



The Patron Program

1 THE LASTING GOOD OF PATRONAGE

The word *patron*, in Latin, means Father. Its etymology suggests one who begets, supports, protects. The tradition of patronage dates back to the Roman era, when Roman citizens took on the role of protector over a foreigner who had settled in Roman territory. Patron and client were closely connected. This benevolent practice continued into the medieval and Renaissance times, spreading to the arts and academia.

Only through patronage does the world know the genius of Galileo, Michelangelo, Augustine, and Beethoven. Without the provision and devotion of countless patrons, we would not have the great cathedrals of Europe which serve as glorious “testimony to the theology of an entire epoch in history.”* We, in Western civilization, are indebted to the labors and love that led men and women to patronize endeavors in art, music, science, literature and thought that might never benefit themselves, but had the potential to impact the world forever.

**The Lost Art of Patronage, Charles Erlandson*

2 IS IT I, LORD?

Education is not neutral. Though modern educators espouse objective, egalitarian teaching, all education reflects a certain worldview; whispers an underlying philosophy about what a human person is and ought to do. Naperville Christian Academy believes that man is created in the image of God with a profound capacity for imagination and thought. As such, learning is an inevitable part of who man is and what he does, and should therefore be held in high esteem.

If we, the Christian community, wish to see virtue and truth reign over modern culture, it is imperative that we invest in the growth of those ideals in real and tangible ways. Just as Florence, through abundant patronage of the church, arts, and sciences during the Renaissance, came to be recognized and admired as the worldwide center of culture, so America holds the potential to resurge as a nation of godliness and grace, industry and charity, by the patronage of classical Christian education. It is almost certain that you, reader of these words, have never considered whether God might call you to become a Patron. But it is equally certain that by doing so, you will impact the world forever.

3 WHOM WOULD I SPONSOR?

The Patron Program is no ordinary scholarship fund. Rather than donating to a general fund to be broadly distributed, each Patron will be paired with a designated recipient of their patronage; a **protégé**. Protégés will be Naperville Christian Academy students who demonstrate significant financial need and submit a written request for consideration. The protégé will be required to demonstrate superb effort and academic growth in order to maintain his or her eligibility for patronage. Our hope is that Patron and protégé would form a lasting bond through mutual encouragement and accountability.

4 WHAT WILL MY MONEY BE USED FOR?

Your patronage dollars will go directly toward your protégé's academic tuition. Patrons commit to cover 80% of tuition cost. The protégé is responsible for the remaining 20% and additional annual fees. Requiring the protégé to contribute a monetary portion ensures that the student's family is also actively investing in his education and is able to fully appreciate the support and care of his Patron.

5 HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Patrons may specify the grade level of the student they wish to sponsor or may even name their protégé if they wish. Tuitions for the 2023-24 school year are as follows:

Grade Level	Annual Tuition	80% Patronage	20% Protégé Portion
Grammar School (K-5 th)	\$ 10,800	\$ 8,640	\$ 2,160
Logic School (6 th -8 th)	\$ 10,890	\$ 8,712	\$ 2,178
Rhetoric School (9 th -12 th)	\$ 11,485	\$9,188	\$ 2,297

6 HOW DO I PAY?

There are three conventional payment options:

One Annual Payment – Patronage paid in full before the beginning of the school year

Two Semi-Annual Payments – Patronage paid half before start of term and half in January

Twelve Monthly Payments – Patronage paid in 12 monthly installments either by checks mailed to the school office OR by automatic bank withdrawal or credit card through FACTS Tuition Management.

If a patron desires an alternative payment structure (i.e. paying for multiple years in a single payment), Naperville Christian Academy will work with you to arrange something suitable.

7 MAY I CONTACT MY PROTÉGÉ?

YES!!! Becoming a Patron means you are taking a personal interest in the education of a boy or girl, or young man or woman, and providing the means to a brighter future. You are welcome and encouraged to communicate with him or her via letters or email. Upon closer acquaintance, parents may invite you to share phone calls or visits. At the end of each school year, Naperville Christian Academy will host a Patron Dinner for patrons and their protégés.

If you wish to remain anonymous, Naperville Christian Academy will withhold your personal information, but will transmit to you periodic letters on your protégé's behalf informing you of his or her progress and appreciation.

8 WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

Contact Rebecca Ruff, Naperville Christian Academy Director of Operations and Development.

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Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for the lasting good that will come from your commitment to become a Patron of a Naperville Christian Academy student. May God bless you abundantly and remain with you always in the fullness of His grace and power.