

## 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 be "a place set apart to encounter Jesus."

We are located on 660 forested acres near Dayton, Iowa, in the beautiful Des Moines River Valley. Today we have more than 60 buildings, housing for over 800, and a dining hall that seats 1,000. Hidden Acres offers many enjoyable activities, including an indoor pool & hot tub, gym, game room, lake, pond, blob, sledding hill, climbing wall, zip line, giant swing, horse rides, and hiking paths. We typically host over 20,000 guests each year. Last summer, we had over 3,300 summer campers and 180 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](http://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](http://anchoru.com).

**SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY** is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society. Learn more at [sbuniv.edu](http://sbuniv.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](http://efcacentral.org).

## WHO LEADS *The Residency*?

Matt Candlish currently serves as the Camp Chaplain and is also the Spiritual Formation Director at Hidden Acres. He is passionate about helping and encouraging others to grow their relationship with God. Matt's wife, Kristi, helps with administration and discipleship. They have two adult children and an awesome son in law.



# 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.

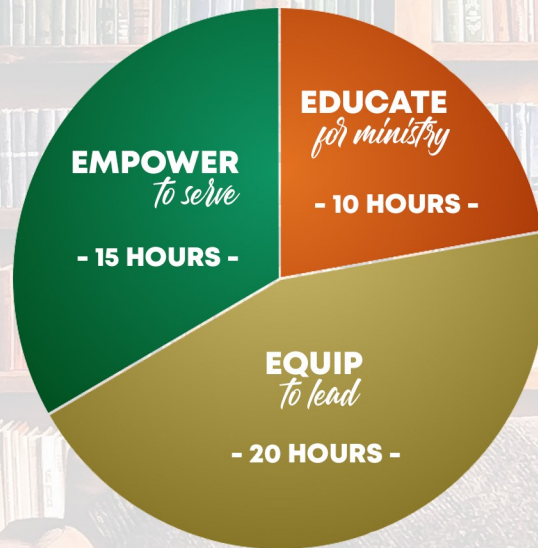
### EDUCATE

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 Degree in either Christian Leadership (Anchor Christian) or Organizational Leadership (Southwest Baptist). 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.

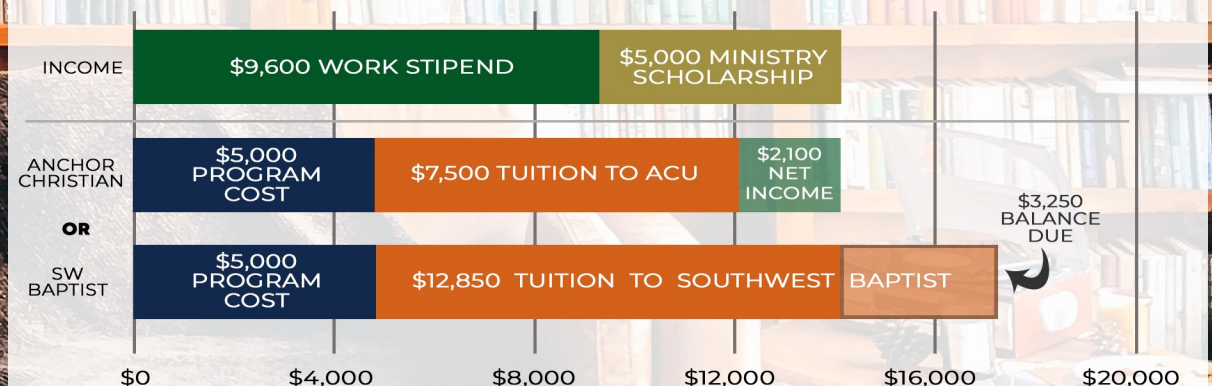
# THE RESIDENCY: DETAILS

## 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, but this one-year program can cover much of the cost of the degree program and also includes room, board, and the ability to earn a net income of up to \$2,100, based on the university students choose.

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

**Expenses:** \$5,000 program cost + tuition to one of two universities (\$7,500 for Anchor Christian or \$12,850 for Southwest Baptist).



## 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](http://hacamps.org/the-residency). Questions? Email [matt.candlish@hacamps.org](mailto:matt.candlish@hacamps.org).