

# FUTURE MEN

"...but when I became a man I put away childish things."  
-1 Corinthians 13:11

## **INTRODUCTION**

Thank you for your interest in Future Men. Our primary focus is to train young men to put off childish behaviors and subsequently embrace true manhood. Although our greatest desire is for them to become brothers in Christ, we realize that only God knows the hearts of men. Future Men serves young men between the ages of 15-20. Our enrollment board (we enroll a maximum of 15 students) reviews all applications, with the goal of matching the strengths of our program, with the needs of families. The practical details of how we operate on a daily basis are described below. If you feel we can be of help to your family, please do not hesitate to call the number listed below. We look forward to hearing from you.

## **LOCATION**

Our 60 acre campus is located in southwest Missouri, on the shores of Bull Shoals Lake. This setting allows for many extra-curricular activities for the students including hiking, canoeing, camping, horseback riding, and paintball to name a few!

## **COUNSELING**

All of the counseling at Future Men is from a Biblical perspective. Special attention is given to developing the characteristics of godly men and shunning the foolish behaviors which brought them here. We have five regularly scheduled group counseling sessions each week, as well as ongoing discipleship between the staff/mentors and the students. We believe in the sufficiency of scripture for changing lives and desire to be a vehicle used by the Holy Spirit to reach the students. Here at Future Men we commonly deal with students struggling with: anger, drug use, ADD, ADHD, ODD, Asperger's, lying, stealing, immaturity, lack of self-control and other such issues.

## **ACADEMICS**

Our tutorial finishing school is accredited through the North Central Association Commission on Schools (see [www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org)). Core class work is done on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Homework is completed in the evenings and during "down times." Our small size (maximum of 15 students) allows us to have individualized and highly structured classes. We offer the traditional core classes as well as various elective classes. Our electives include, but are not limited to: equine science, finger-style guitar, wood working, auto mechanics, wildlife biology, forestry, and various others.

*\*Our credit recovery program allows students who have fallen behind to catch up in a very timely manner. A typical school year can be accomplished in as little as four to five months.*

## **APPRENTICESHIPS**

As part of our elective credit opportunities, the students receive job training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Local tradesmen, as part of a cooperative, apprentice the students. We currently offer apprenticeships in the following areas: upholstery, plumbing, real estate, carpentry, landscaping, firefighting, animal health technician, electrical work, auto mechanics, custom auto building, and others. There are around twenty-five options available at this time.

## **DAILY LIFE**

As mentioned above, Tuesdays and Thursdays represent our apprenticeship days. On Tuesday evening we show a documentary movie. On Thursday evening we have game night. These games can vary from basketball to pool tournaments to interactive games within the lodge.

Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays are set aside for working on the core classes and doing service work projects. On Monday evening we have a Bible study, and on Wednesday and Friday evenings we have quiet hour for studies, reading, and letter writing.

Saturday is typically a day out. The whole house may go to a park for football, or maybe go caving/hiking here in the Ozarks. Saturday night is movie night.

On Sundays, the mentors and the students attend church, followed by homework in the afternoon. Each student is also involved with chores, cooking, and laundry as well. These are integrated into our Life Skills elective class.

During free time the students can make use of our recreation building. Billiards, ping-pong, foosball, and weight lifting are common sources of entertainment and camaraderie.

## **LENGTH OF STAY**

The stay of each student is determined by the educational goals set upon enrollment at Future Men. For some students the goal is to obtain a high school diploma, and for others it is to get caught up in the failed classes of the previous year. Options for older students include enrollment in correspondence college classes or attendance at the local community college. Our school operates year-round, with students enrolling and graduating at various times.

## **MENTORS**

At any given time there are three to five mentors living with the boys here at Future Men. Mentors are typically post-graduate (23-28 years of age) who come to our program to assist in working with the students. They serve as tutors, supervisors, older brothers, and friends to the students. They are part of our marriage and family classes as well as parenting classes. These classes are integrated into their weekly duties as well as preparing them for their next station in life.

## **ELIGIBILITY OF ENROLLMENT**

Future Men does not accept students with any of the following: felony charges; sexual deviancy; and a true history of violence (not a rare "boys will be boys" type of fight). These disqualifiers are meant to protect all students at Future Men.

## **TUITION**

We are all-inclusive in our tuition and special personal needs (prescriptions, extra home trips...etc.) constitute our only additional fees. There is a \$1000.00 non-refundable damage deposit due at enrollment and kept throughout the students stay. Upon finishing the program, the remainder of this deposit will be applied to the last month's tuition. However, the damage deposit will be forfeited if a 30 day notice is not given for an unplanned student exit. Tuition is due the first week of each month. During months that have a planned break (like Christmas, Pre-summer Break...etc.), the monthly tuition remains the same. These breaks have been factored into our tuition rate. We truly desire to keep ourselves in a position to work with as many families as God will send us. Part of this effort is keeping ourselves small so each child gets more one on one attention, and so we can offer the most competitive rate for tuition. We also offer partial scholarships and monthly installment plans, so please call us and ask about our costs and eligibility for these opportunities.

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