

**INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN
BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY, INC.**

a Florida Corporation not for profit

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Please select the membership class to which you are applying (please check one):

Voting Member.

- Parent, sponsor or guardian of a child currently enrolled in Bradenton Christian School.
- Employee of Bradenton Christian School Society, Inc.
- Individual holding membership in Bradenton Christian School Society, Inc. prior to March 1, 1978

Nonvoting Member.

The Board of Directors may establish one or more classes of nonvoting members of the Corporation by resolution. Please check this box if you do not meet the requirements for voting membership listed above, but would like to make application as a nonvoting member. Nonvoting members are eligible for election to the Board of Directors.

STATEMENT OF SUBSCRIPTION

For the purposes of applying for membership in Bradenton Christian School Society, Inc., a Florida Corporation not for profit, I hereby subscribe to the following:

Section 1. Basis of the Corporation.

The Basis of Bradenton Christian School Society, Inc. is the Holy Bible as interpreted by the following Reformed Standards:

- a. The Heidelberg Catechism
- b. The Belgic Confession
- c. The Canons of Dort
- d. The Westminster Confession
- e. Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms

Section 2. Guiding Principles.

Bradenton Christian School Society, Inc. is to be governed by the following Guiding Principles:

- a. That all things have been created to the end that the Triune God may be glorified in and through them.
- b. That God by His wise covenant arrangement has appointed the parents to be responsible for the training of the child to the end that God and His glory shall be central and supreme in life's total experience.
- c. That the training of the child shall be continued under the parents' responsible supervision in a school that carries out the God-honoring, God-centered program begun in the home.
- d. That there is also extended to those who have no direct parental obligation, the privilege to assist in providing this training.

Section 3. Statement of Belief.

In addition to agreeing that Bradenton Christian School Society, Inc. will be operated in accordance with the Basis and Guiding Principles stated above, I personally commit to the following Statement of Belief:

- a. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the inspired Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and obedience. The Bible proclaims its own authority. It claims inspiration by God¹, our belief in scripture is necessary and commanded by the Bible², and God promises in scripture to preserve His Word for His people in all generations.³ The Bible is correct when it speaks of the world. There are no proven contradictions between what the Bible says and the realities and recorded histories of the world.
- b. Personal experience of Christians proclaims the Bible as truth. The Holy Spirit enables us to believe and creates in our hearts a respect for the authority of the Bible.⁴ It is God who speaks to Christians through the Bible but also who allows the devil to make the Bible seem foolish to non-Christians.⁵
- c. That there is one God eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God has revealed Himself in His Word⁶ as these three distinct persons that are one, true, eternal God⁷ who is sovereign over all.⁸
- d. That man, created in the image of God, disobeyed, fell from his original righteousness, and became dead in sin. Man was created in the perfect image of God⁹ but the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve in paradise,¹⁰ has so poisoned our nature¹¹ that we are born sinners and are corrupt from conception on.¹² God is angry about the sin we are born with and personally commit. As a judge he punishes them now and in eternity.¹³
- e. That Jesus Christ, the incarnate, sinless Son of God, was crucified and arose, bodily, from the dead, so that those who receive Him by faith would have everlasting life. Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.¹⁴ By his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.¹⁵ By his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.¹⁶ Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.¹⁷ There is no salvation outside Christ.¹⁸ We are saved only by grace, through faith.¹⁹
- f. That regeneration by the power of the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful man, and that His indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life. The Holy Spirit has been

given to each of us personally²⁰ so that through true faith He makes us share in Christ and all His blessings²¹, comforts us²² and remains with us forever.²³

- g. We believe in the personal return of Christ to judge the living and the dead. In all our distress and persecution we turn our eyes to the heavens and confidently await the judgment of the very One who has already stood trial in our place before God and so has removed the whole curse from us.²⁴ All His enemies and ours He will condemn to everlasting punishment, but His chosen ones He will take along with Him into the joy and the glory of heaven.²⁵
- h. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believers one and all, as members of the Christian community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts.²⁶ As a result each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and cheerfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.²⁷
- i. That God has given parents the responsibility of bringing up their children in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Since the accomplishment of this objective is a very complex task, parents look to the school and the church for assistance in reaching this goal. We believe that a consistent and meaningful education will result when the home, the school, and church are in agreement on the basic concepts of life. Only as the sum total of all learning is seen in the light of God’s Word will the pupil be able to differentiate the truth from error. With the aid of Christian teachers in a Christian environment, we believe these goals will be realized.²⁸

Signature: _____ Date _____

Printed Name: _____

Church Affiliation (please specify): _____

Address: _____

Email*: _____

* This will be the primary means of communicating regarding meetings of Bradenton Christian School Society, Inc.

References.

- ¹ 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- ² 1 Corinthians 14:36-38; John 5:46-47; 1 John 4:1-6
- ³ Matthew 5:17-18; John 10:35; Isaiah 59:21
- ⁴ 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Titus 3:5
- ⁵ 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 4:2-4
- ⁶ Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Corinthians 8:4, 6
- ⁷ Matthew 3:16-17; 28:18-19; Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:1;
John 14:26; 15:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14
- ⁸ Daniel 4:35
- ⁹ Genesis 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 11:7; Ecclesiastes 7:29
- ¹⁰ Genesis 3
- ¹¹ Romans 5:12, 18-19
- ¹² Psalms 51:5
- ¹³ Exodus 34:7; Psalms 5:4-6; Nahum 1:2; Romans 1:18;
Ephesians 5:6; Hebrews 9:27
- ¹⁴ John 1:1-3, 14, 18; Hebrews 1

- ¹⁵ Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:16-20; 1 Peter 1:3-5
- ¹⁶ Romans 6:5-11; Ephesians 2:4-6; Colossians 3:1-4
- ¹⁷ Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:12-23; Philippians 3:20-21
- ¹⁸ Acts 4:12
- ¹⁹ Romans 1:17
- ²⁰ 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Galatians 4:6
- ²¹ Galatians 3:14
- ²² John 15:26; Acts 9:31
- ²³ John 14:16-17; 1 Peter 4:14
- ²⁴ Luke 21:28; Romans 8:22-25; Philippians 3:20-21;
Titus 2:13-14
- ²⁵ Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10
- ²⁶ Romans 8:32; 1 Corinthians 6:17; 12:4-7, 12-13; 1 John
1:3
- ²⁷ Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:20-27; 13:1-7;
Philippians 2:4-8
- ²⁸ Proverbs 22:6, Proverbs 3:12, Ephesians 6:4