



SBTS APPLICATION INFORMATION

• Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Diploma, Doctoral

ADMISSION DEADLINES

Degree Program	Fall Semester	Winter Term	Spring Semester	Summer Term
Diploma, M.A., M.Div.	July 15*	Dec 1*	Dec 1*	May 1*
ThM	Mar 15	Oct 15	Oct 15	Mar 15
Professional Doctoral (D.Min., D. Ed.Min., D.M.M.)		Oct 15		Mar 15
Professional Research Doctoral (D. Miss.)			Aug 1	
D.M.A.	Feb 1		Aug 1	
Research Doctoral (Ph.D.) for School of Theology (Non-Modular) and School of Church Ministries	Jan 2		Aug 1	
Research Doctoral (Ph.D.) for School of Theology (Modular) and Billy Graham School	Mar 15		Oct 15	

*These are priority deadlines. The Admissions Office will continue to process applications after the deadlines, but does not guarantee completion after the priority dates listed above. Our goal is to process all applications before each term and semester.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary holds to a rolling admissions process. That means that files are reviewed as soon as they are completed. This also means that your application is a self-managed process. While, initially, we will notify you of missing items, it is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all requirements are received in a timely manner. All materials do not need to be submitted simultaneously. However, your file will not be considered for admission until it is completed. Once complete, the Admissions process takes 2-3 business weeks under normal circumstances.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS BY DEGREE PROGRAM

Standard application requirements for Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Diploma and Doctoral degree programs:

- Application Form (pages 4-6)
- Application Fee
- Church Affirmation
- Official Transcription from all institutions attended
- Recommendation Forms
- Spiritual Autobiography
- Housing Application

Adv. M.Div. and Th.M.	Research Doctoral (School of Theology)	Research Doctoral (School of Church Ministries and Billy Graham School)	D. Ed. Min	D.Min
Academic Paper	Academic Paper	Academic Paper	Research Paper	3 Yrs. Ministry Experience
	GRE	GRE	Vitae	
	Employer Form (Modular only)	Vitae (Church Ministry only)	3 Yrs. Ministry Experience	
	Library Form (Modular only)	Employer Form		
		Library Form		

• Please note that international applicants must submit TOEFL scores for all degree programs. Additional requirements for international doctoral applicants include the TWE and TSE. Information on these tests can be found at www.toefl.org. Please note that the internet based test allows students to complete all three tests in one exam.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1) **APPLICATION FEES:** The application fee is \$35. If a student has been out of class for more than two semesters without going through formal withdrawal with the Office of Academic Records, a new application and a reapplication fee of \$25 must be submitted. Please make checks payable to “SBTS – Admissions.” The application fee is non-refundable.

2) **CHURCH AFFIRMATION FORM:** All applicants must receive official endorsement from the local church **that holds their membership**. All applicants are expected to have maintained official church membership for a minimum of one year. If you have not been a member of your current church for a minimum of one year prior to the time of your application, a fourth Recommendation Form must be submitted from the pastor of the previous church that held your membership.

Applicants who are not currently attending the church that holds their membership must submit a fourth Recommendation Form completed by the pastor of the church they are currently attending. Please see instructions under “Recommendation Forms” for more information.

3) **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTION:** Transcripts cannot be delivered by the applicant, stamped “Issued to student” or faxed. Please have the Registrar at your colleges mail your transcripts *directly* to the Admissions Office at Southern Seminary. We need official transcripts from all educational institutions attended – even if only for one class or a study abroad experience.

4) **RECOMMENDATION FORMS:** The three Recommendation Forms are to be completed by individuals who have known you longer than one year. We prefer that the three recommendations come from a professor, an employer, and a minister. One form must be from your current pastor/ministry leader.

- Recommendation forms may not be completed by family members.
- Research Doctoral applicants (Th.M., D.M.A., and Ph.D.) should submit two academic references and one pastoral reference.
- Students who do not attend the church that holds their membership must submit a total of four recommendations. A Recommendation Form must come from a ministry leader at each church.

5) **SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY:** Please include these details in your autobiography:

- 1) Describe your conversion (life before you believed the gospel, brief explanation of the gospel and how you came to believe it, and how your life has changed since your conversion).
- 2) Understanding of your call to ministry.
- 3) Other significant life events.
- 4) Reasons for applying to Southern Seminary.

Please limit your paper to three typed, double-spaced pages.

6) **CAMPUS HOUSING APPLICATION:** All applicants must complete this form, indicating whether they need campus housing. If you do not need housing, please check the box at the top of the Housing Application that says, “No, I do not need housing.” Housing deposits in the amount of \$100 are due *within 30 days of acceptance* to secure your room reservation. Please note that the Housing Office follows a separate approval process from the Admissions Office. The Housing Office seeks to have you assigned a campus housing unit at least 30 days from your anticipated move-in date. Some units, however, are in higher demand and the notification time is much shorter. If you are applying after the admissions deadline, you will need to communicate with the Housing Office to verify housing availability.

FINANCIAL AID

Students must be **approved** into a degree program by the Financial Aid deadline in order to qualify for Seminary based financial aid. The Financial Aid application process takes place online. Access to the website will be included with the acceptance letter. Seminary based financial aid is only available to full time, main campus, Master’s level students. Southern Seminary does participate in Veteran’s and Vocational Rehabilitation programs.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

Southern Seminary maintains a number of Extension Centers (typically educational space at local churches) around the nation as well as internet based classes. All distance education programs do require a minimum number of hours on campus. For more information on extension centers, see <http://www.sbts.edu/extension/>. For additional information regarding online education, please visit the website at <http://www.sbts.edu/online>.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Prospective students desiring to transfer credit from another seminary should contact the Academic Advisor in the school they wish to enter. After enrollment, an official evaluation will be completed upon the receipt of the Transfer of Credit Evaluation Form, and required documentation. Please contact the Academic Records Office at academicrecords@sbts.edu or (502) 897-4209.

ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS AND ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Each student is assigned a personal Admissions Counselor. The primary responsibilities of Admissions Counselors are to work with prospective students and new applicants. They will serve as your personal liaison to the full resources of Southern Seminary and can assist you in making an easy transition to Southern Seminary.

Academic Advising is available to students throughout the year. A session is included during orientation at the start of each semester. Questions about advising should be directed to Student Administrative Services at academicadvising@sbts.edu or (502) 897-4201.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST TUITION RATE

Students who are committed to serving within the Southern Baptist Convention, but are currently affiliated with another denomination, may be eligible to receive the Southern Baptist tuition rate. In order to be considered, a Covenant Agreement Form must be completed and received by the posted deadlines (August 1, December 1, May 1). This form is only available from the Admissions Office, must be signed by the student and current pastor, and must be received by the posted deadlines. *Under no circumstances will Covenant Agreement Forms be considered after the deadline.* Students wishing to change denominational affiliation must show due deliberation by submitting this material in a timely manner.

SPECIAL STUDENT STATUS

Special Student Status is a non-degree classification. Students may only apply for this status with the direct permission of the Admissions Office – please verify your qualification for this status before applying. This status requires the submission of the application form, addendum, fee, church affirmation, housing application and spiritual autobiography. Admittance as a special student in no way guarantees admission into a degree program. Recommendations and transcription must be submitted within the first semester of study if students intend to be admitted into a degree program. Special student status normally does not extend beyond one semester. Financial aid is NOT available to special students.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Because the admissions process for international students is complex, special documents have been created. These documents explain the process and essential financial information that international students must know in order to apply. Southern Seminary also maintains a Coordinator for International Students. That office can be reached at international@sbts.edu or at (502) 897-5205. These forms are available for download from our website or can be mailed to you by request. Contact admissions@sbts.edu to have these forms sent to you.

APPLICANTS WITH AN INCOMPLETE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Students with a 3.0 cumulative GPA who are within one semester of completing an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university are invited to apply under our Academic Deficiency policy. The undergraduate degree must be completed within one year of enrollment at Southern Seminary.

APPLICANTS WITH UNACCREDITED DEGREES – PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

Applicants who hold a bachelor's degree from a college or university lacking regional accreditation are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Provisional Admission may be granted if transcripts show a 3.0 cumulative GPA and a prescribed course of study that includes 60 hours of liberal arts study. Course work must be in a variety of fields and no more than 12 credit hours can be counted in any one field. No more than 30 hours can be in ministry related fields. Southern Seminary accepts degrees from schools that are accredited by SACS (and other comparable regional accrediting bodies) or ATS. Southern Seminary also recognizes degrees granted by ABHE schools. See the current Academic Catalog for more explicit information regarding Provisional Admission.

STUDENTS WITH ACCESSIBILITY AND LEARNING NEEDS

Southern Seminary is committed to making both campus facilities and degree programs accessible to students. Students who have accessibility needs or learning-related needs are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Services in order to determine how Southern Seminary can assist in addressing those needs. Student Services can be reached at (502) 897-4201 or via email at studentservices@sbts.edu.

ACCREDITATION

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). We recognize college degrees granted by schools accredited by these organizations as well as: the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Northwest Association Of Schools And Colleges, and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. We also recognize the accreditation of Bible colleges accredited through the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). If your school is not accredited by one of these agencies, admission must be sought through the seminary's Provisional Admission policy.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you require additional assistance, Admissions professionals are available to assist you Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Eastern Standard Time. You can reach the Admissions Office at:

(toll free) 1.800.626.5525 ext. 4617

(fax) 502.897.4723

(email) admissions@sbts.edu



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name _____
last first middle name usually called

Maiden name (if applicable) _____

Current mailing address _____
apartment/box/street number

_____ city state/country zip

Telephone() ()
area code/number (home) area code/number (work)

Home city and state _____

Citizenship _____
country

E-mail address _____

Applicant's Date of Birth _____
month day year

Applicant's Place of birth _____
city/state/country

Applicant's marital status: Single Married
 Divorced Widowed Re-married

Gender: Male Female

Date of Divorce _____

Social Security number _____ - _____ - _____

Applicant's Ethnic Group (For reporting purposes only):

- White: Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaskan native Hispanic
- Black: Non-Hispanic Asian or Pacific islander Other _____

PURPOSE IN SEEKING A SEMINARY EDUCATION

Vocational goal (Indicate order of preference—1st, 2nd, and 3rd)

- ___ Pastorate ___ Music Ministry ___ Counseling ___ Pastoral Counseling
- ___ Church Administration ___ Evangelist ___ Christian Education ___ Civilian Chaplaincy
- ___ Religious Journalism ___ International Missions ___ Adult Ministry ___ Military Chaplaincy
- ___ Media Ministry ___ North American Missions ___ Youth Ministry ___ Denominational Ministry
- ___ Campus/College Ministry ___ Children's Ministry ___ Teaching (higher education) ___ Recreation Ministry
- ___ Women's Ministry ___ Undecided ___ Other (Please specify)

CHURCH INFORMATION

Where is your current church membership?

_____ name of church mailing address city state zip

_____ phone pastor church clerk date of membership

Are you currently attending the church that holds your membership? Yes No (if no, please explain on separate piece of paper. Please be specific.)

Is the church that holds your membership affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention? Yes No

If no, what denominational affiliation? Please be specific: _____

For Doctor of Ministry or D.Ed. Min. applicants, how many years of post M.Div. ministry experience do you have? _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Education beyond high school. Please list all institutions attended including college, university, seminary, and professional training:

name of college/institution – do not abbreviate	state	major	dates attended	degree conferred? if so, what degree?
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Note: An official transcript from each institution is required. Transcripts must be mailed directly from each institution.

Maiden name on transcripts (if applicable) _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please indicate the one semester/term in which you plan to begin:

Fall Semester Spring Semester Winter Term Summer Term Year: _____

Please indicate student status:

New Readmission (please attach an explanation) Other: _____

Location:

Louisville campus Internet Extension Center: _____

See www.sbts.edu/extension for current locations.

Check the one program to which you are seeking admission: *Please choose one degree and one concentration if applicable.*

<p>School of Theology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Student Status</p> <p>Diploma Program:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Diploma in Theology</p> <p>Master of Arts Degrees:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling</p> <p>Master of Divinity Degrees:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Divinity</p> <p><i>Please choose one concentration:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biblical and Theological Studies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Studies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Worldview and Apologetics</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Counseling</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Master of Divinity</p> <p>Professional Doctoral Degrees:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Ministry</p> <p><i>Please choose one concentration:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applied Theology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Expository Preaching</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Spirituality</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Counseling</p> <p>Research Doctoral Degrees:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Theology (Th.M.)</p> <p><i>Please choose one area of study from the Ph.D. list below</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Philosophy</p> <p><i>Please choose one area of study:</i></p> <p>Scripture and Interpretation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Old Testament Studies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Testament Studies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Studies</p> <p>(combination of OT & NT studies)</p> <p>Theology and Tradition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Systematic Theology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Church History and Historical Theology</p> <p>Worldview and Culture</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christian Philosophy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ethics</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christian Apologetics and Worldview Studies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christianity and the Arts</p> <p>Ministry and Proclamation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christian Preaching</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Counseling</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Theology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Spirituality</p>	<p>Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Student Status</p> <p>Diploma Program:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Diploma in Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth</p> <p>Master of Arts Degree:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Missiology</p> <p>Master of Divinity Degrees:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Divinity</p> <p><i>Please choose one concentration:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Great Commission Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applied Apologetics</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black Church Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Intercultural Youth Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Itinerant Evangelism</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Missions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> North American Church Planting</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Studies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Church Planting (2+2/3 IMB)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Church Planting (Reverse 2+2 IMB)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mission and Bible Translation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> En ESPANOL</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Master of Divinity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Church Planting</p> <p>Professional Doctoral Degrees:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Ministry</p> <p><i>Please choose one concentration:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism and Church Growth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Missions Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black Church Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Korean Church Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Ministry</p> <p>Professional Research Doctoral Degree:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Missiology</p> <p>Research Doctoral Degrees:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Theology (Th.M.)</p> <p><i>Please choose one area of study from the Ph.D. list below</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Philosophy</p> <p><i>Please choose one area of study:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christian Missions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Religions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism and Church Growth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black Church Studies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applied Apologetics</p>	<p>School of Church Ministries</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Student Status</p> <p>Diploma Program:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Diploma in Worship Leadership</p> <p>Master of Arts Degrees:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in (choose one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship and Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship and Family Ministry with a Minor in Worship Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Children's and Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth and Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth and Family Ministry with a Minor in Worship Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> College Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Women's Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Women's Leadership with a Minor in Biblical Counseling</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Worship Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Worship Leadership and Church Ministry with a Minor in (choose one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship and Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth and Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Missions and Ethnodoxology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Church Music</p> <p>Master of Divinity Degrees:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Divinity</p> <p><i>Please choose one concentration:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship and Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship and Family Ministry with a Minor in Worship Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Children's and Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth and Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth and Family Ministry with a Minor in Worship Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> College Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Women's Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Women's Leadership with a Minor in Biblical Counseling</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Worship Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Worship Leadership and Church Ministry with a minor in (choose one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship and Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth and Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Children's and Family Ministry</p> 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study from the Ph.D. list below</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Philosophy</p> <p><i>Please choose one area of study:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Musical Arts</p>
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, please provide appropriate details/documentation on a separate sheet.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Yes | No | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Do you have any physical, mental, or emotional disabilities which may require special assistance? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Do you have learning disabilities or mental/physical condition(s) that might affect your academic work? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Have you ever been under the care of a psychologist, mental health counselor, or psychiatrist? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Have you ever declared bankruptcy or incurred any legal action against you associated with your finances? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Do you have existing debts aside from house and/or automobile? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Is it a problem for you to pay off the balance of your credit cards on a regular basis? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Will you incur debt by attending seminary? If yes, provide your plans for financing your seminary education. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Have you ever been dismissed, placed on academic, or disciplinary probation, or asked to withdraw by any educational institution? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Have you ever been convicted of any felony or been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the Armed Services? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Have you ever been dismissed, terminated, or fired from any place of employment? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Have you ever used illegal drugs or abused alcohol? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Have you ever appeared on a local, state or national sex offender registry? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Have you or your spouse ever been divorced? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. Have you ever been involved in any sexual misconduct of any nature? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 15. Does your spouse/family have any reservations concerning your desire to attend seminary? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. If you are married, please rate, in your opinion, the health of your marriage (1 = low, 10 = high). |

FAMILY INFORMATION

Spouse's name: _____
 last first middle preferred name

Children: _____
 name date of birth M/F name date of birth M/F

 name date of birth M/F name date of birth M/F

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Please list your last 4 employers beginning with the most recent:

Name of employer	Name of supervisor	Supervisor phone/email	Position held	Dates of employment
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are not a citizen of the United States, please complete this section. Please note that international applicants are encouraged to apply at least one semester prior to the term they plan to enter.

In which country were you born? _____ In which country are you currently a citizen? _____

If you are now residing in the U.S., what is your immigrant or non-immigrant classification? (choose one)

- F-1 J-1 H-1 Permanent Resident Alien Registration Number: _____
 F-2 J-2 H-2 Other _____

Note: Please send photocopies of any current U.S. immigration documents. This is especially important for permanent residents.

Will you bring your family to Louisville with you? (mark one) No Yes, Spouse Only Yes, Spouse & Children (number of children _____)

What is your native language? _____

What other languages do you speak? _____

Unless you are studying in your native language at an extension center, you are required to submit a TOEFL (Test of English as a Second Language).

In order to complete all requirements for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, the seminary must receive all necessary documentation associated with the I-20 at least 60 days prior to the term for which you wish to enroll. No I-20 forms will be issued without approval for admission, the required deposit, and a valid affidavit of support. A student transferring from another school in the United States will receive his or her I-20 after arriving on campus. Please see the International Student Checklist for more information.

STATEMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL STUDENTS)

In making application to become a student at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, I pledge myself to abide by all the regulations of the faculty and administration as stipulated in the Student Handbook www.sbts.edu/pdf/handbook.pdf; to seek in every way to protect the good name of the institution; to preserve and protect the physical properties of the Seminary and to cooperate with the various groups of the Seminary family in creating and maintaining a spirit of Christian fellowship throughout my student days. I understand the Seminary reserves the right to request a student to withdraw at any time.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please mail to: The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Admissions Office, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280.





The mission of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is to train, educate and prepare ministers of the Gospel for more faithful service. In this endeavor, we partner with the local church. Each applicant is required to submit a Church Affirmation Form from the church that holds his/her membership.

We take your endorsement most seriously. Your church's endorsement is a testament on the part of your congregation as to the perceived fitness of the applicant for ministerial leadership. We request that the congregation prayerfully consider the statement listed below and vote their affirmation while in session. If a congregational affirmation is not possible due to extenuating circumstances, we will recognize the endorsement of the appropriate leadership of the church with documentation on why an alternative process was followed.

If the church is unwilling to offer their unhesitating affirmation of the applicant, please enclose a letter on official church letterhead stating the rationale for the church's decision.

Statement of Affirmation

Applicant's name: _____ Applicant's date of birth: ____/____/____

“We affirm that the applicant is a member in good standing of this church and demonstrates the appropriate character, ability, and knowledge as necessary for one seeking ministerial leadership”

PLEASE CHECK BOTH BOXES

YES NO

This statement was approved by the church.

If this statement is not approved congregationally, please indicate the approval process and why an alternative process was followed: _____

This applicant is a member of this church.

If the applicant is not a member of your church, please note the rationale for your action on a separate piece of paper.

_____ *date applicant became member*

_____ *date of church affirmation*

_____ *name of church*

_____ *address of church*

_____ *denominational affiliation*

_____ *city*

_____ *state*

_____ *zip*

_____ *signature of pastor/church leader*

_____ *email of pastor/church leader*

_____ *name of pastor/church leader (please print)*

_____ *phone of pastor/church leader*

FOR THE TRUTH · FOR THE CHURCH · FOR THE WORLD
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

Upon completion, please send to: The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary · Admissions Office
2825 Lexington road · Louisville, KY · 40280 · Fax (502) 897-4723 · admissions@sbts.edu

Recommendation for Admission

to The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

_____ Applicants Name / / _____ Date of Birth

This form is confidential and will become the property of SBTS and will not be returned to the student. Should the applicant be denied or otherwise not enroll, SBTS is under no obligation to disclose the contents of the application to the applicant, nor will SBTS release any information to a party legally unrelated to SBTS unless required to do so. Upon enrollment, the application becomes a part of the student's permanent academic record and, as such, is subject to the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

To be completed by Recommender (family members are not acceptable)

Please print legibly.

Recommender's name _____ E-mail address _____

Recommender's address _____

Recommender's job title _____ Telephone number (_____) _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How do you know the applicant? _____

Please indicate your understanding of the applicant's ministerial goals _____

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Recommender's Signature

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2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40280

Recommendation for Admission

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To be completed by Recommender (family members are not acceptable)

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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Application for On-Campus Housing

- Please mail completed housing application with application for admission. Do not fill in information below if NOT applying for on-campus housing.

Refusal of Campus Housing

Please check the box below, print your name, and list your birth date if you do not require campus housing. If you do not require campus housing, no deposit is needed.

NO. I do not need on-campus housing.

Print Full Name

Date of Birth

Title Name Social Security

Spouse Name, if applicable Social Security

Address City State Zip

Telephone Birthdate Email

- New Student Current Student On-line or Extension Student Returning Student Single Married Physical Handicap? Please explain: Male Female Children:

Name Age Sex Name Age Sex

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When do you plan to begin your studies? Date housing needed: Month Year Month Year

A refundable \$100 deposit is required to apply for campus housing. The deposit must be received by Student Housing within 30 days of your acceptance to Southern Seminary. If sending the deposit with the application only check or money order, please. Please make check separate from Admission application fee. Refunds will be given if housing is unavailable, you are not accepted as a student, or you cancel your reservation more than 30 days before your planned occupancy. Include this housing application with your application for admission. Housing deposits sent separately should be sent to: Student Housing, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280.

Single students

- Dormitory Halls: A meal plan is required for all dormitory residents. Rent does not include the meal plan fee. Male Female

Apartments:

- Fuller Hall 1 bedroom, no A/C Grinstead South 1 bedroom 2 bedroom

Married students without children

- Fuller Hall 1 bedroom, no A/C Grinstead South 1 bedroom 2 bedroom Springdale 2 bedroom Foster Hall 1 bedroom, no A/C (PhD Preferred)

Married students with children

- Grinstead South 1 bedroom 2 bedroom

Note: All apartments are unfurnished. See website for utility information.

Pets:

Are you bringing a pet? Yes No (Grinstead only)

Please list your apartment preferences and your first choice will be honored whenever possible:

- 1. 2. 3.

Background Information:

Yes No

- Have you ever been convicted of any crime (other than minor traffic or driving violations) or been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the Armed Services? Have you ever used illegal drugs or abused alcohol?

If you answered "yes" to either of the above questions, please provide appropriate details on a separate sheet and documentation as needed.

Honest answers will not result in bias or an automatic denial of your application.

Contact Information:

Please list two people who will always know how to contact you:

Name:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Name:

Telephone:

Email Address: