



Homeschool Umbrella Information Packet

We are pleased that you are considering the Homeschool Umbrella Program of Cornerstone Academy!

What is the purpose of a homeschool umbrella program? Maryland law permits students (ages 5-18) to complete their educational requirements through “home instruction”. As such, families must have their home education program supervised by either their local public school system or by an approved organization registered with the Maryland State Department of Education.

The Cornerstone Academy Homeschool Umbrella would:

- Partner with you to ensure that you are providing “regular, thorough instruction” in the subjects that would commonly be taught within particular grades.
- Provide support in your homeschooling decisions, and help find educational resources/curricula that might best suit your learner.
- Conduct a curriculum review at the beginning of the year and a mid-year portfolio review (containing work samples from all disciplines).
- Assist your home education program in meeting the requirements of Maryland’s home instruction laws, as found in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.10.01.
- Provide an opportunity for High School students to earn a diploma issued by Cornerstone Academy and participate in Graduation ceremonies.
- Opportunities to attend school field trips (Any associated field trip costs would be the responsibility of the family.) and weekly Chapel services on the Cornerstone Academy campus.

Fees and Services

Homeschool Umbrella Program Application	\$75 (non-refundable)
Annual Re-Enrollment Fee	\$50 (non-refundable)
Annual Program Fee	\$300 first student/\$250 additional
Graduation Fee (12th grade students only)	\$200 per graduating Senior
Field Trip Fees	Paid by family, if applicable
In-person classes as availability permits (Maximum of three classes)	4th-5th Grade: \$1,500 per class Middle School: \$1,750 per class High School: \$2,000 per class

Cornerstone Academy is an entity of Haven Education Solutions, Inc., and a Maryland State Department of Education-approved school.

Family requirements:

1. Complete the Cornerstone Academy Homeschool Umbrella Program application packet (returned to the school office with the \$75.00, non-refundable application fee). After the application is submitted, the Homeschool Umbrella Coordinator will contact you to schedule an interview.
2. File a Notice of Consent form for your local public school district. District forms will be provided, but it is the responsibility of the family to make sure it is submitted. Cornerstone Academy won't be held responsible if this form is not filed. You must fill out and submit one form per child. Once the notification letter is received from the school system, a copy of this notification will be required for our records.
3. Meet with Cornerstone Academy Homeschool Umbrella personnel to review your education plan, explain Homeschool Umbrella Program services, and family requirements, and answer any additional questions.
4. Financial obligations must be paid in full at the time of initial enrollment.
5. Submission of required materials (grade reports, etc) must be completed on time and portfolio material must be regularly maintained to continue in the program. Classwork samples should be dated and filed chronologically.
6. Grade reports, for our records, will be submitted mid-year (around January) and at the end of the school year. Grade reporting forms will be given to you and can either be emailed to the Homeschool Umbrella Coordinator or dropped off at the school.
7. Cornerstone Homeschool Umbrella personnel will contact you in January (or April, depending on your start date) to schedule your portfolio review. This meeting will be at the Cornerstone Academy campus. Arrangements can be made for an alternative meeting venue, if necessary. Home visits are not required through MSDE.
8. High school students (grades 9-12) who successfully complete Cornerstone Academy's High School Program of Studies requirements are eligible to participate in the Cornerstone Academy Graduation ceremony and receive a school issued diploma. The document outlining the specific courses of study and credit hours needed will be shared with the family before the student begins their freshman (9th grade) year.
9. Families need to inform Cornerstone Academy their schooling intentions annually. This form will be distributed near the end of the school year. If your homeschool status changes at any time during the time you are under our supervision, Cornerstone Academy must be notified immediately.
10. Families must review and sign the Cornerstone Academy Statement of Faith, which is included in the Homeschool Umbrella Application packet.

We look forward to partnering with you academically and spiritually as you equip your children for their tomorrow. Please email questions to kgriffin@cornerstone-academy.org.