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**2019-2020 PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION**

Organization Legal Name: Word of Faith Christian Academy, Inc.

Mailing Address: 907 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street Fort Pierce, FL 34950

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**LEGAL STATUS OF ORGANIZATION:**

(X) Incorporated, Not-for-Profit - Month and Year of incorporation/creation: 8/05/2014

INCLUDE COPY OF CURRENT 501(c)(3) DOCUMENTATION FROM INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

**Person Authorized to Sign on Behalf of this Organization. Signature Must Be Notarized.**

Today's Date: 2/6/20

Print Name: Natalee Edwards Title: President

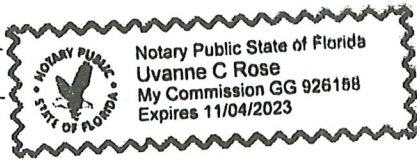
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**NOTARY** STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

BEFORE ME, an officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, personally appeared NATALEE EDWARDS, who is personally known to me or produced \_\_\_\_\_, as identification, and acknowledged he/she executed the forgoing Agreement for the use and purposes mentioned in it and that the instrument is his/her act and deed.

IN WITNESS OF THE FORGOING, I have set my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid in this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC   
My Commission Expires: 11/4/2023



PLEASE SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL APPLICATION AND 7 COPIES  
Attach additional pages, as necessary.



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PLEASE PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE YOUR ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS IN THIS APPLICATION.

1. Describe your organization and list your Mission Statement.

**Word of Faith Christian Academy, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community-based private Christian school. We currently serve kids from Kindergarten to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade offering all traditional classes, Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies, P.E., Health, Arts & Craft, Spanish, Bible, Music . Our mission is to foster, nurture, and develop our students in a challenging and creative environment conducive to learning. We believe our students learn best in environments that are tempered with love, kindness, and compassion. As an educational institution, our mission extends to promoting a balance in the academic, social, spiritual, and emotional soundness of our children, enabling them to becoming better citizens in their community than previous generations.**

2. Describe your organization's history and prior experience, including a description of programs/projects similar to the one you are applying for in this application.

**Word of Faith Christian Academy, Inc. (WFCA) was founded by Pastor Andria Dixon in August, 2014. Pastor Dixon, along with her sister, Ms. Natalee Edwards worked with students in the Port St. Lucie area for several years prior and after, offering tutoring services and FCAT workshops to help students prepare for end of year exams and assessments. In 2016, we were able to open our doors under the umbrella of another private school headquartered in Broward County, FL. For two years, we functioned as the north campus of that school, where we enrolled 35 students from Kindergarten to 10<sup>th</sup> grade. In 2018, WFCA received its necessary credentials and approval from the Florida Department of Education to fully operate as an independent private school. In that same year, the school relocated to the Lincoln Park community in Fort Pierce and hence began a new chapter.**

**When the 2018-19 school year ended, with lots of enthusiasm, but limited funds, we decided to start our first summer program. With two paid staff and several volunteers, we successfully enrolled 33 kids from the community ages 5 to 13. Our summer program consisted of an academic and a recreational component, where we focused on Math and Reading skills. In those 2 short summer months, we realized that we had made leaps and bounds because there was a major academic deficiency with our children entering kindergarten and those who were already in elementary school. With that, the WFCA Board of Directors met and decided that we would be better effective serving K – 5 graders.**

**This year, our goal is towards 'kindergarten readiness' and improving reading comprehension skills. We endeavor as a school to engage our parents, and our community in recognizing the importance of summer learning as a means to keep our children at or above level in preparation for the next grade level. Our summer program not only addresses the educational component, but we strive to nurture the creative and social well-being of the child. Like last year's summer experience, we plan to bring back some of the same indoor and outdoor activities the kids most enjoyed, field trips, movies, swimming, board games etc. There may be similar programs available, but we have listened to our parents and guardians, we will maintain a more structured and attentive environment for their child, in keeping**

3. List all previous grants awarded by the City of Fort Pierce to **YOU or any organization(s) you were previously or are currently associated with.** If None, write N/A below:

<u>Program Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
2018-19	N/A	
2017-18	N/A	
2016-17	N/A	

**Please Note:** Organizations/Applicants who have received funding for three consecutive years may be deferred in order to provide funding for newer activities.

4. If you have received funding from the City of Fort Pierce for Public Service projects in the past, please explain **HOW** the program/project described in this grant application is **NEW OR EXPANDED:**

N/A

5. What is your organization's annual budget? Describe how your organization is currently funded.

**Our 2019 budget was \$218,632**

**Our 2019 funding sources are: Step Up For Children, McKay Scholarship Foundation, AAA Scholarship Foundation, National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Fund-raising, and In-kind contributions**

6. Do the City of Fort Pierce and/other local organizations in Fort Pierce provide services similar to your agency? Yes  
If you answered Yes, how do your services compliment their offerings? If yes, explain.

**The Florida Department of Education's (D.O.E.'s) directory currently has 23 private school listings, including Word of Faith Christian Academy, operating in Fort Pierce. These schools service students from Kindergarten to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, providing a range of services involving, but not limited to, specific learning disabilities and emotional/behavioral disabilities in a diverse demography within Fort Pierce, all offering the traditional core subjects available in the public school sector. At WFCA, we ensure that our children are given the same educational exposure as any other private or public school with unique variations that aligns with our mission.**

How are your services different?

We are intentional in having smaller-class sizes so we can offer more individualized attention to some of our students who need it. We strive to build a family-oriented atmosphere amongst staff, students, parents and community. We give hugs!!!

7. Project Name (please keep it short): WFCA SummerVenture



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Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2019 Income Limits								
Number of People Living in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Extremely Low Income	13,550	16,910	21,330	25,750	30,170	34,590	39,010	42,550
Very Low Income	22,550	25,800	29,000	32,200	34,800	37,400	39,950	42,550
Low Income	36,050	41,200	46,350	51,500	55,650	59,750	63,900	68,000

8. U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) National Objective Activities: (check one)
- Area benefit** activity (the activity benefits/is open to everyone in a particular low-income neighborhood or geography)
  - Limited Clientele** activity (particular individuals or households receive a benefit, and the majority of them qualify as low income)
  - Presumed Benefit** activity (the activity benefits a group of individuals presumed by HUD to qualify for a benefit: battered spouses, homeless, elderly, severely disabled adults, abused children, illiterate adults, persons with HIV/AIDS, or migrant farm workers)

9. Which National Objective(s) shown below does your project/program(s) meet?
- Benefit low to moderate-income persons.
  - Help in the prevention of slums or blight; and/or
  - Meet other community needs having a particular urgency because other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

10. Beneficiaries from National Objective Activities (#8 Above)

A. Who are the intended beneficiaries of this program/project? Describe how the project will ensure that the intended beneficiaries are being served and the target population will be reached, including how beneficiaries are identified, and any outreach performed:

**All our marketing efforts will target Pre-school and Daycare centers in and around the Lincoln Park community for kids entering Kindergarten in the upcoming school year. We will also reach out to parents of students who attended our last year's summer camp who attended other schools, our own (WFCA) elementary students and households in the Lincoln Park community in grades K-5.**

B. If the project will provide an "Area Benefit", please clearly define the geographic area to be served by the proposed activity. Include a map, if necessary.

**Our program will concentrate on households within walking distance (1-3miles) or driving distance (3-8 miles) to our school's campus: North 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue I. North 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Eastbound), North 29<sup>th</sup> St (Westbound), Juanita Ave (Northbound), and Orange Ave (Southbound) to the school's location.**



- C. If the project will benefit "Limited Clientele", list the approximate number and percentage of total persons assisted through this project/program who will be Low to Moderate Income (LMI) and how their income level will be determined.

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- D. If a project will provide a "Presumed Benefit", please identify the group(s):

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abused Children              | <input type="checkbox"/> Illiterate Adults                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Income Senior Citizens | <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant Farm Workers             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Persons with HIV/AIDS            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Severely Disabled Adults         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Income Youth           | <input type="checkbox"/> Severely Disabled Children/Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                  |   |

11. Describe the existing problems or needs to be addressed by this program/project.

- **Our summer program will address summer learning loss or 'summer slide' in the 2 months break from the traditional school setting.**
- **Keep children in a safe environment**
- **Give working parents an ease of mind that their child(ren) are not idle during the days.**
- **Children are not left hungry**

12. Describe your proposed project's activities and how they will address the problems/needs you listed in #11 above.

- **The academic component consists of 4-5 hours/week of Math and 5-7 hours/week of Reading for each grade level (K-5)**
- **Campers will be closely monitored at all times for all indoor and outdoor activities**
- **Our activities are geared around our campers having a fun-filled day. Swimming, field trips, picnic at the park, water-slides, canvas painting, arts & craft, movies.**
- **We provide breakfast, hot lunches and afternoon snacks for all our campers. \*\*As a sponsor school of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), WFCA adheres to the food safety guidelines in preparation and serving of meals to our children even outside of the NSLP service months (August – May).\*\***

13. List the physical addresses where your proposed project activities (listed in #12 above) will take place. Use street addresses within the City limits of Fort Pierce.

**Our summer camp will be held at 907 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, 34950. Exact locations for offsite (field trips) activities will be provided once confirmed.**

14. List this project's measurable goals and objectives, as well as the date(s) when each will be met.

**Our goal is to include an academic component in our summer camp to remediate, reinforce and challenge our campers in Math and Reading Comprehension from June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. We will also engage in kindergarten readiness for our 5-year olds entering Kindergarten**



**in the Fall of 2020. We promote collaborative interaction with kids from higher grades to assist those in the lower grades so it promotes leadership and camaraderie amongst each other.**

15. How will you track the results of these goals and objectives? (This information will be required with your monthly status reports.)

**Completed packet portfolios (K-5), computerized reading assessments data (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) and overall end-of-summer assessment on Math (K-5) and Reading (K-2) at the end of the summer program.**

16. Briefly describe measurements of outcomes for each of the activities listed in #12. (Examples - number of unduplicated low/moderate income youth served, number of unduplicated senior citizens served, number of unduplicated Veterans served, number of unduplicated adults served, etc.)

**All summer camp participants will be unduplicated and from households with low/moderate income.**

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17. Amount of Grant Funds requested in this application: \$5,000  
Amount of other funds secured for this program/project: \$0.00  
Amount of other funds earmarked for the program/project: \$2,000  
Total amount needed to complete this program/project: \$7,000

18. Describe your contingency plan in the event this grant request is not fully funded, or not funded at all by the City of Fort Pierce:

**We will ask for donations from our board members and previous donors and do fund-raising events.**

19. If this is a multi-year project, how will you continue to implement this project if City grant funds are not available in future years?

**To continue implementing future summer programs, we will ask for donations from our board members and previous donors and do fund-raising events.**

20. Select every qualifier below that best describes your project.

- Improve or enhance education opportunities  
 Improve or enhance job training opportunities  
 Improve or enhance employment opportunities



- Promote cultural diversity
- Promote outdoor activities and a healthy lifestyle
- Spur interest and participation in neighborhood improvement activities
- Encourage citizen involvement and leverage resources to revitalize low and moderate-income neighborhoods
- Encourage partnerships between City Hall, residents and other community organizations that will result in projects and activities that benefit a community
- Instill and foster community pride
- Promote neighborhood beautification and revitalization
- Promote activities that protect the environment
- Discourage adverse activity such as crime, drug use, and vandalism
- Inspire and support the healthy development of youth

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21. Write an explanation below of **how** your project will perform **each** qualifier you selected above:

- 1. We improve education opportunities by keeping our kids academically engaged through the Math and Reading tools provided in our summer program.**
- 2. We promote outdoor activities and healthy lifestyles through our involvement with the County's swim program, allowing playtime in the park and at our camp site.**
- 3. Parents and High school students get a chance to volunteer their time in helping our kids work and play and as chaperones on field trips.**
- 4. Our children will learn safety rules for swimming, they will improve on their social interaction skills, they can explore their creativity through Arts & Craft and learn about historical facts through various museums (field trips).**

22. Date project to begin: June 8, 2020

Date project to be completed: July 31, 2020

23. Describe any participant fees that will be required as part of this project/program. Please see "New for Program Year 2019-2020" on Page 4 of the Grant Guidance.

**No fees will be charged to recipients of the summer program scholarships funded through the grant offered by the City of Fort Pierce. The first 15 qualified applicants to the program will be granted a FULL SCHOLARSHIP with no out of pocket cost to the family.**

24. Applicants must demonstrate that the selection of participants is an objective process and Grant Recipient may not limit participation on the basis of race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion, creed, or disability. How will your project comply with this expectation?

**WFCA does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion, creed or disability. Our objective is to fulfill the desire of a family who wishes to participate in our program in the Fort Pierce area on a first-come, first-serve basis. Signed and dated applications will be used as our way to demonstrate compliance.**

25. If this project is sponsored by a church or religious group, participation may not be limited to members of the church. What efforts will you make to ensure that the community at-large is aware of this project and the opportunity for participation?

**Flyers and announcements about our summer program will be displayed in full view for the public. This will be done through our school's website, through VCOYA's email distribution list, yard signs put in various areas throughout the community and flyers distributed to local pre-schools/daycare centers and other local businesses.**



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26. Provide a COMPLETE, detailed budget for **THIS** project in the budget chart below. List proposed City grant funds and other *committed funds* and 'in-kind contributions', donated professional services, fees and other resources that will be used to complete the project. List a detailed breakdown of individual items. Use specific descriptions, not broad categories. Remember, committed funds and/or in-kind services **must equal at least 25% of your grant request**.

Be sure to include verification documentation of all funds listed below as 'Committed' or 'In-Kind'. Commitments listed in the budget below that lack documentation **will not be counted as commitments**.

**NOTE: Volunteer Hours may be calculated at \$12/hour.**

- o Please provide at least one (1) quote for each item listed that you will purchase with this grant award in the above Budget under 'Expense/Description'. Each quote should list vendor/company with contact information.

Program/Project Expense/Description	City Grant	Other Committed Funds and/or \$\$ Amount or In-Kind	Source of Other Committed Funds or In-Kind Services (Please provide written verification of <u>Every</u> in-kind service listed here from the "Source")
<b>15 full scholarships at a discounted rate of \$45/week for 8 weeks</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>	<b>Funds in bank</b>
<b>Summer T-shirts</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>Funds in bank</b>
<b>Summer workbooks &amp; packets</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>Funds in bank</b>
<b>Gas</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Funds in bank</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	
(use more lines/pages as necessary)			



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27. Organization Staff and Volunteers

Please complete the information listed below for ***each person*** in your organization who will work on **THIS** project and the percentage of time they will dedicate to the project, including all volunteers.

Name #1: **Natalee Edwards**

Telephone Number: **(772)626-5582**

Email Address: **wfcaschools@gmail.com**

Organization Position: **Program Director**

City of Residence: **Port St. Lucie**

Qualifications: **4 years School Administration, 2 years School Director, B.S. Accounting, M.S. candidate for Forensic Accounting**

Professional Licenses:

Role in Project: **Site Director and Trainer**

% of Time Dedicated to Project: **75%**

28. Please attach **ALL** of the documents listed below to your application. Include a written explanation for EACH document not included:

- Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws
- State and Federal Tax-Exempt determination letter
- Employee Identification Number
- List of Board of Directors with contact information
- Organizational Chart for your Organization
- Board of Director's authorization to apply for this grant
- Last three month's bank statements
- Annual budgets for 2019-2020
- Most recent audit report (if this is not available, provide written explanation)
- Matching funds and In-Kind Services commitment documentation (Budget, #26)
- Three (3) Letters of Support for this project
- Newspaper articles, and Thank-You letters, etc., as available, for your organization's work within the City of Fort Pierce.

END OF 2019-2020 PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION