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## **ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

Eagle Ranch generally admits troubled children with mild to moderate emotional and/or behavioral problems, such as: depression, anxiety, oppositional/defiant behavior, lying, stealing, school conduct problems, academic underachievement, poor social skills, issues related to past abuse, poor anger management, poor self-image, etc. Children and teens exhibiting more at risk behavior or severe problems will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Please note that the following information is simply a guideline for the types of children we generally accept. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call our Intake Counselor.

### **Child**

- Girls and Boys, 8-16 at the time of admission.
- Minimum I.Q. of 70.
- Grades 6-9 attend school on campus; otherwise child must be able to attend public school.
- No recent suicidal or homicidal behaviors.
- No current drug or alcohol dependencies.
- No history of sexually offending behavior or sexual perpetration.
- Youth referred from Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice are eligible, but will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### **Parent/Guardian**

- Child's family resides within 80 miles of the Eagle Ranch campus in Georgia.
- Family involvement with the potential for reunification.
- Must have family (birth, adoptive, foster) to visit with on alternating weekends off, school holidays, and summer break (several weeks)
- Family must be willing to meet at Ranch as needed to participate in counseling and parent-support group sessions.
- Child must have health insurance.

Eagle Ranch is not an emergency or short-term shelter facility.

The assessment process can take up to four weeks, or longer if delays in the process occur.

Applications must be made by the child's legal guardian.

## **I. Application Process –**

During the application process you will need to submit the following documents to the Intake Counselor:

- Complete Eagle Ranch Application
- Three Letters of Recommendation (available at EagleRanch.org)
- Psychological Evaluation  
(no more than 1 year old & must meet Eagle Ranch Criteria)
- Proof of Legal Custody, when applicable  
(i.e. guardianship, adoption, divorce decree)
- Proof of insurance or Medicaid/Medicare.
- DFACS case plan/ First Placement Best Placement Report, when applicable
- School Records for at least the past two years, including but not limited to:
  - Individual Education Plan
  - Iowa test
  - Conduct Reports
  - Grades
  - Evaluations
  - Special Education/ Resource Reports

Once these documents are submitted and reviewed by the Intake Counselor, you will be contacted to discuss the next steps for the intake process.

## **II. Assessment Process –**

You will be asked to attend a series of interviews in order for the Eagle Ranch staff to assess your family's needs and evaluate the appropriateness of our program for your family. The staff that you will meet with during these interviews could include the Intake Counselor, Counselor, Houseparents, Assistant Counselor, and our Director of Education.

This process could take up to a month, depending on your ability to attend meetings in conjunction with staff schedules, accessibility to additional information that may be required to help us further in the assessment process, and possible delays due to program breaks, etc.

The Intake Counselor will contact you to coordinate all necessary interviews.

## **III. Admission or Referral –**

If you are accepted into the Eagle Ranch Program, you will receive a welcome packet from our Intake Counselor that will request additional documentation needed for placement. The date of admission will also be determined at that time.

If the Eagle Ranch program is determined to be inappropriate at any time in the process, you will be contacted by the Intake Counselor and referred to a more appropriate placement possibility.