LIVING EDUCATION–Charlotte

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION | 2027/28

Program Particulars

The Living Education-Charlotte program is for students seeking to build a more thorough understanding of a Godly way of life, along with other like-minded young adults. Our goal is to create a culture of purity and inspire a courageous, faithful dedication to God, based on a solid understanding of His Word.

Core Curriculum

Our core curriculum is comprised of the following building blocks (each course 3 hours/wk):

- Survey of the Bible
- Principles of Christian Living
- Introduction to Biblical Doctrine

Our curriculum also includes the following supplemental courses and workshops (each section 1-1.5 hours/wk):

- Biblical Communication
- Christian Finance
- A Christian Perspective on Music
- Writing Workshop
- Putting the Fruit of the Spirit to Work

In addition, a wide variety of topics are addressed in our weekly seminar-style Forums and Assemblies by guest instructors.

Calendar

The 2027-28 academic year runs for approximately 9 months, from **August 6, 2027 to May 19, 2028**. See the academic calendar for details.

Expectations

Living Education-Charlotte students attend daily classes at the Living Church of God headquarters facility. The mornings are filled with classroom instruction and the afternoons are dedicated to volunteer service activities that give our students practical, real-life experience with what they learn in the program. In addition, our learning program includes a full schedule of social activities, building bonds of friendship with fellow students.

Students should be prepared to exercise independent life skills. They'll be required to manage their personal finances and budgeting. Cleaning, laundry, shopping, and cooking are part of daily life for our students, and everyone is expected to work together to create a peaceful, harmonious environment. This program is geared for young adults, aged 18-30, who can function in a mature way, with minimal supervision.

Housing

Student housing is provided just a few miles from the headquarters facility, with one residence for the men and another nearby residence for women. Our accommodations are located in a safe, quiet suburban neighborhood, and the homes provide a very comfortable living experience for our students. Grocery and other shopping is available nearby. A Resident Assistant is assigned to each accommodation, providing guidance and encouragement for our students. All students are required to live in this Church-provided student housing. Student housing is provided free of charge to international students.

Costs

Tuition

Our program does not charge tuition for classes.

Textbooks **$150 (estimated for both semesters)**

For our courses, students must have a Bible in addition to their textbooks. The recommended version is the New King James edition of the Bible (NKJ). In addition, all students need to acquire the textbooks required for their courses. A student may use any vendor to purchase their textbooks, including Amazon, Christian Book, Barnes and Noble online, or their local bookstore.

Additional Costs

All on-site students should have a personal laptop computer. Both the accommodations and classroom areas have wireless internet access. Groceries and any personal items are the responsibility of each student. No food service is provided by Living Education, but there is a full kitchen in each of the housing units. If necessary, transportation will be provided to and from the classroom facilities. If a student wishes to use his or her own vehicle, then gasoline, insurance, and maintenance costs would need to be considered carefully.

Estimated reasonable expenses for on-site students living in cooperative housing at Charlotte are provided in the following budget **covering an academic year of two semesters (approximately nine months)** as follows:

Estimated Costs	
Books and Supplies	$ 150
Groceries & Personal Items	$ 2,500
Gas/Auto Expense	$ 400
Entertainment & Miscellaneous	$ 300
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:	$ 3,350*

*Grants to cover the expenses of international students may be available from the Living Church of God organization in the student's country of residence.

Beyond Academics

Living Education-Charlotte is a rich learning environment designed to help students build strong biblical foundations, deep personal relationships with Jesus Christ and God the Father, stronger social skills, and a well-rounded perspective on life. Because of this, students are expected to participate in additional activities. Participation in these activities is required as they are considered to be part of the learning experience. Here is a sample of the types of activities which the students are involved in at Living Education:

- All students participate in a weekly Friday Evening Group Dinner with students, ministerial, and congregational guests. This dinner is prepared and hosted by different students each week. Students are given a budget and basic guidelines from which to operate.
- Men are required to participate in Spokesman Club while Ladies participate in Women's Club.
- All students are encouraged to participate in weekly or bi-weekly music lessons that can range from singing to instrumental training.
- Field Trips: All students participate in field trips to various destinations. These field trips are designed to increase fellowship and camaraderie. They also provide an opportunity to learn more about local points of interest, experience a variety of cultural events, and enjoy recreational opportunities. Past field trips have included: attendance at performing arts concerts, outreach, travel to the historic Charleston, SC and visits to museums, whitewater rafting, hikes in the NC mountains and more.
- Local congregational activities/service opportunities: Students often participate in other informal group activities and opportunities provided by the Charlotte, NC congregation.

Admissions

Admission is selective and based upon evidence of intellectual promise, strong personal qualifications, good moral and ethical character, and marked by a desire to be an effective servant leader.
All applicants seeking admission for study at Charlotte should complete the steps below:

- ☐ Submit a completed **online application**.
  Applications open November 2026. Acceptance decisions are scheduled to be made beginning **February 1st**. We will continue accepting applications until June 1st, or until our program is full.

- ☐ Sign and submit the **Enrollment Agreement**.
  Agreement acknowledges adherence to a standard Code of Honor.

- ☐ Upload current **driver's license, passport, or other ID** to your online application to verify your identity.

- ☐ Submit **Autobiographical Essay** and attached **Autobiographical Essay Form**
  See Essay Form for writing requirements.

- ☐ Provide a **recent photograph** of yourself for your student profile.
  Your photo must be:
  - In color (no filters)
  - Taken in an unobstructed full-face view directly facing the camera with both eyes open
  - Taken within the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance
  - Taken in front of a non-distracting background
  - Submitted as attachment to online application or a jpg file to smcnair@lcg.org

- ☐ Provide **three recommendations** from the following people (non-relatives):
  1. Area pastor
  2. Guidance counselor or academic adviser
  3. General reference

  All references should be completed online by chosen recommenders (links provided in online application). *Homeschooled students may use a second General Recommendation Form in lieu of the Counselor Recommendation.*

- ☐ Complete the **Aptitude Assessment Questionnaires**.
  Invitation links for online assessments will be sent after populi account is set up.

- ☐ **Complete an online interview.**
  To make an appointment for this interview, email Miss Ellie McNair at smcnair@lcg.org.

Other Application Requirements:

If you have completed High School only:

- ☐ Send **official high school transcript** or a **copy of GED or TASC** scores to the admissions office or emailed to admissions@lcgeducation.org

  Current high school seniors should have their high school submit a transcript showing work through the first semester of the senior year. This transcript should be submitted as soon as possible after the semester has ended. A supplementary transcript must then be submitted upon high school graduation. *A high school transcript is not required if an applicant has 24 earned college semester credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university.*
- ☐ Provide a copy of the applicants **SAT or ACT scores**.

  Students are highly recommended to take the SAT or ACT exam if they have no previous university coursework. Exam scores will enhance the chances of acceptance.

If you have already attended college (completed over 24 college semester credit hours):

- ☐ Send **official transcripts** from any regionally accredited colleges and universities previously attended to the Admissions Office.

Contact Information

Website: lcgeducation.org/charlotte

Location: Living Education – Charlotte
2301 Crown Centre Drive
Charlotte, NC 28227

Admissions: Email transcripts and/or test scores to admissions@lcgeducation.org

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