

Thank you for your interest in LYDIA Urban Academy. We applaud your efforts in attempting to find a school where your student will be successful and begin to reach his or her potential. We strongly believe in our school and our goal is to help students turn around academically and personally.

Please read through the brochure included in this packet. It will explain our program in more detail. If you have any questions, please call us at 815-966-0039. After reading the brochure, if you are interested in exploring LUA-R as an option for your student, please fill out the enclosed application, gather the items listed on the enclosed checklist, and then call to schedule an interview with the school administrator. **Do not withdraw your student from the current school until after the interview at LUA-R.**

We look forward to helping you find the school that will help your student achieve success.

Sincerely,



THE ADMISSION PROCESS

Lydia Urban Academy enrolls students four times a year at the beginning of each grading period (quarter). Openings are filled on a first come, first served basis with enrollment limited to ten students per classroom.

To learn more about the Academy, prospective students or referral sources may contact LUA Director, Lynne Strathman, at 815.966.0039 or rockford@lydiahome.org for more information or to schedule a tour of the school and an interview. Students are accepted based on their need for a small, structured, learning environment. Student must be willing to: put forth the necessary effort for their personal success and discontinue any involvement in activities that cause barriers to success (i.e. use of illegal drugs, gang activity and violent behavior).

CHECKLIST

Any student accepted to the program must complete or submit the following before receiving a class schedule:

- o LYDIA Urban Academy Application
- o Withdrawal form from previous high school
- o \$150.00 enrollment fee and forms
- o Official high school transcripts
- o Health records completed by a physician (including proof of immunization)
- o LUA placement testing (reading and math)

WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to become a part of the LUA community! We look forward to helping you achieve your goals and work toward a bright future. Earning a high school diploma is a challenging and rewarding experience. CONGRATULATIONS on making a choice for success.

MISSION

LYDIA Home – Rockford is a Christ-honoring agency whose mission is to “strengthen families to care for children and care for children when families cannot.

LYDIA Urban Academy – Rockford’s mission statement is “Transforming lives through education and mentoring.”

The mission of LYDIA Urban Academy is to transform lives through education and mentoring in an environment representing Jesus Christ’s compassion for others and equipping students with the skills to prepare them to be contributing members of their community.

VISION STATEMENT

Founded on the commitment to represent Jesus Christ’s example of compassion for others, LYDIA Urban Academy believes that all people should be awarded dignity by recognizing their personal worth. Therefore we are dedicated to helping students discover and use their talents and abilities for the purpose of becoming contributing members of the community. We believe that all students can be academically and socially successful if given patience, love, emotional and spiritual support in an individualized environment.

PURPOSE

The purpose of LYDIA Urban Academy – Rockford is to serve the students in the greater Rockford area who are searching for a non-traditional school setting to help them more fully develop their potential.

GOALS

LYDIA Urban Academy will...

1. Provide quality, personalized education to as many students as is feasible who want a second chance to earn their high school diploma.
2. Guide students to identify habits and patterns in their life that will enhance their future through the provision of student services and positive activities including counseling, mentoring, and faculty advocacy.
3. Help students reach their highest potential.
4. Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to all of our students through word and action.

FINANCIAL POLICY

Lydia is a nonprofit (501c-3) ministry providing quality education enabling students to become productive citizens within their community. Lydia Urban Academy believes that financial responsibility is a valid part of a student's education and preparation for the future. **Therefore both students and parents are responsible to contribute financially.**

The following is the Financial Policy of LYDIA Urban Academy:

1. Enrollment Fees:
 - a. There is a one-time registration fee of \$150 at enrollment. Registration and enrollment are not secured until this fee is paid.
 - b. All previous tuition and fees must be paid to begin a new school year.
2. Tuition and Fees total \$3,960 per year with financial assistance available:
 - a. STUDENT'S WORK STUDY: \$1,150 per year may be paid by participating in the Work Study tuition program. The choice is documented on the **Student Work Study Fee Agreement**.
 - If the student does not complete their Work Study agreement, the student's parent will be responsible for payment of the student's work study tuition balance. Fees will be added to the monthly tuition statement.
 - b. TUITION ASSISTANCE:
 - Generous scholarships are available based on financial need. Documentation of *total household income* is required in order to qualify for the *sliding fee scale*. "Sliding Fee Scale Application" must be completed and documented.
3. **Tuition and fees must be current in order for the student to begin classes the next quarter.**
4. School records will not be released until all tuition and fees are paid in full.
5. Diplomas will not be awarded until all tuition and fees are paid in full.

ADMISSION APPLICATION

Date

STUDENT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Date of Birth _____

Last 4 digits of Social Security number _____

NAME _____
(last) (first) (full middle)

ADDRESS _____
(city) (state) (zip)

CELL PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PLACE OF BIRTH CITY _____
(state) (country)

FIRST LANGUAGE _____ SECOND LANGUAGE _____

FAITH OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION _____

GENDER (check one) MALE FEMALE

RACE (check all that apply) No, not Hispanic/Latino Yes, Hispanic/Latino
 American Indian or Alaska Native Asia White
 Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Reason for transfer (check all that apply):
 Truant Expelled Repeatedly suspended Academic need School not safe

ALLERGIES: _____

MEDICATIONS: (name of prescription/dose) _____

STUDENT'S LEGAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

This will not prevent enrollment but will assist LUA helping the student move toward success.

History of criminal offenses? Yes No
Currently on Probation? Yes No

Probation Officer _____
(name) (phone number)

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME _____
(last) (first) (full middle)

ADDRESS _____
(city) (state) (zip)

CELL PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

FIRST LANGUAGE _____ SECOND LANGUAGE _____

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION _____

FAITH OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION _____

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYMENT _____

WORK PHONE _____

SECOND PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

If there is a second guardian who may be contacted for school-related concerns, please fill out his or her information here. If there is no second guardian then you may skip this section.

NAME _____
(last) (first) (full middle)

ADDRESS _____
(city) (state) (zip)

CELL PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

FIRST LANGUAGE _____ SECOND LANGUAGE _____

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ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME _____
(last) (first) (full middle)

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT _____

CELL PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT: *student must initial in front of each standard*

LYDIA Urban Academy (LUA) is a non-traditional Christian high school dedicated to providing a quality education in a positive environment that encourages academic excellence, high moral standards and personal discipline. The following standards of conduct define beliefs, and values that the school deems essential to the fulfillment of its mission. They are based on *dignity of everyone, consideration of others, patience, empowerment of the ‘oppressed’, conflict avoidance, and reconciliation.* Each student needs to read, agree to, and apply its contents. LYDIA will not enroll the student if there is no signed agreement on file.

- _____ 1. I understand that if I cause a problem I will be asked to **fix it**. If I can't find a solution, a staff person will find a solution.
- _____ 2. I will **show respect to my fellow students** by not engaging in racism, harassment, bullying, fighting, gossiping, or excluding people for activities or conversations; refrain from open displays of affection and sexual language/innuendoes at school or school events; and not engage in any violent behavior, nor bring any weapon, firearm, or illegal drugs to school.
- _____ 3. I will **show respect to the staff** by non-hostile (word or action) obedience to their directions and requests.
- _____ 4. I will sincerely attempt to **change my language habits** and reduce my profanity to be professional. I understand that if I swear the staff will exhort me to use better language. I realize that I am subject to disciplinary action if I curse at staff or fellow student or continually exhibit profanity.
- _____ 5. I appreciate the organization that occupies the building and grounds in which I attend. I will **not damage** this property or grounds in any way. I understand that I am subject to disciplinary action and payment for damages if I do so.
- _____ 6. I realize that LUA has a zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol. I agree **not to use any drugs or alcohol (or speak publicly)** before school, during school hours, at lunch, or at any other school events. I understand that if I do, I will be subject to immediate discipline. I also understand that the staff may conduct random drug tests and school policy will be followed.
- _____ 7. I realize that **consistent attendance** is necessary for academic success; I will consistently attend school and arrive on time and do the school-work as assigned by my teachers. I understand that four unexcused absences in a class result in a failing quarter grade; that being tardy more than 10 minutes to class is equal to an unexcused absence; and being tardy to class less than 10 minutes for three times equal an excused absence.
- _____ 8. I will **dress professionally appropriate** ('business casual'). The attire will be modest and appropriately cover the body with no undergarments, bare midriffs, no thin shoulder straps or cleavage showing. Pants will be worn above the hips with no undergarments showing. No hats or hoods. No gang related, sexual, profane, or alcohol/drug related clothing or jewelry to school or school events. I will yield to the faculty decisions as to the appropriateness.
- _____ 9. I will abide by the **school policy** regarding phone use, including cell phones, electronic devices, and computer use.

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____