

# OSOD Student Handbook

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## ***MISSION OF OCALA SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP***

The Ocala School of Discipleship exists to disciple students into a life-long relationship devoted to Jesus regardless of occupation and to develop the gifts and abilities imparted by the Holy Spirit within students to walk in obedience to the calling placed on their lives.

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## ***STATEMENT OF FAITH***

Ocala First Assembly is a member of a cooperative fellowship of churches called the Assemblies of God. Some of our non-negotiables are the Bible as inspired Word of God, salvation through Christ, and baptism in the Holy Spirit. You can read more about the 16 Fundamental Truths at [ag.org/Beliefs/Statement-of-Fundamental-Truths](http://ag.org/Beliefs/Statement-of-Fundamental-Truths)

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## ***BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR***

**Students must complete financial registration to begin courses.** A 1/3 down-payment for the semester is due at that time. Financial aid can be used towards that down-payment. Students are able to pay their entire bill before beginning courses via payment or financial aid, or they can use the Deferred Payment Plan.

**A student's bill must be paid in full before beginning classes for the next semester.**

**SAGU allows each student to charge up to \$500 in textbooks to their student bill each semester.** Students must complete financial registration before being able to use the book charge allowance. Textbooks must be ordered through the SAGU

Bookstore at [www.sagustore.com](http://www.sagustore.com) in order for the student to use the \$500 charge allowance.

**While students are not eligible for additional SAGU institutional aid, students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) in order to use federal aid.** Students should enter SAGU's School Code (003616) so information will be sent to SAGU for processing. Outside scholarships can also be applied to student balances.

**You will also need to make sure you pay the site fee directly to Ocala First.** This cost covers program expenses, housing, trips during the school year, etc.

**Admission Criteria include multiple facets.** All applicants admitted for studies at SAGU must evidence a born again spiritual experience as defined by the following passages of Scripture: John 3:3; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7; and I John 1:7-10. Applicants are expected to have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord and be striving to live a Christian lifestyle. A minister's recommendation is required (not required for licensed or ordained ministers with the Assemblies of God or other recognized denominations) as part of the application process. Applicants are also required to have a high school transcript, an minimum GPA of 2.0 and an ACT composite of 19 or the SAT equivalent. There are exceptions on a case-by-case basis if students do not meet these academic requirements.

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## ***WHAT DOES A TYPICAL WEEK LOOK LIKE? (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)***

### **SLAM SUNDAY**

Sunday Morning Gathering

Once a month College Gathering (Sunday Evenings)

Other events (Students will be informed in a timely manner)

### **MEETING MONDAY**

SOAP

Leadership Class

Ministry Training

### **TACKLE-TUESDAY**

Staff Meeting

Theology Class

### **WRAP-UP WEDNESDAY**

Chapel Involvement (FACS)

Wednesday Services

### **THINK-A-LOT THURSDAY**

Department Huddles

College Chapel

SWOTs from Wednesdays

## **FREE FRIDAY**

Nothing scheduled on campus these days

## **SEMI-SLOW SATURDAY**

Special Events

Setup/tear-down for events (communicated ahead of time)

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## ***STUDENT LIFE***

1. Students will have some nights and weekends free from school and ministry.
2. Students may have required night and/or weekend events to attend as part of school which will take priority over personal and work schedules. Students will given adequate notice for such events.
3. Students must provide their own transportation while attending school.
4. Students may work a job but will need to adjust schedule to fit daily class time and other school-related functions.
5. Students will not be allowed to date or be in a relationship during their first year of school.
6. Students may not spend time alone with persons of the opposite gender.
7. Students will commit to abstain from all sexual activity, foul and degrading language and conversation, inappropriate media, drinking alcohol, and all drug use.
8. Students will agree to curfew guidelines set.
9. Students will carry themselves in a mature and presentable way on and off campus, representing themselves, the program, and God well.
10. Students will be expected to dress appropriately for days at school.

11. Students agree to submit themselves to random drug/alcohol testing without notice if deemed necessary by site director or our Pastoral Staff regarding student and campus safety. Student is responsible for the cost of the test and will return the results to the site director and pastoral staff as soon as possible.
12. Students will be working off of a three-strike program. Failure to cooperate spiritually or academically will get student on probation and then expelled.
13. **Students are allowed to miss 7 days of in-person class per semester.** This is to allow for sickness, family emergencies, as well as to create personal accountability and a rhythm of rest. Emergencies must be communicated to ensure OSOD student safety. **10 tardies are allowed per semester.** We believe being on time is discipling as well as a discipline. All absences and tardies must be communicated with the site director.

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## ***SPIRITUAL LIFE***

1. Students will be involved in an accountability program.
2. Students will commit to daily reading the Bible and time spent in prayer.
3. Students will accept spiritual guidance and accountability while in school.
4. Sunday and Wednesday services, prayer times, and chapels are required attendance, except while on breaks.
5. Students will agree and adhere to our mission and beliefs for school (see Mission and Statement of Faith at beginning of handbook)

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## ***HOUSING***

We will work to secure housing for students that is appropriate for their situation. If you reserve your own housing, we ask that you communicate that with the staff to ensure accountability as well as functionality with the program.

It is expected that the host home will provide continental breakfast options for students during the school year. The host home may provide dinner and weekend meals, but it is not required. Lunches will be provided through the on-campus school.

Students who live in the Ocala area (within 45 minutes of the church) can live at home and commute. This will not affect the cost of the site fee. (May change)

If a housing conflict arises, please go to your roommates in love and try to work through it in love. If it cannot be resolved, please communicate this with the site director.

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## **SECURITY & PARKING**

Ocala First Assembly is a multipurpose facility, and as such, we have other entities that exist on campus.

1. When you enter the building, you must enter the church office and be buzzed in by our office manager. Please park in the main parking lot within view of the church office.
2. Please refrain from wandering the building especially during drop off and pick up carline.
3. Students will be required to complete a background check required by First Assembly Christian School, in compliance with Florida law. This is to protect both the OSOD student AND the FACS student. *This will be a part of the application process to avoid any issues after acceptance.*
4. Students should only be on campus during normal office hours or while a Ocala First staff member is present for ministry events.

For any other questions or concerns, please discuss it with the site director.