



BMA SEMINARY

BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

1530 East Pine St. Jacksonville, TX 75766
(903) 586-2501 Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:45 pm Central Time Fax (903) 586-0378
www.bmats.edu

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION PACKET

APPLY ONE OF TWO WAYS:

1. this application
2. download the application from the web site, print it out, and mail it to the Admissions Office.

Within the context of its theological convictions and mission, Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national and ethnic origin, or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other school-administered programs.

BMA Seminary reserves the right to cancel the admission of any applicant who demonstrates behavior, after acceptance but before enrollment, which would have caused the BMA Seminary to deny admission had the behavior occurred earlier.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

This is a self-managed application. You control the gathering and submitting of all credentials necessary to complete your application. Please collect all documentation required and submit it to BMA Seminary in a single, over-sized envelope along with a **\$35 application fee**.

These instructions are designed to answer some of the questions commonly asked about applying for admission. If you have questions that are not answered by these instructions or the catalog, please call the Admissions Office at (903) 586-2501.

Before applying, you should first read the BMA Seminary catalog regarding the degree program in which you are interested and the Admission Requirements section. Applicants who are not U.S. residents should also read the English Proficiency section.

The application and supporting materials should be submitted **no earlier** than 15 months before the date of anticipated enrollment.

All application items must be received in the Admissions Office **no later** than the following dates:

Fall Semester (begins the first week of September; application deadline is **July 1**)

January Inter-Semester (two Master's In Motion courses offered in January; application deadline is **November 1**)

Spring Semester (begins around the fourth week of January; application deadline is **November 1**)

Summer Semester (sessions begin June through August; application deadline is **April 1**)

We encourage you to apply at least four to eight months before your expected enrollment date. Applications may be submitted after the deadline but will be considered and processed as time allows. If you are planning on applying for Financial Aid, your application must be approved by June 1 for the Fall semester and September 1 for the Spring semester. International students must have Financial Aid Applications approved by January 1 for the upcoming fall semester.

The following instructions correspond to the specified sections of the Application for Admission.

1. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION Please help us to identify you by name and location. If you are currently a student, please give your school address and phone, and indicate the times when we can reach you at that address in the spaces for "phone from ___ to ___."

2. COURSE OF STUDY You should select the course of study that best aligns with your ministry goals and your purposes in coming to BMA Seminary.

Most of the Associate of Divinity and much of the Masters of Arts degrees are available through Distance Learning and Master's In Motion. A Certificate of Christian Leadership may be earned completely by Distance Learning / Correspondence. Courses can be used for supplementing a residence program or for personal enrichment.

3. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND Your application must include transcripts of your work at every college and university. This includes, but is not limited to, schools from which you transferred work to earn a degree at another school.

You should request that transcript(s) be sent to the Admissions Office. You may use the **Request for Academic Transcript** form in this application packet for this purpose. If you have attended more than one school, photocopy the form and send one to each school.

If you do not remember the address of your college, you should try to search for the school online, or call our Admissions Office and we will try to find it. Your signature is mandatory. A school cannot send your transcript without your signature on the request. Be aware that most schools charge a fee for providing a transcript; plan to send that amount with your request.

4. RESEARCH AND WRITING PROFICIENCY Please include a sample of prior academic work (such as a previous research paper) to demonstrate your proficiency in writing and research. Students with deficiencies in English and

grammar will be required to take a developmental English course at a local college. Students with deficiencies in research and writing will be required to take RE 314 as a non-credit developmental course. Upon request of not less than two professors, the dean may require any student to enroll in the RE 314 course.

5. REFERENCES You must list three people who know you well and have agreed to serve as references for you. One of your references should be your pastor or a person in a position of spiritual oversight over you. If you are in school or have recently graduated, the second reference should be one of your professors. If you are out of school, the second reference should be your employer or a business associate. We ask that your references not be related to you, such as a parent or parent-in-law, brother-in-law, etc.

Your self-managed application requires you to distribute and collect the attached reference forms. You should first complete the top of each form where you print your name and print your address. With the reference form, give your reference a self-addressed, stamped, security-style business envelope and ask him or her to complete the form, seal it in the envelope, sign across the envelope flap, and send it back to you. When you receive the returned reference form, do not open it but submit it with your other application materials.

6. CHURCH RELATIONSHIP Preparation for Christian ministry is nurtured in the local church before seminary study. Ask your church to write a letter: (1) confirming membership or regular participation in good standing, (2) endorsing your potential for effective ministry, and (3) confirming the length of time and description of your involvement in ministries of the church. This letter is in addition to the pastoral reference requested above, although both could be completed by your pastor.

Although some applicants may not be planning on vocational ministry, ministry involvement and potential for ministry in general are still criteria considered in admission evaluation.

As with the references (see above), the church should send the statement to you with the church official's signature across the flap, and you should submit it unopened with your application.

7. PERSONAL STATUS Please specify your marital status, your sex, your spouse's name, and whether or not you or your spouse has been divorced. If you are engaged, substitute "fiancé" or "fiancée" for "spouse" throughout this section.

If either you or your spouse has been divorced, please submit a statement discussing each occurrence. The fact that you have been divorced does not mean you will be denied admittance. However, the Admissions Committee must understand the situation(s) in order to evaluate your potential for success in seminary study and in future ministry. For each divorce, please discuss when and why it occurred, counseling which may have occurred before the divorce, who filed for the divorce, attempts at reconciliation, the resolution including the status of children from the marriage, your view of biblical teaching on divorce and remarriage, and how you feel the divorce may affect your future ministry.

If you are separated but not divorced, please contact the Director of Admissions, as each situation is considered on a case-by-case basis.

8. CITIZENSHIP Please specify your citizenship status. International students who plan to attend BMA Seminary on a student visa (F-1 or J-1) will be asked, after being provisionally accepted, to document their source(s) of financial support for their entire period of study.

9. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY The demonstration of English proficiency is required of all applicants for whom English is not the native or birth language, even applicants who are United States citizens, have attended American or English-speaking colleges and universities, and are long-time residents of English-speaking countries.

Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate a minimum composite score of 550 (paper-based test) or 213 (computer-based test) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) <http://www.toefl.org>. If you need to submit English proficiency scores and have not already made plans to take the required tests, you should make these plans before applying. TOEFL is a registered trademark of Educational Testing Services (ETS) P. O. Box 899, Princeton, NJ 08540, U.S.A. or <http://www.ets.org>. This publication is not endorsed or approved by ETS.

10. BIOGRAPHICAL FACTS ABOUT THE APPLICANT

In a 500 to 1,000 word statement, relate the details of the following phases of your Christian life:

- a. Particulars about your conversion to Christ. Please state what a person must do to receive eternal life and when you took that step.
- b. Your call to the gospel ministry or to Christian service: the area of ministry in which you are planning to serve.
- c. The extent to which you have been involved and the success you have enjoyed in preaching the Gospel and personally leading others to Christ.
- d. Your spiritual and vocational goals in life.
- e. Your motives for doing undergraduate or graduate work.
- f. Your plans for completing your intended program of studies.

Please sign your statement.

Please list the Christian service/ministry activities in which you have been involved (ministry involvement, church/organization, dates).

Employment and leadership experience

Provide short answers that will enable the Admissions Committee to evaluate your experience and leadership in Christian ministry and in your employment. Please include dates of employment where applicable.

Health, financial, and personal information

Regarding your finances, the Admissions Committee is concerned that you have realistically “counted the cost” of attending BMA Seminary. Our Financial Aid office has information about student loan programs, need-based scholarship grants, and easy-payment plans. You may apply for financial aid once you have applied for admission. The financial aid application is available upon request. All applicants for aid are required to submit financial aid transcripts (which are different from grade transcripts) from every school attended. Contact your college’s financial aid office to ask that a financial aid transcript be sent to BMA Seminary.

11. SPOUSE’S OR FIANCÉ’S/FIANCÉE’S INFORMATION STATEMENT Please ask your present or future spouse to prepare a statement of his or her saving faith in Christ, when he or she took that step, and his or her support for your plans to enter BMA Seminary. Your spouse should sign the statement. If you are a Non-degree applicant, this statement is not required.

12. DOCTRINAL STATEMENT Applicants are required to read the doctrinal statement in its entirety. It may be found in the seminary catalog, or at <http://bmats.edu/doctrine.htm>. If you have questions about these doctrines which are not clarified by our Doctrinal Statement, please contact the Admissions Office. While the BMA Seminary does not discriminate against qualified students with differing doctrinal views and also allows discussion of different doctrinal views, students are asked to agree not to promote doctrines contrary to the Doctrinal Statement of the BMA Seminary.

13. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK Please specify if you are/have been under investigation or have been arrested for a crime or sexual offense. Also please specify if you have ever been convicted of a crime or sexual offense. If you answered yes to either question, please attach a signed statement discussing each occurrence. For each occurrence of an investigation/arrest/crime, please discuss when and why it occurred, the sentence imposed for each occurrence (including its duration), the resolution of the occurrence, and how you feel the occurrence may affect your future ministry. The fact that you were ever under investigation, arrested, or convicted of a crime or sexual offense does not mean you will be denied admittance. However, the admissions committee must understand the situation(s) in order to evaluate your potential for success in seminary and in future ministry. Applicants are required to give permission to the BMA Seminary to obtain a criminal background check.

14. INCOMING STUDENT INFORMATION This information will not be considered when the Admissions Committee evaluates your application. We need this information for statistical reporting purposes and to get to know you better and “link” you into the seminary family after acceptance.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

For Admissions Office Use Only

\$35 Fee _____
Date Received _____
Date Approved _____
Date Entering _____
Classification _____
College _____
Degree _____
Remarks _____

1. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION

Last or family name, first name, middle name

Name you go by

Social Security number

Other name under which you attended college

Present mailing address

Permanent mailing address

E-mail address

Date of birth (Month, Day, Year)

Where do you consider your hometown to be?

() _____

Home phone, from: ___ / ___ / ___ to ___ / ___ / ___

() _____

Work Phone (If we may contact you there)

() _____

Phone

() _____

Mobile phone

Place of birth:

2. COURSE OF STUDY *Check program:*

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> M. Div. Master of Divinity | <input type="checkbox"/> M. A. C. M. Master of Arts in Church Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> M. A. R. Master of Arts in Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Special / Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. A. R. Bachelor of Arts in Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> A. Div. Associate of Divinity |

When do you plan to begin your studies? (Check one. Master's programs application deadline is two months before classes begin.)

- Fall Semester 200__ (begins at the first week of September; application deadline is July 1)
 January Inter-Semester 200__ (two Master's In Motion courses offered in January; application deadline is November 1)
 Spring Semester 200__ (begins around the fourth week of January; application deadline is November 1)
 Summer Semester 200__ (sessions begin June through August; application deadline is April 1)

How are you planning to complete your courses? (Check all that apply)

- Attend regular classes at BMA Seminary in Jacksonville, TX
 Attend Master's In Motion courses mainly
 Correspondence / Distance Learning
 Attend regular classes at Arkansas extension site (Conway, AR)

What type of credit do you plan to receive?

- Credit – toward a degree
 Non Credit – for personal enrichment

Have you applied to BMA Seminary before? Yes No

If an alumnus or former student at BMA Seminary, when were you enrolled? _____

3. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

For each school attended beyond high school, give:

Name of institution	Attended from/to	Degree or diploma	Year degree was/will be received	Check if less than 12 hours completed
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please request that an official transcript be sent to the Admissions Office. Use the **Request for Academic Transcript** form for this purpose.

To the best of your understanding:

- a. Have you completed or are about to complete a bachelor’s degree (4-year B.A. or B.S. or equivalent)? Yes No
- b. Is the school that awarded your degree accredited by:
 - A generally recognized regional or professional accreditation agency (SACS, North Central, etc.)?
 - An institution not regionally accredited but recognized by regionally accredited colleges and universities in the state where it is located?
 - Accredited by organizations recognized by the Council for Higher Education Association (CHEA)?
 - Don’t know

Is your cumulative grade point average above 2.5 on a 4.0 scale? Yes No

Have you ever been expelled or suspended by any school? Yes No

Are you under any kind of disciplinary action or pending action by any school? Yes No

If yes to either question, when? _____ Why? _____

4. RESEARCH AND WRITING PROFICIENCY All students must demonstrate proficiency in writing and research.

Please list here the title(s) of your research and writing sample(s) you are enclosing:

5. REFERENCES

Please complete the top portion of each reference form, then ask your reference to complete it and return it to you in a sealed envelope with his or her signature across the flap. The first reference should be from your pastor or a person in a position of spiritual oversight over you. If you are a college student, the second reference should be from one of your professors. If you are out of college, the second reference should be from an employer or a business associate. Note: Reference forms should not be completed by someone who is related to you by birth or marriage. **Note:** Please indicate by your signature that you understand that these recommendations will not be a part of your educational record, and that you waive your right to view them.

Signature: _____

NAME OF PASTORAL REFERENCE

POSITION

ADDRESS (include zip code)

NAME OF EDUCATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

POSITION

ADDRESS (include zip code)

NAME OF REFERENCE

POSITION

ADDRESS (include zip code)

6. CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

Please request a letter from the official governing body of your church stating (1) that you are a member or participant in good standing, (2) that you are endorsed by them as having promise for effective ministry, and (3) confirming the length of time and description of your involvement. You may use the **Validation of Church Relationship** form for making this request. The letter should be sent back to you in a sealed envelope with the church official's signature across the sealed flap.

Name of local church where you are a member or in current fellowship (give name and location):

With what ecclesiastical body is this church affiliated?

If you have attended this church less than one year, where were you attending before and for how long?

Are you licensed? Yes No Are you ordained? Yes No

7. PERSONAL STATUS

Sex: Male Female

Marital status: Single Married Engaged Widowed Separated

(If engaged, please substitute "fiancé" or "fiancée" for "spouse" below.)

Have you ever been divorced or are you now separated? Yes No If yes, attach statement. See instructions for details.

Spouse's name: _____

Spouse's date of birth: _____ Date of marriage: _____

Has your spouse ever been divorced? Yes No If yes, attach statement. See instructions for details.

Names of Children and dates of birth (if applicable) _____

8. CITIZENSHIP

Are you a/an (check one):

Citizen of U.S.A. by birth?

Naturalized citizen of the U.S.A.? When? _____

Permanent resident or resident alien (holder of green card)?

 o What is your country of citizenship? _____

International student coming on a visa? What type of visa? _____

9. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Is English your native or birth language? Yes No If English is not your native or birth language, give the date when TOEFL was or will be taken: _____ Score: _____

(Required)

Paper based test

Computer based test

10. BIOGRAPHICAL FACTS ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Statement

In a single-spaced typed 500 to 1,000 word statement, relate the details of the following phases of your Christian life:

- a. Particulars about your conversion to Christ. Please state what a person must do to receive eternal life and when you took that step.
- b. Your call to the gospel ministry or to Christian service: the area of ministry in which you are planning to serve.
- c. The extent to which you have been involved and the success you have enjoyed in preaching the Gospel and personally leading others to Christ.
- d. Your spiritual and vocational goals in life.
- e. Your motives for doing undergraduate or graduate work.
- f. Your plans for completing your intended program of studies.

Please list your Christian service/ministry activities in which you have been involved, include dates (ministry involvement, church/organization).

Employment and leadership experience

List types and dates of employment in which you have engaged. If currently employed full-time, state position.

In what campus organizations, extracurricular activities, service organizations, fraternal societies, etc., have you taken an active part?

What opportunities have you taken to demonstrate leadership, and what evidence of success in leadership have you seen?

Do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? Yes No When were you saved? _____

Are you planning to be a: Pastor Evangelist Teacher Chaplain Missionary Christian Educator

Other (specify) _____

Health, financial, and personal information

Height _____ Weight _____ Condition of eyesight _____ Condition of hearing _____

Have you ever had a prolonged illness? Yes No If yes, give details _____

Has a nervous (or other physical condition) ever interfered with your studies? Yes No If yes, give details _____

How is your health at present?

Have you ever been under mental or emotional health care? Yes No

If yes, what has been the resolution of the care and what ongoing care is in process? _____

Do you have any physical disabilities that might interfere with your effectiveness as a student or as a minister? Yes No

If yes, give details _____

Are you on a sound financial basis at this time? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Amount of your indebtedness to your previous school(s): \$ _____

Amount of student loan balance outstanding: \$ _____

Amount of all other indebtedness (excluding home mortgage): \$ _____

Amount of loan repayments currently past due: \$ _____

Please explain any delinquencies of debt repayments.

What is your plan for meeting the expenses of seminary study? Include expected annual income.

Have you been convicted of a crime? Yes No

If yes, please discuss the circumstances and the resolution of any conviction.

Are there any other facts or information that you would like the Admissions Committee to know for evaluation of your application?

11. SPOUSE'S OR FIANCÉ'S / FIANCÉE'S INFORMATION STATEMENT

Please attach a signed statement written by your spouse or fiancé/fiancée describing his or her saving faith in Christ, when he or she took that step, and whether he or she is in agreement with your plans to enter seminary.

12. DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Have you read the BMAA Doctrinal Statement of the Seminary in its entirety in the catalog, or at <http://bmats.edu/doctrine.htm>?

Yes No

In the interest of campus unity, do you agree not to promote views contrary to the Doctrinal Statement of the Seminary?

Yes No

13. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

Are you now, or have you ever been under investigation, or arrested for a criminal or sexual offense? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

If you answered yes to either question, please attach a signed statement discussing each occurrence. For each occurrence of an investigation/arrest/crime, please discuss when and why it occurred, the sentence imposed for each occurrence (including its duration), the resolution of the occurrence, and how you feel the occurrence may affect your future ministry.

Applicant hereby authorizes Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary to obtain a criminal background check and agrees to furnish additional information about prior arrests, investigations, and convictions upon request.

Signature of Applicant

I promise, in submission to the Holy Spirit's guidance, that if admitted to BMA Seminary I will at all times conduct myself as a Christian, faithfully and diligently apply myself to the studies as required by the Seminary curriculum, promptly meet all financial and other obligations, carefully observe the rules and regulations as set forth by the Seminary and its faculty, and submit to the authority of the faculty and administration. I also affirm that the facts in this application and accompanying biographical statement(s) or other attached statements are true to the best of my knowledge. Should any of the facts contained in this application, accompanying biographical statement(s) or other attached statements (i.e. address, marital status, criminal accusations / convictions, citizenship or immigration status, employment) change at any time I am a student at the BMA Seminary, I will inform the BMA Seminary in writing as soon as possible. I further understand that false information given on the application is grounds for dismissal or denial of admission.

Signature of Applicant

Date

REV April 4, 2008

APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST

- 1. All questions answered?
- 2. \$35 nonrefundable application fee enclosed?
- 3. Transcript(s) requested?
- 4. Prior academic work, entrance testing and/or pervious research papers enclosed?
- 5. Three reference forms enclosed in sealed envelopes?
- 6. Church letter enclosed in sealed envelope?
- 7. Applicant's and/or spouse's signed statements on divorce or separation (if applicable) enclosed?
- 8. Documentation of financial support for entire length of study enclosed (international student)/
- 9. Arrangements begun to take TOEFL? (If English is not native or birth language)
- 10. 500 to 1,000 word biographical statement enclosed?
- 11. Statement written by your spouse or fiancé/fiancée (if applicable) enclosed?
- 12. Statement about your criminal investigation/arrest/conviction (if applicable) enclosed?
- 12. Housing application enclosed (if applicable)?

14. INCOMING STUDENT INFORMATION

This information will not be used in considering you for admission, but is gathered for important statistical reporting.

Please send two photographs of yourself and, if married or engaged, a photograph of your spouse or fiancé/fiancée. We prefer that the photos be of head-and-shoulders, 2"x2" or wallet size.

Ethnic origin (required for statistical reporting purposes):

- Nonresident Alien (i.e., will attend BMA SEMINARY under a _____ [fill in] visa status)
- American Indian or Alaskan native Black or African-American White, non-Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific Islander Hispanic

Please list any physical disabilities or limitations, such as blindness or hearing problems, for which you will need accommodation.

Name of parents:

Parents' mailing address

() _____
Phone

e-mail address

Name of parents-in-law:

Parents-in-law mailing address

() _____
Phone

e-mail address

How did you first hear about BMA Seminary?

What or who prompted you to apply to BMA Seminary?

Are you a veteran who will receive veteran's benefits during your studies? Yes No

Selective Service Number _____ Branch _____ Dates _____

What abilities do you have in music and/or art?

Please indicate in which of the following campus or Christian groups you have leadership experience:

- Association of Baptist Students Fellowship of Christian Athletes Campus Crusade for Christ
- Other: _____

Your name (signature)

Your name (printed)

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REQUEST FOR ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Applicant: Please photocopy this form, complete it (including signature), and send it to each college, university, seminary, or learning institution you have attended since high school. You must include the required fee to have the transcript sent. You are advised to call the registrar's office at the college or university to inquire about this fee. Attach a check for this amount to this request form.

TO:

Registrar

Name of Institution

Address of Institution

Please send a copy of the academic transcript for the purpose of application for admission to:

**BMA Seminary
Admissions Office
PO Box 670
Jacksonville, Texas 75766**

The Seminary asks you, as Registrar, to **please sign across the sealed envelope flap.**

I hereby authorize the release of my transcript and any other pertinent personal information:

Name by which I attended your school

Applicant's signature

Years of attendance

Applicant's name (printed)

Degree(s) earned

Applicant's Address

Social Security number

City, State, Zip

Date of birth

() _____
Daytime phone

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VALIDATION OF CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

This section is to be filled out by applicant.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

This section is to be filled out by church.

Dear Pastor or Church Officer:

The person stated above is applying for admission to BMA Seminary. We ask that you validate the following areas regarding the applicant:

- (1) The applicant's membership or regular participation in good standing,
- (2) The church's endorsement of the applicant's potential for effective ministry, and
- (3) The length of time and description of the applicant's involvement in ministries of the church.

If the applicant is not a member but is a regular attender, please qualify your statement accordingly.

The Admissions Committee prefers you use your church letterhead to write this statement. If this is not feasible, you may make your statement on this form. Be sure the statement is signed and includes the title or position of the signer.

To increase the applicant's control over the timetable of the application, we are using a self-managed application. Please (1) **seal** the church endorsement in an envelope, (2) **sign** across the flap, and (3) **return to the applicant** the sealed envelope to be included with his or her application.

If not using church letterhead, please use the space below (and on the back if necessary) to write your statement.

Signature

Name (please print)

Name of church

Phone

Date

Position

Address

City, State, Zip

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REFERENCE FORM

This section is to be filled out by applicant.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

This section is to be filled out by reference.

The individual named above has given your name as a reference in applying for entrance to our seminary. We rely on people like you to help us accurately appraise our incoming students. This includes identifying positive or negative situations from the past or present conditions which affect the applicant's ministry effectiveness or suitability for admission into the Seminary community.

Instructions are provided in the box at the end of this form for your submitting this reference form to us, securely, through the applicant. We appreciate your honest estimate of this applicant's personality and character traits, and will treat your reply as confidential. It is the policy of BMA Seminary that reference forms are NOT made available to the applicant.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

You have been the applicant's: Teacher Pastor Friend Employer Adviser Other _____

Please rate the candidate by placing a check mark by one or more items under each of the headings below. If you wish, describe briefly and concretely specific instances which support or determine your judgment. Do not check items of which you feel uncertain or in which you have had no opportunity to observe.

(a) Physical condition

- Frequently incapacitated
- Somewhat below par
- Fairly healthy
- Good health

(b) Sociability or friendliness

- Avoided by others
- Tolerated by others
- Liked by others
- Well-liked by others
- Sought by others

(c) Intelligence

- Learns and thinks slowly
- Average mental ability
- Alert; has a good mind
- Brilliant; exceptional capacity

(d) Achievement (ability to formulate, execute, and carry plans to conclusion)

- Does only what is assigned
- Starts but does not finish
- Meets average expectations
- Resourceful and effective
- Superior creative ability

(e) Leadership (ability to inspire others and maintain their confidence)

- Makes no effort to lead
- Tries but lacks ability
- Has some leadership promise
- Good leadership ability
- Unusual ability to lead

(f) Teamwork (ability to work with others)

- Frequently causes friction
- Usually cooperative
- Prefers to work alone
- Able to work with those of different personality or temperament
- Most effective in teamwork

(g) Responsiveness (to the feelings and needs of others)

- Slow to sense how others feel
- Reasonably responsive
- Understanding and thoughtful
- Responds with unusual insight and consideration

(h) Emotional Adjustment

- Yields to urges or cravings
- Tense, fearful, worried
- Easily angered, easily frustrated
- Downhearted, blue, depressed
- Maintains balance, self-controlled

(i) Teachability

- Rigid, argumentative
- Highly opinionated
- Open-minded
- Willing to receive instruction
- Eager to receive instruction

(j) Perseverance (in completing task)

- Gives up easily or easily discouraged
- Needs encouragement to persevere
- Persists in most circumstances
- Persists even under adversity

(k) Self-image

- Insecure
- Inferiority complex
- Self-confident
- May be prone to boast
- Modest, true estimate of self

(l) Wisdom in use of money

- Talks frequently of debt or financial worries
- Expects others to meet needs
- Careless
- Extravagant
- Careful, has a budget

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Please comment with any insights/concerns you have regarding this applicant's qualifications in the areas above.

How is this person gifted for vocational Christian service?

Do you have any reason to doubt the applicant's personal integrity? If so, please specify.

If the applicant is married, how would you evaluate his/her marriage relationship?

- Don't know
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