



THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Admissions Office
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, KY 40280
1.800.626.5525

SBTS APPLICATION INFORMATION

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

ADMISSION DEADLINES

Degree Program	Fall Semester	Winter Term	Spring Semester	Summer Term
Diploma, M.A., M.Div., ThM	July 15*	Dec 1*	Dec 1*	May 1*
Professional Doctoral (D.Min., D. Ed.Min.)		Oct 15		Mar 15
Professional Research Doctoral (D. Miss.)			Aug 1	
Research Doctoral (Ph.D.) for School of Theology, Billy Graham School and School of Church Ministries	Jan 15			
Research Doctoral (Ph.D.) for School of Theology and Billy Graham School			Aug 1	
Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)				Jan 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. This means that as soon as the Admissions Office receives all of the requested materials for an application, it begins to be processed immediately. Materials do not have to be submitted simultaneously, but an application will not be reviewed until it is complete. Once complete, the Admissions Committee process typically takes 3-5 business days.

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

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

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) APPLICATION FEES:** The application fee of \$35.00 is non-refundable. Please make checks payable to SBTS– Admissions.
- 2) CHURCH AFFIRMATION FORM:** The Church Affirmation form allows the seminary to know that you are in good standing with your current church. Each applicant must receive an official endorsement from the local church at which they are currently involved. If the applicant is not a member of their current church and/or has not been there for a minimum of one year at the time of filling out the application, they must have a pastor or elder at the church that holds their membership submit a fourth recommendation.
- 3) OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTION:** Transcripts delivered by the applicant must be in a sealed envelope. 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. One recommendation must come from a pastor/elder at your current church, and we prefer that the other two recommendations come from a professor and employer
 - Recommendation forms may not be completed by family members.
 - Research Doctoral applicants (Th.M., Ed.D., and Ph.D.) should submit two academic references and one pastoral reference.
- 5) SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY:** Please include these details in your autobiography:
The Spiritual Autobiography is an important part of the application, as it allows the seminary to get to know the applicant and learn about their spiritual journey. It should be 500 words or less, typed in 12 point font (Times New Roman or similar), double spaced, and should include the following:
A description of your conversion (including an articulation of the gospel, how you came to believe it, and how it has made a difference in your life).
An understanding of your call to ministry and why you are applying to Southern Seminary
Any relevant, significant life events

ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS AND ACADEMIC ADVISORS

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. Questions about advising should be directed to the Office of Student Success at academicadvising@sbts.edu or 502.897.4680.

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 start date of the class to which you wish to apply the rate. This form is only available from the Admissions Office, and a mandatory interview with the an Admissions Counselor is a pre-requisite to receiving the form. Once received, the form and must be signed by the student and current pastor.

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 is available online. Access to the financial aid page 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. For information about veteran’s benefits, contact financial aid at financialaid@sbts.edu or 502.897.4206.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Prospective students desiring to transfer credit from another seminary should contact the Academic Records office. 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.

NON-DEGREE STUDENT STATUS

Non-Degree Student Status is not a degree classification and is only applicable for one semester. This status requires the submission of the application form, application fee, church affirmation and spiritual autobiography. Admittance as a Non-Degree student status does not guarantee admission into a degree program. All recommendations and transcripts must be submitted within the first semester of study if a student intends to be admitted into a degree program. Financial Aid is not available to Non-Degree Students.

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 www.sbts.edu/extension. For additional information regarding online education, please visit the website at www.sbts.edu/online.

ACCREDITATION

Southern Seminary is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). We recognize college degrees accredited by these agencies or any of the following: the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, as well as Bible college degrees accredited through the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). If your school is not accredited by one of these agencies, admissions must be sought through the seminary's Provisional Admission policy (see below).

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. For more information regarding Provisional Admission see www.sbts.edu/future-students/apply-now/new-student-categories or the current Academic Catalog.

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 Graduate policy. The undergraduate degree must be completed within one year of enrollment at Southern Seminary.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Southern Seminary requires that international applicants complete international application forms, which are available for download on our website, or can be mailed to you by request. Questions and inquiries can be directed to the Office of International Services at international@sbts.edu or 502.897.4208.

Please note that international applicants must submit TOEFL scores for all degree programs. Information on these tests can be found at www.toefl.org.

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 Success in order to determine how Southern Seminary can assist in addressing those needs. They can be reached at 502.897.4208 or via email at ministryresources@sbts.edu.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you require additional assistance, the Admissions staff is 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 (local) 502.897.4617 (email) admissions@sbts.edu (fax) 502.897.4723



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 marital status: Single Married
 Divorced Widowed Re-married

Gender: Male Female

Date of Divorce _____

Social Security number _____ - _____ - _____

Applicant's race (For reporting purposes only):

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

Applicant's ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Yes No

CHURCH INFORMATION

Where is your current church membership?

_____ name of church mailing address city state zip

_____ phone pastor 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: _____

(<http://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"/> Non-Degree 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 Programs:</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, Evangelism and Church Growth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Degree Status</p> <p>Diploma Degree:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Diploma in Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth</p> <p>Master of Arts Degrees:</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 Ministries</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applied Apologetics</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black Church Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Intercultural Youth Ministries</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"/> Global Missions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black Church Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Korean Church Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> City-Reaching</p> <p>Professional Reaeach 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"/> Non-Degree Status</p> <p>Diploma Degree:</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"/> Youth and Family Ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth and Family Ministry with a Minor in Worship Leadership</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 Ethnoloxology</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> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Women's Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Missions and Ethnodoxology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Counseling</p>	<p>Professional Doctoral Degrees:</p> <p><input 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Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)</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.

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

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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 _____

Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas. Make comments on the back of this sheet for any Below Average or Poor responses. Feel free to use that space for any other comments as well.

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	No Information
Character (person of moral and spiritual integrity)	5	4	3	2	1	N
Judgment	5	4	3	2	1	N
Emotional stability	5	4	3	2	1	N
Maturity	5	4	3	2	1	N
Commitment to church-related vocation	5	4	3	2	1	N
Potential for effective ministry	5	4	3	2	1	N
Skill in relating to others	5	4	3	2	1	N
Financial responsibility	5	4	3	2	1	N
Spouse/family relations	5	4	3	2	1	N
Academic/intellectual abilities	5	4	3	2	1	N
Leadership potential	5	4	3	2	1	N

Please complete other side

Do you know of any physical, mental or emotional problems which might hinder effective work in Christian ministry?

yes no If yes, please elaborate.

Do you know of any physical, mental or emotional problems which might hinder the applicant's academic progress?

yes no If yes, please elaborate.

Do you know of any personal habits (sexual behavior, drug/alcohol use) or personal prejudices which might hamper service in a church-related position?

yes no If yes, please elaborate.

How do you perceive the attitude of the applicant's spouse/fiancé toward seminary education and vocational Christian ministry?

Very positive Positive, with some reservations Neutral Negative

Not applicable Please elaborate _____

Would you recommend this person to a church-related position upon completion of seminary training? yes no

Do you recommend this person for admission? yes no If yes, please check one:

With confidence With some reservations With reluctance

What characteristics do you consider to be the greatest strengths or talents of the applicant?

What characteristics do you consider to be the greatest weaknesses of the applicant?

Additional Comments: _____

Recommender's Signature

Date

Thank you for your thoughtful responses. Please return this form to:

**Admissions Office
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40280**

Recommendation for Admission

to The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Applicants Name
/ /
Date of Birth

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