



Thank you for your interest in employment with Arrows Academy! We think what we do is pretty amazing and are excited that you want to join us! Our mission at Arrows is to unite families, to build community, and to encourage academic excellence among the Christian homeschool families of Southern Oregon. Please take time to read the following information about our program and consider if we may be a good fit for you!

An application is found at the end of this document. Completed applications can be scanned and emailed to becky@arrowschc.com or mailed to:

Arrows CHC
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Medford, OR 97501

Thank you!

Becky Abrams
Arrows Director

Arrows Christian Academy teachers are required to agree with and sign the Arrows Statement of Faith. We pray that our teachers will have a strong relationship with Jesus that will flow into every aspect of their lives and work. Instruction in the Bible is an important part of our classes and teachers need to have a good understanding of God's word and be willing to share that with their students.

What is Arrows?

Arrows Christian Homeschool Community was started in 2015 by a local homeschool mom, Becky Abrams, along with a team of homeschool moms who became the first board of directors. Arrows began as a once-weekly homeschool co-op meeting on most Mondays throughout the school year. This all-volunteer, parent-led co-op continues to serve the homeschool community—finishing up its 5th year this spring.

In 2018, Becky (Arrows Director) approached the board with the dream of expanding Arrows to include a 2 day hybrid program in addition to co-op. After much prayer and research, Arrows Christian Academy opened its doors at 400 Earhart St Medford, OR on September 10th, 2019.

Arrows is organized as a 501(c)3 non-profit entity. Arrows is not a school and is not required to uphold traditional school standards.

Arrows Christian Academy

Arrows Christian Academy is currently in its first year of operation. It has been a great year so far! We currently operate 4 classrooms:

- Prek (10-12 students)
- Kindergarten (10-12 students)
- 1st-2nd grades (12-15 students)
- 3rd-4th grades (12-15 students)
- 5th-6th grades (12-15 students)



The goal of Arrows Academy is to partner with homeschooling parents in a variety of ways:

- Providing academic support through curriculum selection, weekly teacher-prepared lesson plans, and quality classroom instruction
- Providing respite for homeschooling parents by providing a safe, exciting, and enriching environment for their children to come learn and complete in class work two days each week
- Providing connection and community opportunities for students and parents

At Arrows, we are strong believers and advocates for the amazing blessings and benefits of homeschooling. We desire to equip and encourage parents to homeschool because we believe that parents are the first and MOST important influencers of their child's life. We believe that by providing a place where homeschooling families can find support and respite, we are enabling them to reach greater success in both the short and long term of their educating at home.

Arrows Academy is not a school. Our students are either one of two things: 1) independent homeschool students, or 2) public charter school students. Arrows does not provide grades, report cards, or transcripts.

Teacher Requirements

Hours on Campus

- Be on campus (at minimum) 8:15am-3:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Academy operates classes 33 weeks (66 days) each year. We start after Labor Day, take the week of Thanksgiving off, take off three weeks at Christmas, take off the week of Spring Break, and end the 3rd week of May.
- Attend teacher meetings through the summer as requested (these are usually scheduled around all teachers' schedules). There is also at least one teacher meeting during the year as well—usually in January.

- Participate in two program-wide Parent Co-teacher Trainings in August. These important meetings are when parents come meet teachers and learn about the curriculum, lesson plans, communication, etc... These are held mid-late August and teachers are required to be very familiar with the material before this meeting in order to properly train parents in it.
- Participate in Back to School night late August (this is for parents to bring their students to meet teachers and see their classrooms)
- Teachers are responsible for maintaining an orderly and well organized classroom. Classrooms should be dusted and straightened on a regular basis.

Lesson Planning and Preparation

- Prepare lesson plans for the following subjects:
 - Bible
 - Math (only applies to 2nd grade and below)
 - History
 - Language Arts
 - Science
 - Some art
- Lesson plans must be completed at least 1 week in advance and submitted to Director in print or by email
- Lesson plans are loosely based on My Father's World curriculum and are not created entirely "from scratch"
- It is common to need to expand on a topic by using additional resources and printables found on the web
- Teachers are expected to gather and prepare supplies for their class each day. Arrows has a growing supply room for teachers to use as needed.

Technical Requirements

- Arrows has printers/ink for our teachers, however access to a home printer is a must so you can print masters to copy at Arrows, or print any last minute items.
- Teachers will need to use personal computers to draft lesson plans
- Lesson plans are required to be typed in word processing software using tables and exported to PDF for uploading purposes.
- Teachers are required to use Bloomz as the main form of communication. Training is provided for this program in the summer, however, this program does require some familiarity with computer/phone technology.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Teachers should have a one on one conversation (in person or by phone...not text) with the parent of each student in their class at least once each year. This time should be at least 15 minutes and is for teachers to give parents feedback (especially about their child's strengths and how they can help them) and for parents to ask questions. This is required to be completed by the end of the first semester (mid-January).

Teacher Pay & Benefits

Teachers are paid hourly from July through May. This amount varies based on specific duties and is subject to federal and state withholdings. Arrows uses MinistryWorks Payroll Processing and paychecks are issued by direct deposit bi-weekly.

Teachers are encouraged to take advantage of July and August to prepare their classroom, prepare lesson plans and curriculum, and connect with parents and students. This prep time is paid and teachers are given an allotted number of hours to use for summer preparations. Parent training, Back to School Night and all teacher meetings are eligible for this pay.

What Makes a Great Arrows Academy Teacher?

Our teachers are the heart of our program and we fully recognize the impact they make on our students, parents and staff. Arrows Academy embraces a Charlotte Mason style of learning which is to recognize and educate the child as a whole person. It is our desire that our teachers embrace their calling to the fullest and seize this incredible opportunity to partner with parents in raising up the next generation.

Passionate

Above all, our teachers:

- ...are passionate about sharing their love of learning with the young hearts and minds in their care
- ...love children and they recognize and honor the miraculously unique way that God created each one of them
- ...are one of their students' biggest cheerleaders
- ...can think outside the box and work hard to keep learning fun, hands-on, and interactive for their students

Flexible

Our teachers

- ...are able to think on their feet and re-group as needed due to a variety of factors that often bring changes to schedules, routines, etc.
- ...can modify lessons and/or lesson plans as needed and can come up with additional material when needed
- ...can accept change with a positive attitude

Dedicated

Our teachers

- ...are committed to their class and are willing to dedicate proper time to plan and prepare for class at home
- ...take their responsibilities seriously and make every effort to be present, on-time, and engaged on school days

Creative

Our teachers

- ...enjoy including creativity in the classroom through art, crafts, projects, music and other right brain activities
- ...can be creative by finding the best ways to work within a shared facility and to help maintain a positive relationship
 - with other teachers
- ...are always on the lookout for better, more efficient ways to accomplish their tasks especially when it comes to maximizing classroom time and lesson planning for parents

Organized

Our teachers

- ...make detailed, yet easy-to-follow lesson plans for our students and their parents to use at home
- ...are excellent communicators and promptly respond to a reasonable amount of emails and phone calls from parents/staff
- ...keep detailed plans and notes for teachers who may follow in subsequent years

Kind/Considerate

Our teachers

- ...show God's love in their words and actions to students, parents and staff
- ...show grace to others and are willing to forgive when wronged
- ...consider others above themselves

Why Work for Arrows?

Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing

Because we are not a school, we are not overly pressured or concerned with meeting state standards or excessive testing. We are able to focus on the hearts and minds of our students without worrying about checking boxes. Our teachers are encouraged to seize the “teachable moments” when they happen even if it means putting the lesson plan aside for a time. We want students to grow not only academically, but physically, emotionally, and spiritually as well.

Four Day Weekend Every Week!

This one speaks for itself...and while we do need our teachers to be preparing for class on their off time, there are definite benefits to only being in class two days each week!

Small Class Sizes

We believe in the importance of personal attention and feel there is great value in small class sizes. We cap our preK and kindergarten classes at 12 students and our elementary classes are capped at 15 students.

Supportive Administration

At Arrows, our Director is extremely hands on and is willing and ready to help our teachers in any way necessary to make them successful. In addition to her administrative role, this often takes a practical role including help with lesson plans, researching a subject, finding supplemental materials, suggesting projects, etc... Our Director is willing and able to help in class if needed, as well as addressing discipline issues, suggesting classroom management ideas, and providing training through the year. Our Director is on campus every Academy day and is able to step in as a substitute should a teacher have an emergency and need to leave on a class day. Our Director also oversees our parent volunteers; coordinates class, recess, and lunch schedules; and is the go-to person if there are any issues during the day.

Parent On Campus Support

Parents are required to help on campus once per quarter per student (with a max of 8 times required per year). This allows classrooms to operate with regular parent support. Teachers can request a parent helper when needed and our Director makes every effort to make sure teachers have extra help when needed (even if it means helping herself).

Financial Resources and Supplies

Each teacher is given a classroom budget (this year is \$600 per classroom) to purchase supplies and materials through the year. Teachers are not expected to spend personal monies for Academy materials. We also have an extensive supply room with materials available to teachers.

We hope this has given you a clear idea of who we are and what we do at Arrows Academy! We believe that God is doing great things in our program and in the hearts of all involved and invite you to join us! Visit us online to read more about our programs www.arrowschc.com.



Arrows Christian Academy

Employment Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Date Available: _____ Position Applied for: _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? YES NO

Have you ever worked for this company? YES NO If yes, when? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Diploma: _____

College: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

Other: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

References

Please list two professional references.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

