



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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Please attach
a recent
photograph
of yourself
(passport style).

Please complete entire application and print clearly.

Important: Enrollment is selective and limited; therefore, please submit all materials for the fall semester by August 1 or for the spring semester by December 1.

Application Fee

A non-refundable, \$50 application fee must be submitted with your application. If mailing application within one month of the above dates, the application fee is \$60.

Application Processing

After we receive your application, including all accompanying statements and references, you'll be contacted regarding your acceptance to the seminary. If accepted, a registration and information packet will be mailed to you.

Note: The Admissions Committee may grant admission to the seminary on the basis of the above credentials alone, or may request the submission of additional materials and/or require an interview with the Director of Admissions or another representative of the seminary.

COURSE OF STUDY

Please check which program you plan to pursue.

- Diploma of Theology
- Bachelor of Theology
- Master of Divinity
- Master of Theology (Post M.Div.)—*check major:*
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
 - Bible Exposition
 - Systematic Theology
- Doctor of Ministry: Expository Preaching
- Doctor of Theology—*check major:*
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
 - Bible Exposition
 - Systematic Theology

Do you intend to be a full-time student (11.5 units or more)? Yes No

Note: In view of enrollment limitations, preference is given to applicants for full-time enrollment.

Term and year in which you expect to enter:

- Fall 20____
- Spring 20____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please Print

Full Legal Name _____
Last First Middle

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Country _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Social Security No. _____ Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Permanent Address (if different from current address) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Country _____

Marital Status: Single Married Widowed/Remarried Separated
 Engaged Widowed Divorced/Remarried Divorced

If you or your spouse/fiancée has been divorced, please attach a separate sheet entitled "Statement Regarding Divorce" outlining the circumstances involved, your view on the related biblical teaching, and your perception of the impact upon your future ministry. Please ask your pastor to mail a letter stating his evaluation of these circumstances and your marriage to The Master's Seminary Admissions Office.

Name of Spouse or Fiancée _____ Date of Marriage _____

The enclosed form, entitled Spouse's Personal Information, should be completed by your wife (or fiancée) and submitted along with your application or mailed directly to The Master's Seminary Admissions Office.

Names and Ages of Children _____

Do you agree to notify the seminary of any change in your marital status? Yes No

Have you or your wife received marital or family counseling in the past two years? Yes No

If yes, please ask the counselor to mail a letter indicating your readiness for ministry to The Master's Seminary Admission Office.

Have you ever been under church discipline? Yes No

If yes, please attach a separate sheet entitled "Statement Regarding Church Discipline."

Have you ever used illegal drugs? Yes No

If yes, a form will be sent asking you to give a more thorough explanation.

Have you ever been arrested? Yes No

If yes, a form will be sent asking you to give a more thorough explanation.

Ethnic information (The government requires us to ask the following for statistical reports.)

Are you of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity? Yes No

If no, please indicate only one of the following ethnicities.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to indicate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or more races | |

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, on what type of visa (immigration permit) are you presently in the U.S. or planning to enter the U.S.?

List special hobbies, interests, or abilities (other than theological). _____

How would you describe your overall health?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor

If you did not check "Excellent," why not? _____

Do you have any physical disabilities or limitations in terms of vision, hearing, or speech which could affect your studies, responsibilities, activities, or future ministry? Yes No

If yes, please attach an explanation entitled "Statement of Physical Disabilities or Limitations."

Have you ever been under psychiatric care? Yes No

If yes, please attach a separate sheet entitled "Statement of Psychiatric Care" explaining details and the name and address of your psychiatrist.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Name of church you currently attend _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Telephone _____

With which ecclesiastical body or denomination is this church affiliated? _____

Are you a member of this church? Yes No

If no, what is the name of the church you are a member of? _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Telephone _____

With which ecclesiastical body or denomination is this church affiliated? _____

If you attend a church of which you are not a member, please explain. _____

Please list your major ministry involvements (not including paid positions) in areas such as Sunday school teaching, preaching, counseling, youth work, music, mission trips, serving on boards, etc.

Position or Ministry _____ Dates of Service _____

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Are you a licensed minister? Yes No If yes, by what church? _____

Are you an ordained minister? Yes No If yes, by what church? _____

Please submit the following typewritten pages:

- "My Salvation Testimony"
- "Why I Want to Attend The Master's Seminary and My Ministry Goals"

Have you been baptized as a believer by immersion? Yes No

If no, please explain. _____

CHARACTER

Is there a pattern that characterizes you as a one-woman man, a man devoted in his mind and heart to the woman who is his wife? Yes No

If no, explain. _____

Do your living habits mark you as a man of temperance, avoiding extreme or excessive indulgence? Yes No

If no, explain. _____

Is there a pattern in your life of prudent behavior demonstrated by well-disciplined and correctly ordered priorities? Yes No

If no, explain. _____

Do your life experiences mark you as a respectable man with accomplished plans and orderly activities? Yes No

If no, explain. _____

Are you hospitable to people—friends as well as strangers? Yes No

If no, explain. _____

Is there a pattern in your life that marks you as an effective teacher? Yes No

[This is the only qualification that includes both giftedness and function.]

If no, explain. _____

Do you have a reputation as a drinker of intoxicating beverages? Yes No

If yes, explain. _____

Is there a pattern in your life which demonstrates that you tend to react to difficulty with physical violence? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Are you a contentious or quarrelsome person? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Do you find that you tend to be greedy, stingy, or financially ambitious? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Do you preside over your family in such a way that your home is intrinsically and visibly excellent? Are your children respectful and well-disciplined?

Yes No

If no, explain. _____

Is your reputation in the secular community one of righteousness, moral character, love, kindness, generosity, and goodness? Yes No

If no, explain. _____

Whatever "call" a man may pretend to have, if he has not been called to holiness, he certainly has not been called to the ministry. —Charles H. Spurgeon

EDUCATION

List all the institutions attended (beyond high school) in chronological order. Please have an official transcript from the institution where you received your degree sent directly to The Master's Seminary Admissions Office.

Institution Attended	Years Attended	Year Graduated	Grade Point Average	Degree Earned	Major

Do you view your scholastic record as an accurate representation of your ability? Yes No

If no, please explain. _____

Do you have any plans regarding other graduate study? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Have you applied or are you applying to any other seminary, graduate, or professional school? Yes No

If yes, where? _____

Have you ever been refused admission, had your enrollment suspended or terminated, or been asked to withdraw by any college, seminary, graduate, or professional school? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

List books, pamphlets, or published articles, if any, which you have written, and academic or other honors you have received.

EMPLOYMENT

Beginning with the current or most recent position, list your employment over the past ten years.

Organization	Address/Telephone	Position Duties	Dates of Employment

REFERENCES

The enclosed reference forms should be distributed to the individuals listed below. Please provide each reference with a stamped business envelope, pre-addressed to The Master's Seminary Admissions Office. If it is impossible to secure any of the references requested, you may choose someone who knows you well to substitute and fill out the form. Please inform us as to your reasons for using a substitute reference. Be sure to complete the Applicant's Section on each reference form. **Note: For the Doctor of Ministry program, you **do not** need the Academic Reference or Employer Reference.*

Pastor's Reference Name _____

(If your present pastor does not know you well, you may substitute another pastor or full-time Christian worker.)

Church Leader's Reference Name _____

(This should be someone who is familiar with your ministry and personal life.)

***Academic Reference** Name _____

(Normally this should be given to a teacher in the school you most recently attended. If you have been out of school for more than 5 years, you may substitute a church leader for the Academic reference.)

***Employer's Reference** Name _____

(This should be your current or most recent employer. Substitute a Church Leader's Reference form if this is not suitable.)

Church Member's Reference Name _____

(The Church Member's Reference is **only** for Doctor of Ministry applicants.)

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

What is your anticipated source of income while attending seminary? _____

What is your present total indebtedness (excluding home mortgage, but including deferred college loans, insurance, etc.) \$ _____

Note: Repayment of certain college loans may not be deferrable during your seminary study. If you have any questions about these obligations, please check with your lending agent.

If seeking employment, please indicate qualifications and preferred occupation(s). _____

DOCTRINAL AGREEMENT

Please read carefully our Statement of Faith (see our academic catalog) and answer the following:

As far as you have formed an opinion, are you in general agreement with the doctrine expressed therein? Yes No

Are there areas of disagreement? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Are there areas in which you have not yet formed an opinion? Yes No

If yes, state which areas. _____

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

Standards of Conduct

The Master's Seminary is for earnest Christians who are preparing for Christian leadership and are sensitive to the biblical principles for holy living. Students are required to abstain from the use of illegal drugs, tobacco, beverages for intoxication, and any forms of worldly entertainment which are inconsistent with a holy life. Although such regulations cannot improve upon our perfect standing in Christ, they do strengthen our lives and our individual and corporate testimonies.

I hereby certify that I have not knowingly withheld any information that might adversely affect my chances for admission and that the answers given by me are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I have personally completed this application (except for spouse's information section). I understand that omission or misstatement of material fact(s) on this application or on any attached documentation shall be grounds for rejection of this application or for immediate expulsion if I am admitted, regardless of the time elapsed before discovery.

If admitted, I agree to seek earnestly the will of God for my life, to conform sincerely to the standards of conduct (see above) of The Master's Seminary, and to assist in maintaining the spirit and letter of institutional regulations. I have read the seminary's Candidacy Status Policy (see academic catalog) and am aware that graduation is contingent upon more than the mere fulfillment of academic requirements.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

How did you hear about The Master's Seminary? _____

APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST

Please ensure that you've submitted and/or have requested all that apply:

- Recent photo (passport style)
- Statement Regarding Divorce*
see Personal Information section
- Pastor's Evaluation (regarding divorce)
see Personal Information section
- Family Counselor's Evaluation (regarding ministry readiness)
see Personal Information section
- Statement Regarding Church Discipline*
see Personal Information section
- Statement of Physical Disabilities or Limitations*
see Personal Information section
- Statement of Psychiatric Care*
see Personal Information section
- Official transcripts
see Education section
- Statement: My Salvation Testimony*
see Christian Ministry section
- Statement: Why I Want to Attend The Master's Seminary and My Ministry Goals*
see Christian Ministry section
- References
see References section
- Signature and date
see Applicant Agreement section
- Spouse's Personal Information form
- Application fee

D. Min. only:

- New Testament sermon video with sermon notes
- Old Testament sermon video with sermon notes
- Letter of support from church elders

**Statements should be typewritten and no longer than one page unless necessary.*

Note: Should it be necessary to process your application in a more expedient manner, you may fax the above listed information to us at 818-909-5725, and mail the original forms to the Admissions office.