



Pontiac Christian School

The Golden Rule Program

Questions?

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Dear Families:

Welcome!

Following are the steps for the **Golden Rule Program** to personally help you and your child(ren):

1. Your family has prayed about your **budget**; what your financial **priorities** are; what your tuition amount (**your commitment**) can be each month for 10 months.
2. After you have peace that Pontiac Christian is where your family should be, the Golden Rule application (2 pages) and registration form (also 2 pages) need to be completed and given to the office. New families must also complete the required Family Commitment Form. The registration fee must be paid at this time, since we cannot move forward without it.
3. The regularly required fees will need to be paid **IN FULL** on the due date (book fee on July 1 and activity fee on August 1).
4. There are two optional fees (milk, lunch). They are due on August 1 for the families who choose these services; but these are not required.
5. Upon School Board approval of all submitted paperwork, **INCLUDING YOUR PRIOR YEAR'S Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return**, tuition will be confidentially set for you.
6. You **MUST** sign up for the FACTS online payment system through our website. There is an annual fee associated with FACTS. The office can help you sign up also. Billing can either be by invoice or by automatic withdrawal.

Once more, our School Board seriously desires to make available a healthy, wholesome, Christ-honoring education to any family who is seriously responsible. During this past year, individual families were so blessed by the *Golden Rule Program*.

Praise God!

With sincere regards, today and always ([Matthew 7:12](#)),

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Denise R. Plenert'.

Denise Plenert

Principal



The Golden Rule Program
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is it?

A personal program to help families who are seriously committed to a Christian education for the benefit of their children and/or grandchildren.

2. Why this title?

Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us to treat others the way that we would like to be treated; to offer the same kind of help which we want to receive. Jesus cares, and He desires for us to care.

3. How can you say that money cannot be the deciding factor in a child's education? You have a budget, don't you?

Yes, our school, just like a family, has a budget. And, money is a factor in anyone's budget. But, it cannot be, nor will it be, the deciding factor in any student attending Pontiac Christian School.

4. What, then, is the deciding factor?

Because we are Christians, the deciding factor is really three-in-one ... to honor God and Christ's Lordship and the leading of the Spirit in serving all who are seriously committed to healthy, wholesome schooling for boys and girls.

5. It's been said that this program is private?

Very. Privacy with each family enrolled in the *Golden Rule Program* and the school must be strictly maintained.

6. Strictly maintained?

At all times. To break confidence would be cause for immediate dismissal of the family and their student(s) from the school.

7. Who qualifies for the *Golden Rule Program*?

As they are led by the Lord, anybody and everybody. Strictly, confidentially, reviewing a family's household information, the School Board weighs three very serious areas – honor, integrity, commitment – before its final decision is made.

8. What funds this program?

The participating families, themselves, as well as others' generous giving.



The Golden Rule Program Application
2018-2019

**** Registration form and fee must be submitted with this application. ****
**** New families must also complete the required Family Commitment Form ****
**** Please include a copy of your 2017 Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return ****

SECTION A—Household Information

1. Check one: () father () stepfather () legal guardian () other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

2. Check one: () mother () stepmother () legal guardian () other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

3. Parents' current marital status: () married () single () separated () divorced () widowed
(If separated or divorced, please complete Section B)

4. Please list all household members:

Name	Employer or School Name	Age	Relationship	2017 Adjusted Gross Income (Form 1040)

5. Total 2017 Adjusted Gross Income for Household (Form 1040) : _____

6. Does your family tithe and give according to God's Word, the Bible? _____

7. 2018 Budgeted Household Income: _____ Comments: _____



SECTION B—Please complete if the student's parents are divorced or separated.

Year of separation: _____ Year of divorce: _____

Name of other parent: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

According to court order, when will support for student end? _____

Who claimed the student as a tax exemption for 2017? _____

Is there an agreement specifying a contribution for the student's education? _____

If so, how much will the contribution be for the 2018-2019 school year? _____

SECTION C—Explanation or Special Circumstances.

Please use the space below (and the back of this sheet, if necessary) to explain any unusual expenses, education and other debts, or special circumstances, which would help the School Board in understanding your family's financial needs:

SECTION D—Golden Rule Program payment

How much tuition can you pay per month for 10 months for your children's education? _____

Please note that fees – books, activities, and any options (lunch, milk) – are not included in the discounted tuition amount of the *Golden Rule Program*. **All fees must be paid by their due dates** (as listed in the PCS Registration Packet) **as separate obligations from tuition**.

Christians know that the Lord is the Source of all provision, and that He chooses to use various things to do this. Please share your plan for paying expenses not covered by the *Golden Rule Program* (such as help from your relatives, reduce expenses, cut back some other way, etc.):

We pray for financial provision(s) for all of our families. Is there something specific you would like us to pray for?

SECTION E—Personal Verification

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official of the school, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this form. I understand that this proof may include a copy of my federal or state income tax returns. I also realize that if I don't give proof when asked, my student may not qualify for discounted tuition under Pontiac Christian School's *Golden Rule Program*.

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

Date