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SCHOOL

International  
Application  
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## School History – A Different Vision

Jefferson Community School was conceived in 2004 by a dedicated group of parents and educators, who were looking to create a truly life-changing educational experience for students. Both teachers and parents shared a commitment to individualized education, experiential, expeditionary-based learning & a goal of igniting students' intellectual passions.

## Good Templars Building 1870

The International Order of Good Templars began construction in 1869. The upper floor was used for meetings and the first floor housed a playhouse used for lectures, plays and recitals. In 1888, a new owner fitted the building to accommodate sleeping rooms for male laborers. The Fraternal Order of Eagles bought the building in 1904, giving it a face-lift in 1958. It was sold in 1995 to a local group who rehabilitated it, capturing much of its original charm. The building is home to the Jefferson Community School (which now owns the building) and has a mix of businesses on the lower level.

## The Mission of Jefferson Community School

**Jefferson community school inspires students to be responsible global citizens through individualized, experiential and expeditionary learning programs.**

## The Vision of Jefferson Community School

Jefferson Community School is a not-for-profit independent school that provides educational opportunities for all families based on the principles of experiential and expeditionary learning, and individual care for each student in a respectful community environment. All students will be academically and socially prepared to be successful citizens of their community and the world.

## Our Core Values

### **Experiential learning:**

- An experiential learning environment is one of the core values upon which Jefferson Community School was founded. We value spontaneous opportunities for learning, carefully planned expeditions integrated with the curriculum, and traveling to local, regional, and global destinations.

### **Academic excellence:**

- Jefferson Community School challenges students with rigorous curriculum, helping youth develop critical thinking skills while actively participating in their own learning and discovery. Students hold themselves accountable to each other, their teachers and their community through measureable outcomes. JCS balances strong academics with flexible learning environments to assist in a variety of learning styles.

### **School community:**

- Jefferson Community School values the diversity and background of each member of our school community. Scholarships and financial aid make the JCS experience more affordable to families in financial need. We recognize and respect that everyone has unique gifts and talents that contribute to the success of the school. Small class sizes and daily all school gatherings enhance a strong sense of community, belonging, and mutual respect.

### **Leadership development:**

- Jefferson Community School values the development of global citizens capable of taking leadership roles. Students are consistently encouraged to develop skills through leadership opportunities, and by taking leading roles in service learning projects and efforts within the student body.

### **Expanding Opportunities:**

- Jefferson Community School creates opportunities on many levels. The expedition program takes our students to places that they may not otherwise be likely to go. Flexible learning programs allow students to earn academic credit through involvement in the community working with outside experts on projects of interest.

### **Global citizenship**

- Our staff and students recognize that the world today goes beyond the confines of our buildings and physical geography. We value respect for the world around us through community service and interaction with other cultures. JCS students are prepared to live in a future where we are all connected with the world.

### **We are a school characterized by:**

- *A strong academic college preparatory program and a developmentally appropriate curriculum from grades 7 through 12.*
- *The expectation that all students will take advantage of opportunities to contribute to, and benefit from, an integrated program that includes Expeditionary and Experiential Education, Community Service, Arts, and Athletics.*
- *A committed faculty and staff that develops close, caring relationships with students.*
- *An educational environment that embraces a variety of learning and teaching styles and respects individual differences.*
- *A school culture in which it is safe to take intellectual risks and which encourages independent thinking, creativity, ethical decision-making, and respect for others.*
- *An active school community comprised of students, their parents, faculty, staff, alumni and Board of Directors; all of whom are valued contributors to enriching and enhancing the life of the school.*

—Adopted by the Board of Directors, September 2005

### **Accreditation**

*Jefferson Community School is an approved private school by the State of Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), is accredited by AdvancEd, an affiliate of the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and is a subscriber member of Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS).*

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# QUESTIONS

you may have during the Admissions process:

## **How do families visit the school?**

Visits by prospective families are welcomed. International Family Preview Tours are available by appointment made at least two weeks in advance by written request to [international@jeffersoncommunityschool.com](mailto:international@jeffersoncommunityschool.com).

## **What are the application procedures and requirements?**

Please see the Application Checklist.

## **Does Jefferson Community School accept international students to the Middle School?**

The school does accept to our Middle School those international students who demonstrate advanced proficiency in English. International applicants to the Middle School should use the International Application.

## **What is the process for admission?**

Admission to Jefferson Community School is a holistic process that uses multiple sources of information in the application including: the application, academic records, teacher evaluations, personal recommendation, school visit/interview, and a student's talents, character, interests and leadership qualities. The Admission Committee will consider all of these factors in determining the most suitable program for the applicant.

## **What is the enrollment of the school? How large are the classes?**

- Total enrollment, including our domestic and International students, is 35 – 45 students
- The student-teacher ratio is approximately 8 to 1.
- Class size varies from 8 to 18 students.

## **Is a student required to submit a writing sample with the application?**

Yes, applicants are required to submit one hand-written writing sample.

## **Are sibling applicants given special consideration?**

Siblings of current/past JCS students and children of alumni and faculty go through the same admission process and, if fully qualified, are given priority consideration.

## International Admission Deadlines during the 2016-2017 School Year

<b>March 13 - 22, 2016</b>	In –country interviews
<b>April 10th, 2016</b>	Family response deadline
<b>May 1, 2016</b>	International applications and all supplemental materials due
<b>May 5 –12<sup>th</sup>, 2016</b>	Video-call and in-person interviews with applicants are conducted, (interviews will be arranged after on-line portion of the application is received)

## Domestic Admission Deadlines

Entry for 2016-2017 school year

<b>March 14, 2016</b>	Domestic applications due and supplemental paperwork due
<b>April 12 &amp; 13, 2016</b>	Notification letters sent
<b>May 23, 2016</b>	Family response deadline

For more information about both International and Domestic Admissions, please visit [www.Jeffersoncommunityschool.com/admissions](http://www.Jeffersoncommunityschool.com/admissions).

# INTERNATIONAL TUITION

## **What is the 2016-2017 tuition? What additional costs should be anticipated?**

\$25,100 Tuition  
+ \$3,800 Expedition  
+ \$1,000 International Student United States Insurance 2016-2017  
+ \$500 Miscellaneous Fees (Class trips, Sports, etc.)

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\$30,400 Total Tuition

+ 8,800 \$800/month for a 11-month Homestay (Room & Board)

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\$8,800 Housing

\*\$1,400 estimated personal expenses, entertainment, miscellaneous

**Total Costs: \$40,600\***

### **Is Financial Aid available?**

We do not offer financial assistance to international students or Home Stay financial aid to domestic students.

### **How will I know that all of my application materials have been received?**

You are welcome to contact International Admissions at any time to check on the status of your application file. International Admissions can be reached by telephone, 360-385-0622, or by email: [international@Jeffersoncommunityschool.com](mailto:international@Jeffersoncommunityschool.com)

### **What happens if an application is late?**

We consider late applications on a space-available basis.

### **How much interaction will the ESL students have with the domestic students?**

International students will receive ESL support are part of everyday school at JCS. All students gather together everyday for lunch and "Circle", a discussion time with faculty regarding current events and community generation. ESL students are gradually integrated into more academic courses with American students each year. Physical education, sports teams, arts courses, class trips, and the expedition offer additional chances for interaction.

\* Does not include mandatory Student Insurance, proof of which must be provided by the applicant.

Jefferson Community School requires the completion and submission of specific documents\* to assist the school in the process of making admission decisions. Please complete the following steps below.

**Step One Parent/Guardian and Student Application Form**

- Complete the application.
- Complete student questionnaire in your own words and in your own handwriting.
- Include the application fee of \$100. **\*Application Fee waived if applied before April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**
- Please send the application as soon as it is completed.
- Medical Release Form (**UPLOAD WITH APPLICATION**)
- Photo Scan of Passport (if available) (**UPLOAD WITH APPLICATION**)

**Step Two English Proficiency**

Please contact JCS for an alternative evaluation of your English language abilities for determination.

**Step Three Academic Evaluation Forms (UPLOAD WITH APPLICATION)**

**Teacher Evaluation Form (Science, History, or Language Arts teacher preferred)**

Choose one current academic teacher to fill out one evaluation form.

This should be from a teacher not providing a math or English Assessment Form.

- Print teacher and student's name on form
- Give form to student's teacher.

**English and Math Assessment Forms (UPLOAD WITH APPLICATION)**

- Print teacher and student's name on the forms.
- Give the assessment forms to the student's math and English teachers respectively.

**Step Four Transcript Release Form (UPLOAD WITH APPLICATION)**

All transcripts must be translated into English by school official or professional translator.

- Give the Transcript Release Form to an official at your child's school. Include transcripts from the current year and the two previous years.

**Step Six Financial Statement (UPLOAD WITH APPLICATION)**

- Complete the Financial Statement and accompany it with a certified bank statement.

**Step Seven Personal Visit/ Interview**

An interview, either in person or via an internet video-call, is required. A personal visit is highly recommended. Please contact International Admissions to make an appointment.

*\*Jefferson Community School reserves the right to request additional materials, including additional test scores and/or interviews.*

**APPLICANT'S NAME AS SHOWN ON YOUR PASSPORT**

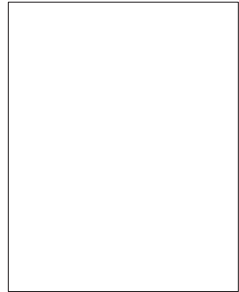
FIRST MIDDLE LAST (FAMILY NAME) PREFERRED NAME

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
mm/dd/yyyy

Applying to Grade: 7 / 8 / 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 In: \_\_\_\_  Day  Home Stay Applying to: Full Year / Short-term  
(Month/Year) (less than one year)

To study less than a full year, specify proposed attendance dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/Immigration Status:  I-20 Required  I have my own VISA: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE DESCRIBE)  
 Permanent Resident (Green Card holder)



Student Address – Required only if different than Parent / Guardian Address: *(see next page)*

STREET ADDRESS 1 STREET ADDRESS 2

CITY STATE POSTAL CODE COUNTRY

PHONE FAX

APPLICANT'S EMAIL

COUNTRY OF BIRTH CITIZEN OF

NATIVE LANGUAGE HOW LONG HAS THE APPLICANT STUDIED THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

**EDUCATION**

Name and address of school(s) attended during the last three years

CURRENT SCHOOL PHONE

STREET ADDRESS 1 STREET ADDRESS 2

CITY STATE POSTAL CODE COUNTRY

YEARS ATTENDED GRADE LEVELS

What languages are used by teachers in the classroom? \_\_\_\_\_

Is English the primary language of instruction?  Yes  No

PREVIOUS SCHOOL PHONE

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE COUNTRY

YEARS ATTENDED GRADE LEVELS

Other schools to which this student is applying this year:



## FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION

When applicable, parent/guardian 1 refers to male, and parent/guardian 2 refers to female.

**Applications which do not provide complete address information will be considered incomplete.**

FAMILY INFORMATION

**PARENT/GUARDIAN 1:**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN 2:**

TITLE:  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.

TITLE:  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.

FIRST	LAST (FAMILY NAME)	FIRST	LAST (FAMILY NAME)	
PREFERRED NAME		PREFERRED NAME		
RELATION TO APPLICANT		RELATION TO APPLICANT		
HOME STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	COUNTRY
HOME PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE	HOME PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE	
CELL PHONE		CELL PHONE		
EMAIL		EMAIL		
FAX		FAX		
OCCUPATION		OCCUPATION		
TITLE		TITLE		
COMPANY		COMPANY		

Siblings: (list all brothers and sisters below)

NAME SCHOOL	GENDER	AGE/GRADE LEVEL	PRESENT

Guardians in Seattle Area:

FIRST	LAST (FAMILY NAME)		
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
HOME PHONE	EMAIL		

Is this an educational agency application? If yes, please write the name of the agency and assisting agent in the spaces below. (Required: Applications submitted via agency that do not provide agency contact information are incomplete).  YES  NO

Mailing Name:

FIRST	LAST (FAMILY NAME)		
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL	

# INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

## \*OPTIONAL PARENT STATEMENT

Please tell us about your family's interest in Jefferson Community School. Please describe how Jefferson Community School's mission and philosophy form an ideal fit for your student's educational experience.



Please tell us about your child’s interests and activities both in and out of school. A parental perspective helps us to know each student more completely.

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Please describe any special circumstances or prolonged absences from school which may have affected the student's work. Include specific testing and/or academic support the student has received. You may also generally describe your student's greatest challenges. Attach documentation as appropriate.

The student should complete the following portion of this application. Please answer the following questions in your own words. Please do not receive any assistance or editing.

1. What would be your perfect U.S. high school experience? Please describe.

2. Has there ever been a time in school when you felt you failed or, at least, did not do your best? Please describe.

3. What are the most attractive features of Jefferson Community School for you?

**STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

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4. In your opinion, what was the most important moment in the history of your own country?

5. Please describe an experience you have had with a person (or people) that were very different from you.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

How do you intend to finance your child’s education at Jefferson Community School?

- Student and Family
- Fund from outside sources

All applicants will need to complete the financial statement which appears in the application packet.

**SIGNATURES**

My signature below indicates that all the information submitted to Jefferson Community School is factually correct, complete, and honestly presented.

PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT	DATE
PRINT NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN	DATE
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN	DATE

\$100 Non-refundable Application Fee Required **(Fee waived if application received before April 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Please return to:

Jefferson Community School  
 Admissions  
 ATTN: International Coordinator  
 280 Quincy Street  
 Port Townsend,  
 WA 98368  
 U.S.A.  
 PHONE: 360-385-0622  
 EMAIL: international@Jeffersoncommunityschool.com

*Jefferson Community School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, disability, use of service animals, national or ethnic origin, or any other trait or characteristic protected by law in admission of otherwise qualified students; in providing access to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at Jefferson Community School; or in its administration of educational policies, admissions policies, financial aid, athletics, and other school-administered programs.*

**CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST (FAMILY NAME) PREFERRED NAME

Applying for: \_\_\_\_\_  
YEA

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL\* OR FAMILY SPONSOR INFORMATION**

Name of Applicant's Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
FAMILY NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE

Jefferson Community School requires F-1 visa students to show a minimum support of U.S. \$40,600 for students per year. By signing this affidavit of support, I will be financially responsible for the applicant indicated above for tuition, fees, living expenses, and other relevant expenses in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year. (Choose one of the amounts above).

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:**

Sponsors who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents also must complete an affidavit of support. The form is available by request from the International Admissions Coordinator.

Applicants with several sponsors must have each sponsor complete the International Student Financial Statement and affidavit of support if applicable.

\*PERSONAL FUNDS: If you are funding your education using your own resources, please have your bank provide verification of your personal account.

**BANK VERIFICATION**

THIS FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THIS SECTION IS COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY A BANK CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF THE TUITION PAYOR'S ACCOUNT.

I certify that the above-named sponsor has the minimum equivalent of \_\_\_\_\_ on deposit with our institution. This certification is offered with no responsibility on the part of this bank or financial agency.

Name of Bank (or agency): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Account Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Account Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of account:  Checking  Savings  Cert. of Deposit  Other

Date account opened: \_\_\_\_\_





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