

WHAT IS *Hidden Acres*?

Hidden Acres Christian Center is a camp and conference center purchased in 1979 by the Central District Evangelical Free Churches. Our mission is to glorify God in service to mankind through organizing, conducting, and scheduling Biblical camping and retreat programs that urge commitment to Christ, nurture Christian character, encourage daily Christian service worldwide, and strengthen family life in a wholesome natural environment.

We are located on 660 acres of land near Dayton, Iowa, and today we have more than 60 buildings, housing for over 800, a dining hall that seats 1,000, and we typically host over 20,000 guests each year. We have around 30 year-round staff and hire about 150 students for summer staff.

WHO ARE OUR *Ministry Partners*?

ELEVEN:6 is a faith-infused experiential education organization that exists to amplify the global mission of the local church via biblical training and higher education. Learn more at eleven6.org.

ANCHOR CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY aims to amplify the disciple-making mission of the local church worldwide through faith-infused biblical training and education. Learn more at anchoru.com.

CLARKS SUMMIT UNIVERSITY has prepared Christ-centered, career-ready graduates for more than 80 years. Learn more at clarkssummitu.edu.

EFCA CENTRAL exists to lead, support, strengthen and multiply healthy churches and leaders among all people throughout their entire area of ministry. Learn more at efcacentral.org.

WHO LEADS *The Residency*?

Eric Smith created and leads The Residency at Hidden Acres. He is passionate about developing future ministry leaders. Eric has undergraduate degrees in Biblical Studies and Human & Educational Services and an MA in Christian Leadership. He spent four summers as a counselor at Hidden Acres and joined our full-time staff in 2016. Eric also oversees our summer camp staff and The Ministry School. He lives in Ogden, Iowa with his wife, Emily, and their four daughters, Mackenzie, Hannah, Megan, & Kelsey.



THE RESIDENCY

at Hidden Acres



A one-year integrated master's degree program designed to educate, equip, and empower the next generation of servant leaders for a lifetime of Christian ministry.



THE RESIDENCY: OVERVIEW

WHAT IS *The Residency*?

The Residency at Hidden Acres is a one-year integrated master's degree program designed to **EDUCATE, EQUIP,** and **EMPOWER** the next generation of servant leaders for a lifetime of Christian ministry. It runs from August through August each year.

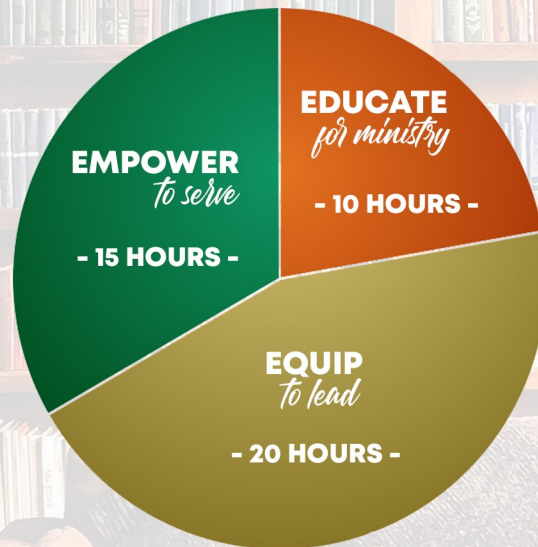
EDUCATE

Hidden Acres has partnered with Eleven:6 and its partner universities to give residents the ability to complete a graduate leadership degree in a practical ministry setting.

Residents earn a Master of Arts in either Christian Leadership (Anchor Christian) or Organizational Leadership (Clarks Summit). Ten hours per week are allotted for coursework.



AN AVERAGE WEEK AT THE RESIDENCY



EQUIP

We want to equip each resident to lead in a setting that fits their gifts, passions, and future career goals. We will find a ministry placement for each resident, serving at Hidden Acres or a local EFCA church. Residents will spend 20 hours each week in their placement.

EMPOWER

By serving at Hidden Acres for about 15 hours per week in several departments, residents will be stretched outside their comfort zone and be able to network with leaders from the ministries and churches that visit us during the year.

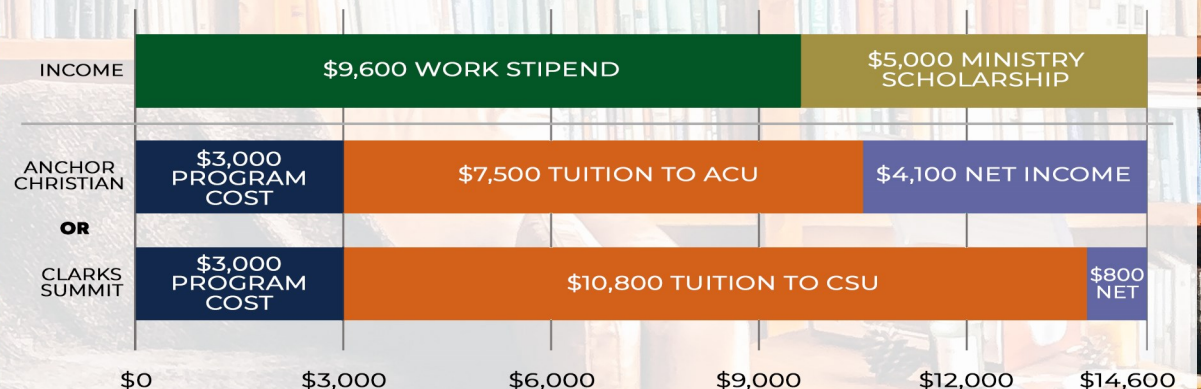
THE RESIDENCY: DETAILS

WHAT DOES IT *Cost*?

A primary goal of The Residency's academic option is to launch residents who are not only equipped for ministry but also debt-free. Christian college master's programs can cost over \$13,000 and take two years to complete. Our one-year residency program covers the cost of the entire degree program, includes room and board, and offers students up to \$4,100 net income!

Income: \$9,600 work stipend (\$800/month x 12 months) + \$5,000 ministry scholarship (\$500/month x 10 months) = \$14,600

Expenses: \$3,000 program cost + tuition to one of two universities (\$7,500 for Anchor or \$10,800 for Clarks Summit).



HOW DO I *Apply*?

Applicants need to complete Hidden Acres' program application, submit four references, and complete an interview. They must also apply to one of our partner universities. Each university has its own application process for prospective residents to complete.

For more information on The Residency, its application process, and important deadlines, or to start the application process today, please visit hacamps.org/the-residency. For questions, email eric.smith@hacamps.org.