



Uintah Basin Christian Academy
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Vernal, Utah 84078
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EXHIBIT 4A

INITIAL TEACHER APPLICATION

Your interest in **Uintah Basin Christian Academy** is appreciated. We invite you to fill out this initial application and return it to our school office. If an opening occurs for which you may qualify, we will notify and ask you to send your placement file to our office. We will also contact your references. If we have continued interest in your candidacy, we will send you some follow up questions and arrange for a personal interview.

We realize that the key to a successful Christian School is its staff. We are seeking applicants who are professionally qualified, who really love children, and who, by the pattern of their lives, are Christian role models. Luke 6:40.

We look forward to receiving your initial application. Thank you for your interest in the ministry of our school. It is our prayer that God will fulfill His perfect will in the lives of all applicants.

A. APPLICANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Full name: _____

Application date: _____ Social Security No. _____

***PLEASE INCLUDE: A copy of your Drivers License AND Birth Certificate OR Passport.**

Email _____

Present address: _____

Length of time at this address? _____

Phone: Days (____) _____ Evenings (____) _____ Best time to call you? _____

Permanent address and phone number if different than present address

Please list any additional addresses where you have resided at any time during the past five years:

B. POSITION DESIRED

Please indicate 1, 2, 3 choice in the parenthesis. Then to the right please indicate the grades or subjects in order of preference:

() Preschool () Kindergarten () Elementary _____ ()

Junior High _____ () High School _____ Full

time ___ Part time ___ Substitute ___

How did you learn about the position for which you are applying?

Can you submit verification of your legal right to work in the US? Yes ___ No ___

Please list activities or sports for which you would be capable and willing to direct, sponsor, or coach. (Indicate grade or ability levels). _____

What would you like to be doing five years from now? _____

C. CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND

*** In your own handwriting, on separate paper, briefly give your Christian testimony.**

Please carefully read our Statement of Faith and indicate your degree of support.

___ I fully support the Statement as written without mental reservations.

___ I support the Statement except for the area(s) listed and explained on a separate paper. The exceptions represent either disagreements or items for which I have not yet formed an opinion or conviction.

Do you believe the Bible to be the ONLY inspired and infallible Word of God, our final authority in all matters of faith, truth and conduct? Yes ___ No ___

Denominational preference? _____

What is your local church affiliation? _____

Are you presently a member in good standing? _____ Years? _____

In what church activities are you involved and with what degree of regularity? _____

What other Christian service have you done since becoming a Christian? _____

Are you capable of teaching a Bible class? ___ If yes, what would be your subject preferences? _____

To what extent do you believe you should become involved in Sunday and other weekday ministries of the sponsoring church or the church of which you are a member?

Describe your routine of personal Bible study and prayer. _____

What books have you read recently that have helped you spiritually? _____

D. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

*** Please attach photocopies of all your post secondary transcripts. Should you be offered a position, official copies of your transcripts must be provided to the school for inclusion in your personnel file.**

What degree or degrees do you hold?

Degree Date Received Issuing Institution

Your Major(s): _____

Your Minor(s): _____

Cumulative grade point average Bachelor's _____ Graduate work _____

Total (circle one) semester or quarter units **after** date of Bachelor's degree _____

Sequentially list your teaching experience with most recent first.

School's Name Grades or Subject Dates

To what degree are you familiar with various Christian or secular textbook series (i.e., ACSI, ABeka, Bob Jones, Saxon math, Open Court Reading)?

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Textbook series preferences?

List any other educational advantages that you have had including opportunities for travel. _____

List any books or articles that you have read recently that have helped you to grow professionally. _____

Do you have an ACSI Teaching Certificate? _____

What level? _____ Remains valid for _____ years.

Do you have a state teaching certificate? _____ State? _____

What kind? _____ Remains valid for _____ years.

Endorsement(s) List semester hours in endorsement area(s)

If you do not hold a certificate, what requirements do you lack? _____

*** Please attach photocopies of any certificates held**

Have you had any courses in the Christian Philosophy of Education? If so, where and when?

If not, would you be willing to take such a course by correspondence or otherwise?

*** Attach a typed copy of your personal Christian philosophy of education and how you would implement it in the classroom.**

Have you had other courses giving specific training for Christian day schools? Give details. _____

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List any conferences or seminars that you have led or participated in recently.

E. PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY

*** On separate paper please label and succinctly answer in one or two paragraphs each of the questions below.**

- A. Why do you wish to teach in a Christian school?
- B. What are the main characteristics that distinguish a Christian school from a public school?
- C. What do you consider to be the proper classroom atmosphere for learning?
- D. What is your philosophy of classroom discipline? Your attitude toward physical punishment?
- E. What areas do you feel are your strengths? Weaknesses?
- F. What do you believe about the origin of the earth and mankind?
- G. Please summarize any additional information that you would like to present regarding your candidacy for this position.

F. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Please start with your current or most recent employer and work backwards for the past ten years. If necessary, you may follow the same format on the reverse.

1. Position: _____ Dates of Employment: _____
Name and Address: _____

Supervisor's Name and Phone Number _____
Reason for leaving: _____

2. Position: _____ Dates of Employment : _____
Name and Address: _____

Supervisor's Name and Phone Number: _____
Reason for leaving: _____

3. Position: _____ Dates of Employment: _____

Name and Address: _____

Supervisor's Name and Phone Number: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

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4. Position: _____ Dates of Employment: _____

Name and Address: _____

Supervisor's Name and Phone Number: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

5. Position: _____ Dates of Employment: _____

Name and Address: _____

Supervisor's Name and Phone Number: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

Have you ever worked under a different name for any of the employers you have listed?
If so, what was the name or names? _____

Have you served in the military? Yes ___ No ___. If yes, what type of training or
education did you receive?

Are you holding or have you already signed a contract for next year with any other
educational institution? Yes ___ No ___

G. PERSONAL REFERENCES

Do not list family members or relatives for references. You will also need to sign the
Reference Release Form that is attached and return it with this application.

Give three references who are qualified to speak of your spiritual experience and
Christian service. **List your current pastor first.**

Name/Complete Address Phone Position

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Give three references who are qualified to speak of your professional training and experience. **List your current or most recent principal or supervisor first.**

Name/Complete Address Phone Position 6

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

H. APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT

I understand that **Uintah Basin Christian Academy** does not discriminate in its employment practices against any person because of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, age, or qualified disability.

I hereby certify that the facts set forth in this application process are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of any statement or a significant omission of fact may prevent me from being hired, or if hired, may subject me to immediate dismissal regardless of the time elapsed before discovery. If I am released under these circumstances, I further understand and agree that I will be paid and receive benefits only through the day of release.

I authorize **Uintah Basin Christian Academy** to thoroughly interview the primary references which I have listed, any secondary references mentioned through interviews with primary references, or other individuals who know me and have knowledge regarding my testimony and work record. I also authorize the school to thoroughly investigate my work records and evaluations, my educational preparation, and other matters related to my suitability for the position.

I authorize references and my former employers to disclose to the school any and all employment records, performance reviews, letters, reports, and other information related to my life and employment, without giving me prior notice of such disclosure. In addition, I hereby release the school, my former employers, references, and all other parties from any and all claims, demands, or liabilities arising out of or in any way related to such investigation or disclosure. I waive the right to ever personally view any references given to the school.

Since I will be working with children, I understand that I must submit to a fingerprint check by the FBI and possibly other federal and state authorities. I agree to fully cooperate in providing and recording as many sets of my fingerprints as are necessary for such an investigation. I authorize the school to conduct a criminal records check. I

understand and agree that any offer of employment that I may receive from the school is conditioned upon the receipt of background information, including criminal background information. The school may refuse employment or terminate conditional employment if the school deems any background information unfavorable or that it could reflect adversely on the school or on me as a Christian role model.

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I understand that this is only an application for employment and that no employment contract is being offered at this time.

I certify that I have carefully read and do understand the above statements.

Signature of Applicant Date



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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE REFERENCE INFORMATION

I have made application for a position as a _____ with Uintah Basin Christian Academy. I have authorized the Academy to thoroughly interview the primary references which I have listed, any secondary references mentioned through interviews with primary references, or other individuals that know me and have knowledge regarding my testimony and work record. I also authorize the Academy to thoroughly investigate my work records and evaluations, my educational preparation, and all other matters related to my suitability for employment.

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I agree that a photocopy or facsimile copy of this document and any signature shall be considered for all purposes as the original signed release on file.

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Applicant's Name (Print) Date

Applicant's Signature

Applicant's Social Security Number



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I understand these are the beliefs of Uintah Basin Christian Academy, and will abide by them.

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Statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality

Please initial each statement and sign in the presence of the administrator.

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God. (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10.)

_____ We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Uintah Basin Christian Academy as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Uintah Basin Christian Academy members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Uintah Basin Christian Academy in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality. (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22.)

_____ We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to allow those who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11.)

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Employee Signature Date

Administrator Signature Date

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE LETTER

Dear Prospective Employee,

As the Administrator and School Board of UBCA, we would like to inform you of our church attendance policy.

UBCA has always maintained that every person employed at UBCA must be thoroughly dedicated to the cause of Christ with their entire being. We all need to be absolutely devoted to our Lord. That devotion should be evidenced not only by the words of our mouths, but also by our actions. It is crucial that we be willing, and even eager, to regularly reexamine if our words and actions are consistent with our calling to this Christian ministry.

As we are on the front lines of ministering to the children and families in our community, we can expect the enemy to attack us, individually, in our families, and corporately. The attacks may come in the form of personal health issues, family issues, habits, finances, distractions, discouragement, and

even apathy. One of the best ways to combat these attacks is through committed times of reading the Word and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ on a regular basis. By committing ourselves to this, we are building safeguards into our lives to strengthen and protect ourselves and the integrity of the Lord's ministry at UBCA.

Satan seems to use many tools to get us to doubt who God is and how powerful He is. This "doubting God" is nothing new, after all, it was the first attack on His creation (humanity) that the enemy used, and still uses today. (Genesis 3:1 "*Did God really say*, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?") The consequence of not knowing God and His Word, is that if we are not familiar with it, we are more susceptible to withering away and being ineffectual. Throughout the Bible, the Lord admonishes His people to gather together for worship. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:23-25

While the general community may choose to attend any church, or no church at all, as fellow ministers of the Word, we hope that you see the opportunities we see to partner together and be examples to others in living Christ centered lives in the positions that God has called us to. We can all agree that being engaged in frequent corporate worship allows us to be challenged, sharpened, and refreshed frequently.

Having stated the above, the following provision in our employee contracts points to the obvious necessity for all of us to be Godly role models for our entire school and wider community. "I agree to manifest by daily example the highest Christian virtue as a **Christian role model** (I Timothy 4:12) both in and out of school to pupils (Luke 6:40), parents and fellow employees. I agree that instruction is not only through rational explanation of formal subject material, but even more powerfully through the word, deed, example and shared experience."

It goes without saying that our lives are highly visible testimonies to our commitment to the Lord. One area of commitment that has always been non-negotiable for employment, and for school board members is local church membership, regular attendance, and support (in the form of praying, giving financially, and volunteering). Employee contracts state the following:

"I agree to maintain membership, faithfully attend, and financially support a local church whose fundamental beliefs are in agreement with the Statement of Faith at this school" (Hebrews 10:5)

We believe it would be helpful to provide some clarification to the previous statement. As a non-negotiable point of UBCA policy, local church membership is understood to mean active membership in a local church, whose doctrines agree with UBCA's Statement of Faith; and also the Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (attached). By making these statements, we do not expect our staff and school board to agree on all issues; however, we must present a united message by agreeing on these essentials.

There should be no need to define the phrase, "faithfully attend", as the unquenchable desire to hear the preaching and teaching of God's Word, and to be in fellowship with other believers is inherent in the heart of born-again believers. For the sake of accountability, regular attendance can be defined as attending weekly church service, and/or adult Sunday school, and/or Bible studies with frequency no less than 75% of the time.

As church membership and attendance are provisions of our roles at UBCA, we all must be aware that we cannot be employed if we choose not to be accountable in this critical area. We will not be able to offer a contract to anyone who chooses not to be a member of, and regularly attend a like-minded church as defined in this letter and your employee contract.

We desire to live lives above reproach; and we hope establishing these expectations will be helpful.

We are simply striving to safe-guard the hearts of our employees and the integrity of the Lord's ministry at UBCA.

I am able to comply with the church attendance requirement as stated in this letter.

Name: _____ Date: _____

I am a member of: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Pastor's Phone Number: _____

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FINAL AUTHORITY FOR MATTERS OF BELIEF AND CONDUCT

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of UBCA's faith, doctrine, practice, policy and discipline, our school board members and the elders of Vernal Christian Church are UBCA's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.