

HOW TO WRITE YOUR NARRATIVE

FOR YOUR ACSTO APPLICATION

Many parents develop writer's block when they get to the Narrative section of the ACSTO application process. When writing your Narrative, please keep in mind that we do take the age of the child into consideration. *You do not need to write a book about your child.* Two to three paragraphs is sufficient. If you want to write more, please feel free to do so.

We want to make this step in the application easy for you. Below are some **suggestions and considerations** to help you:

Type your Narrative in a Word document, then copy and paste it into the online application; this way you will not lose what you have typed if you “time-out” in our Parent Portal. Each year when you reapply to ACSTO, you will need to rewrite your Narrative—having a saved copy will make it easier to update.

- » *Take this opportunity to brag about your child. Give the Selection Committees a snapshot of who your child is so they have an opportunity to “know” him/her.*
- » *You may want to start off by telling us what grade your child is in and what school will they be attending. Tell us why you want your child at a Christian school. How have you seen it impact them? What do you hope they will gain from a Christian Education? Consider sharing how it has impacted your family.*
- » *You may discuss your student's character traits and how you see your child demonstrate them.*
- » *Think about telling us about what your child likes to do. How do they utilize their spare time? What are their hobbies? Are they involved in any extracurricular activities? What household chores are they responsible for?*
- » *Consider discussing your child's involvement at church. Do they attend a Sunday school program? Are they involved in a youth program? Do they participate in any volunteer work at church or other places? Have they made the decision to be baptized?*
- » *You may also want to talk about what their favorite subjects are at school and why. Are they on the honor roll? Have they made improvements in their grades? What type of awards have they received at school?*

Again, these are simply **suggestions**—you do not have to include all of this information in your narrative. These are just talking points that may help you prepare your child's narrative.

Still have questions? Don't hesitate to call our office at 480.820.0403—we would be more than happy to help you through this process! **We exist to make Christian Education a reality for your family!**

