Peter 1:18-19; I John 1:7), His sinless perfection (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26), His bodily resurrection (Luke 24:20,51; Acts 1:9), and His present life in heaven for us as High Priest and Advocate (Mark 16:19; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 4:14; 6:30; 7:25; I John 2:1).
4. We believe in the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:27; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18).
5. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person of the Godhead, that He is sent by the Lord Jesus Christ from God the Father to convict the world of sin, to regenerate, seal, indwell, guide, teach, anoint, and intercede with each believer, and to baptize each believer into the body of Christ (John 15:26; 16:7,13; Ephesians 1:13; I John 2:20,27; I Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:27).
6. We believe that man in his natural state is spiritually lost, alienated from God, and is incapable of any personal effort or merit for the attainment of salvation (Romans 3-5).
7. We believe that the salvation of man is by grace, a free gift of God, received through faith in the Lord Jesus (Romans 3:23-25; Ephesians 2:8-9), who “died for our sins according to the scriptures,” and who is “the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world” (I Corinthians 15:3; I John 2:2). Without His death and the shedding of His blood, there is no remission of sins (Romans 5:9; Hebrews 9:22; 10:19-20). Those who receive Christ by faith (John 1:12) have their sins forgiven (Ephesians 1:7) and are baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:13), thereby becoming children of God (John 1:12).
8. We believe that all true believers have eternal life as a present possession, being “sealed unto the day of redemption” (Ephesians 4:30), and can therefore have full assurance of salvation for time and eternity (John 3:16; 5:24; 10:28-29; I Peter 1:3-5; I John 5:12-13; Jude 24).
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust (John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:51-52; I Thessalonians 4:16-17), the everlasting blessedness of the saved (I Thessalonians 4:17), and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:12-15).
10. We believe that the Church is the company of believers baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13); that the duty of each believer is to faithfully identify and serve through a local church whose mission is the fulfillment of the Great Commission as stated in Matthew 28:18-20, and whose power to fulfill that mission is the power of the indwelling Christ (Galatians 2:20; Philippians 1:6; 4:13; II Peter 1:3).
11. We believe that water baptism is a symbol signifying the union of the believer with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection to newness of life (Romans 6:3-11).
12. We believe that the Lord’s Supper is a memorial signifying the offering of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, for the sins of the world, and a reminder of His promised return (Matthew 26:26-30; I Corinthians 11:23-26).
13. We believe that every child of God is commanded to live a life of obedience to God and separation from evil. We believe that the beginning evidence of this life of obedience and separation is repentance from sin (Romans 12:1-2; II Corinthians 6:14-18; I John 2:15) and that the power for such a life is provided by the indwelling Spirit of God (Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 5:18).



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Dear Pastor:

It is our desire at Roanoke Valley Christian Schools to work hand-in-hand with families and churches of like faith and practice as we train our children in truth. Our church's doctrinal statements are listed on the back of the reference form that is attached. We have a particular desire to enroll those families whose personal, family, church, and civic lives are above reproach in the manifestation of personal salvation, family togetherness, church loyalty, and personal purity. Your candid assistance in helping us identify such families is greatly appreciated.

All applications are considered on an individual basis. However, it is the general enrollment policy of Roanoke Valley Christian Schools not to enroll students who are a part of churches that are members of the National or World Council of Churches *OR* churches that are non-evangelical in faith and practice.

A family will qualify for enrollment at RVCS in large part based on your reference as their pastor. If this family is enrolled and we become aware in the future that they have broken their faithful relationship with your church, their continued enrollment at RVCS will be automatically placed on probation until an acceptable resolution is reached. If there is no resolution, then the family will be asked to withdraw from RVCS.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. **Please return the attached form within five days as the application will not be processed without it.**

Sincerely yours,

Rick Brown  
Associate Pastor for School Ministries  
Shenandoah Baptist Church