



# National Lutheran School Accreditation APPLICATION FORM

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

School \_\_\_\_\_

LCMS district \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School administrator's name \_\_\_\_\_

School administrator's email \_\_\_\_\_

Early childhood administrator's name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Early childhood administrator's email (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

School phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/age levels included in this school: (Select all that apply.)

☐ Age <1    ☐ Age 1    ☐ Age 2    ☐ Age 3    ☐ Age 4    ☐ Age 5

☐ K    ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4    ☐ 5    ☐ 6    ☐ 7    ☐ 8    ☐ 9    ☐ 10    ☐ 11    ☐ 12

For above noted grade/age levels:

Number of students (total) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children in full-time child care \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in extended (before/after-school) care \_\_\_\_\_ Number of classroom teachers \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of school staff \_\_\_\_\_

\*Early childhood only:

Licensed by \_\_\_\_\_

License expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ License capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Current number of students served \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Type of accreditation protocol: (Select one or two if completing both EBA and EC self-studies.)

☐ Evidence Based Accreditation (EBA)    ☐ Early Childhood

NLSA Accreditation Route: (Select one of the following based on the "NLSA Routes to Accreditation" worksheet.)

☐ Option A    ☐ Option B    ☐ Option C    ☐ Option D    ☐ Partner Accreditation (Cognia, WASC, Middle States, CCLE)

Date intending to begin the accreditation process \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date projected for Validation Team visit \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: The Validation Team visit cannot occur earlier than nine months or later than two school years from the date of application.*

Regional dual or reciprocal accreditation: (Select all that apply.)

☐ Cognia    ☐ WASC    ☐ Middle States    ☐ CCLE

**SPONSORING CONGREGATION(S)** *(If more than two, please attach a complete list.)*

Congregation 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Church phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Church phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**NLSA ACCREDITATION AGREEMENT**

I understand and agree that:

- Any and all fees assessed by NLSA and my district are the sole responsibility of the school or early childhood center.
- The school or early childhood center has a period not to exceed two (2) school years from the date of application to be granted accreditation.

**SIGNATURES**

School administrator's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Early childhood administrator's signature (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Governing authority/school board chairperson's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/pastoral advisor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

District education executive's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT NLSA COMMISSION CONSULTANT SUGGESTION:** *(To be completed by the LCMS district office.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Send your completed and signed application to your **LCMS district education executive** for final approval and submission to the national NLSA office.
- If your school is currently accredited in good standing by NLSA, no additional application fee is required to accompany your application. Your annual fee payment (invoiced in September) will cover your school's financial responsibility to NLSA.
- If your school is newly applying to NLSA or not currently accredited with NLSA, please submit a \$700 application fee check (made payable to "National Lutheran School Accreditation") along with your application to your LCMS district education executive for final approval and submission to the national NLSA office.

Districts will send the completed and signed application and any applicable fees to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
Attn: NLSA — School Ministry  
1333 S. Kirkwood Road  
St. Louis, MO 63122-7295

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