



DAMASCUS

*Applications
Approved as
Applications come in!*

2026-2027 Carroll Damascus Retreat Application

Damascus Retreatants are a select group of students chosen through an application process to attend the Damascus Retreats in Centerburg, Ohio. This program seeks students who desire to grow in their faith and will represent the Carroll Community with maturity and dignity.

Approved Applicants will be notified ASAP.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

- Desire to grow in your faith.
- Minimum 2.5 GPA at the time of application and the progress report right before the trip.
- Willingness to assist with fundraising events.
- **Fundraise or Pay the Total Cost: \$850.00**
 - Each student will receive a personal fundraising account in which donations raised by deadlines will reduce the scheduled payments charged to FACTS.

CAMP INFO & THREE RETREAT DATE OPTIONS

Location Damascus Center in Centerburg, OH [www.damascus.net/locations/ohio-campus]

Damascus Vision & Mission <https://damascus.net/about/history/>

Date Options

- ① Impact Leadership February 9-12, 2027
- ② Abundant Life February 23-26, 2027

PAYMENT TIMELINE (**NOTE: All payments are non-refundable.**)

February 2027 Damascus Impact Leadership Retreat and Abundant Life Retreat

Week after being approved	Signed Contract due with Application gives approval for a \$200.00 Security Deposit to be charged to the Student's FACTS Account
Fri 10/30/26	*Fundraising Deadline for the November payment* <i>All donations made <u>after</u> this deadline will be deducted from the January payment.</i>
Fri 11/06/26	\$325.00 First Payment charged to the Student's FACTS Account
Fri 01/08/27	*Last Fundraising Deadline for the January payment* <i>All donations made <u>after</u> this deadline go to the general group fundraising account.</i>
Fri 01/15/27	\$325.00 Second Payment charged to the Student's FACTS Account

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the Retreat Fee cover?

- Cost of Travel: airplane ticket, checked bag, bus trip from airport to the camp
- Cost of the Camp Registration: you receive a sponsor code so you don't pay for the registration fee when you register your child on the camp's online portal. Registration includes lodging, meals, activities, and staff services of the retreat.
- Cost of Tuesday Dinner: since we arrive a day early, we provide the Tuesday dinner. All other travel meals are at the discretion of the student. They are welcome to pack meals and snacks or purchase them at the airport. Meals during the retreat are included in the cost.

How will the students travel to camp? Is it safe?

- We travel by airplane to Columbus, OH, and then ride a bus to the camp (about 1 hour).
- The chaperone to student ratio is 1:6 and there are frequent check points to ensure all students are accounted for and never left unaccompanied.

Will I be able to communicate with my child while they are on the trip?

- During travel your child will have their cell phone. Once the retreat begins, the phones will be collected by the chaperones to allow them the freedom to enter and engage in the retreat.
- Before and during the trip, all chaperones, parents, and teens communicate via GroupMe, a free text messaging app that also serves as a place where all are welcome to post photos and videos during travel and where the chaperones will also capture retreat moments and post them. You will be able to call or Direct Message the chaperone lead through GroupMe.

What do they need to pack?

- In general, the Retreat Fee covers one checked bag, one carryon, and one personal item (all according to American Airlines standards). They must be able to carry all their own luggage especially between the main cabin and the lodges which is about 0.25 miles away.
- A more detailed list will be provided once your child is approved.

What if my child gets sick while at camp?

- The camp has two med techs available and the counselors are trained to inform the med team and the chaperone lead if anything should happen, even as minor as a knee scrape from playing basketball. The chaperone lead then will call the parents to inform them of any illnesses or injuries as well as to ask for permission to administer any over the counter medication such as ibuprofen.
- If a child is in need of medical attention, there is a doctor on call who advises if there is a need to call emergency vehicles.

For more information about medications, special needs, packing, and other questions, visit <https://www.damascus.net/faq>.



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Student Full Name		School Email	
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Grade in 26-27 School Year 9th 10th 11th 12th **Current GPA** _____
Circle One

Have you attended a Damascus Retreat Before? Yes No

Do you have prior commitments that block you from going to one of the retreats?
(e.g. I play on Carroll Football so cannot go in the Fall.)

Why do you want to attend a Damascus Retreat? What do you hope to gain from this experience?

FOR APPLICANTS TO THE IMPACT LEADERSHIP RETREAT: How do you see yourself exercising the skills you will learn on the Impact Retreat to make a difference at Carroll?

Which Retreat(s) are you interested in attending? (You may choose more than one.)

☐ Impact Leadership Feb 09-12, 2027 ☐ Abundant Life Feb 23-26, 2027

Parent Approval to Apply

I, the undersigned, parent of the applicant, agree that my child may apply for the Damascus retreats. I understand that if my child is approved that I have one week to returned the signed payment contract to secure my child's spot on the retreat roster. The contract will give approval for a \$200.00 non-refundable deposit to be placed on my child's FACTS account on the week of after my child is approved to attend Damascus.

Parent Full Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____ / _____ / _____



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February 2027 Damascus Retreat Payment Plan

Full Name of Student	
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I, the undersigned Parent Contact, agree to pay the full Damascus Retreat Fee of \$850.00 in the following increments:

ASAP	Signed Contract Due
Week applicant is approved	\$200.00 Security Deposit (non-refundable)
Fri 11/06/26	\$325.00 First Payment (non-refundable)
Fri 01/15/27	\$325.00 Second Payment (non-refundable)

The Damascus Retreat Fee covers the cost of travel (air and bus), lodging, registration with Damascus Camp, meals for the duration of the stay, and 1 checked bag. Snacks and meals during travel are not covered.

I understand this form confirms the charge of the \$200.00 non-refundable Security Deposit to my child's FACTS account in order to secure my child's place on the retreat.

I understand that the remaining payments will be charged to my child's FACTS account.

I understand that any donations made using the Peer-to-Peer Fundraising link provided by the Carroll Advancement Office will automatically be applied towards my child's payments if they are submitted according to the following deadlines.

Fri 10/30/26	*Fundraising Deadline for the First payment* <i>All donations made <u>after</u> this deadline will be deducted from the January payment.</i>
Fri 01/08/27	*Last Fundraising Deadline for the Second payment* <i>All donations made <u>after</u> this deadline go to the general group fundraising account.</i>

I understand that the fundraising opportunity/ies are optional and that any donations given towards my child's account **outside** of the Peer-to-Peer Fundraising link are liable to delay or loss in the mail and that the school cannot be held liable for the loss.

I understand that any donations made **after 01/08/2027 cannot** be applied towards a refund to your FACTS account but will be directed into the general Campus Ministry fund which is used to provide financial support for students who cannot afford the full amount.

Parent Full Name _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** ____/____/____

Parent Email _____