The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

SBTS APPLICATION INFORMATION

ADMISSION DEADLINES

Degree Program	Fall Semester	Winter Term	Spring Semester	Summer Term
Diploma, MA, M.Div. (for Financial Aid)	July 15	Dec 1	Dec 1	May 1
Professional Doctoral (D.Min., D.Ed.Min.)		Oct 15		Mar 15
Research Doctoral (Th.M., Ed.D., Ph.D., D.M.A.)	Jan 2		Aug 1	

* please note that the D.Miss. has a deadline of August 1 only. The Ed.D. has a deadline of January 2 only.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary holds to a rolling admissions process. That means that files are approved as soon as they are completed. This also means that your application is a self-managed process. While we will initially notify you of missing items, it is the applicant's responsibility to insure 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 5-10 business days under normal circumstances.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS BY DEGREE PROGRAM

Standard application requirements for all degree programs:

- Application Form
- Application Addendum
- Application Fee
- Spiritual Autobiography
- Church Affirmation
- Official Transcription
- Housing Application
- Recommendation Forms
  - (MATS and MATSIL Recommendation Forms are listed/linked below)

MATS/MATSIL	Adv. M.Div.	Research Doctoral
Pastor/Leader Recommendation	Academic Paper	Academic Paper
Proof of missions appointment (MATSIL applicants)		GRE

• 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 through the Office of Academic Records, a new application and the reapplication fee of $25 must be submitted. Please make checks payable to "SBTS – Admissions."

2) **CHURCH AFFIRMATION FORM:** The Church Affirmation Form must be completed by the church that holds your membership. If you are not currently attending the church that holds your membership, a fourth Recommendation Form must be submitted – see below under Recommendation Forms for more information.

- MATS and MATSIL applicants – this requirement does not apply.

3) **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTION:** Transcripts cannot be delivered by the applicant or stamped "Issued to student." Please have the registrar at your colleges mail your transcripts directly to the Admissions Office at Southern Seminary. We will 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.

- MATS and MATSIL applicants only submit one Pastor/Leader Recommendation.
- Recommendation forms may not be completed by family members.
- Research Doctoral applicants (Th.M., D.M.A., Ed.D., 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 document your conversion, significant life events, understanding of your call to ministry, and 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. 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.

7) **ADDITIONAL ISSUES:**

- Please note that the MATS and MATSIL degrees are restricted degree programs. The MATS degree is restricted to lay persons only who will not be pursuing ministry as a career. The MATSIL is restricted to full-time missionaries.
- An academic paper is required for the Advanced MDiv, and all Research Doctoral degrees (Th.M., D.M.A., Ed.D., Ph.D.)

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 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/academics/Extension_Centers.aspx. For additional information regarding online classes, please visit the website at http://www.sbts.edu/academics/Online_Education.aspx.

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 Admissions Office or see the website for the Transfer of Credit Evaluation Form at http://www.sbts.edu/pdf/Transfer_Credit.pdf.

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.

Each school of the seminary maintains their own Academic Advisor. The main responsibility of Academic Advisors is to help new students to the seminary as they prepare their educational schedules and plan their courses. Each school lists helpful academic advising information that can be found at http://www.sbts.edu/New_Students/Academic_Advising.aspx.

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 Admission 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

This is a non-degree classification for students that allows for an expedited admissions process. 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. They will 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. These forms are available for download from our website or will have been mailed to you if you indicated you were an international student. 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.

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

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Application Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name _____ _____
last first middle name usually called

Maiden name (if applicable) _____

Current mailing address _____
apartment/box/street number

_____ Telephone _____ ( ) _____
city state/country zip (home) area code/number (work)

Home city and state _____ Citizenship _____
country

E-mail address _____

Applicant's Date of Birth _____ Applicant's Place of birth _____
month day year 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 ___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 ___Undecided
___Campus/College Ministry ___Children's Ministry ___Teaching (higher education) ___Other (Please specify)
___Recreation Ministry ___Women's Ministry

CHURCH INFORMATION

Where is your current church membership?

_____
name of church mailing address city state zip

_____
phone pastor church clerk date of membership

What is your denominational affiliation? Please be specific: _____

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?

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/academics/Extension_Centers.aspx for current locations)

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

School of Theology

☐ Special Student Status

Diploma Program:
☐ Diploma in Theology

Master of Arts Degrees:
☐ Master of Arts in Theological Studies
☐ Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling

Master of Divinity Degrees:
☐ Biblical Counseling concentration
☐ Christian Ministry concentration
☐ Pastoral Studies concentration
☐ Biblical and Theological Studies concentration
☐ Worldview and Apologetics concentration
☐ Advanced Master of Divinity

Professional Doctoral Degrees (D.Min.):
☐ Expository Preaching
☐ Biblical Counseling
☐ Biblical Spirituality

Research Doctoral Programs:
☐ Master of Theology (Th.M.)
☐ Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
- ☐ Old Testament Studies
- ☐ New Testament Studies
- ☐ Biblical Studies (a combined major of NT & OT studies)
- ☐ Church History and Historical Theology
- ☐ Systematic Theology
- ☐ Christian Philosophy
- ☐ Christian Ethics
- ☐ Christian Preaching
- ☐ Biblical Counseling
- ☐ Family Studies
- ☐ Christianity and the Arts
- ☐ Pastoral Theology
- ☐ Christian Apologetics and Worldview Studies

Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth

☐ Special Student Status

Diploma Degree:
☐ Diploma in Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth

Master of Arts Degrees:
- ● Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS)
  - ☐ Lay Leadership
  - ☐ Intercultural Leadership (MATSIL)
- ● Master of Arts in Missiology
  - ☐ Missions concentration
  - ☐ Minister of Missions concentration

Master of Divinity Degrees:
☐ Great Commission Ministries concentration
☐ Applied Apologetics concentration
☐ Black Church Leadership concentration
☐ Great Commission Biblical and Theological Studies concentration
☐ Intercultural Youth Ministries concentration
☐ Itinerant Evangelism concentration
☐ Missions concentration
☐ North American Church Planting concentration
☐ Pastor concentration
☐ International Church Planting concentration: 2+2 IMB
☐ Bible Translation concentration
☐ En ESPAÑOL
☐ Advanced Master of Divinity
- ☐ Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth concentration
- ☐ Church Planting concentration

Professional Doctoral Degrees:
☐ Doctor of Missiology (D.Miss.)
☐ Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)
- ☐ Evangelism and Church Growth
- ☐ Missions Leadership
- ☐ Black Church Leadership
- ☐ Korean Church Leadership

Research Doctoral Programs:
☐ Master of Theology (Th.M.)
☐ Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
- ☐ Christian Missions
- ☐ World Religions
- ☐ Evangelism & Church Growth
- ☐ Black Church Studies
- ☐ Applied Apologetics

School of Leadership & Church Ministry

☐ Special Student Status

Diploma Degree:
☐ Diploma in Christian Education

Master of Arts Degrees:
- ● Master of Arts in Christian Education
  - ☐ Leadership concentration
  - ☐ Adult & Discipleship Ministry concentration
  - ☐ Leadership & Teaching Ministry concentration
  - ☐ Children's Ministry concentration
  - ☐ Women's Leadership concentration
  - ☐ Campus Ministry concentration
- ☐ Master of Arts in Youth Ministry
- ☐ Master of Arts in Youth Ministry – Advanced Track

Master of Divinity Degrees:
- ☐ Leadership concentration
- ☐ Adult & Discipleship Ministry concentration
- ☐ Leadership & Teaching Ministry concentration
- ☐ Higher Education concentration
- ☐ Youth Ministry concentration
- ☐ Advanced Youth Ministry concentration
- ☐ Children's Ministry concentration
- ☐ Women's Leadership concentration
- ☐ Campus Ministry concentration

Professional Doctoral Degrees (D.Ed. Min.):
☐ Doctor of Educational Ministry (D.Ed.Min)

Research Doctoral Programs:
☐ Doctor of Education in Leadership (Ed.D.)
☐ Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

School of Church Music and Worship

☐ Special Student Status

Diploma Degree:
☐ Diploma in Church Music

Master of Arts Degrees:
☐ Master of Church Music
☐ Master of Music in Church Music
☐ Master of Arts in Worship

Master of Divinity Degrees:
☐ Church Music concentration
☐ Worship concentration

Professional Doctoral Degrees:
☐ Doctor of Music Ministry (D.M.M.)

Research Doctoral Programs:
☐ Doctor of Musical Arts (D.M.A.)

Application Addendum

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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	
❑	❑	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

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.

Date_____ Signed_____

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

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Church Affirmation

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"

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.

_____ *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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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: _____

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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

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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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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: _____

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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

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:

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Name Age Sex Name Age Sex

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Name Age Sex Name Age Sex

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:_____