



# Application for Admission LUTHER SEMINARY

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Applicants for the Master of Theology, Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs, as well as applicants for Graduate Special status, should contact the associate dean—graduate studies for appropriate applications materials (651) 641-3203 or [gte@luthersem.edu](mailto:gte@luthersem.edu).

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last (family name)*                      *First*                      *Middle*                      *(Name preferred to be called)*

**Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_      **Former Name** *(if any)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Address: Present** \_\_\_\_\_      **Permanent** *(if different from present)* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone: Home** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_      **Daytime/Cell** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Program** *(Select one):*

- Master of Divinity (MDiv)**
  - I plan to begin MDiv studies on campus     Full-time     Part-time
  - I plan to begin MDiv studies on-line
  - I plan to interview for the MDIV Distributed Learning cohort-based
  - I am an ELCA candidate currently enrolled at a non-ELCA seminary (applying for MDiv ELCA Affiliation)
- Master of Arts**
  - Old Testament     New Testament     History of Christianity     Systematic Theology
  - Aging and Health     Congregational Mission and Leadership     Children, Youth and Family (CYF)
  - I plan to begin MA studies on campus     Full-time     Part-time
  - I plan to begin MA studies online
  - I plan to interview for the CYF Distributed Learning cohort-based MA
- Dual Degree: Master of Arts and Master of Social Work (Augsburg College)**
- Dual Degree: Master of Arts and Master of Arts degree in Marriage and Family Therapy (St. Mary's Univ. of MN)**
- Master of Sacred Music (MSM)**
- Certificate Program** • Bible, History of Christianity and Systematic Theology    • Congregational and Community Care
  - Children, Youth and Family (CYF)                      • Congregational Mission and Leadership
  - Aging and Health    • Parish Nursing                      • Methodist Studies Certificate Concentration (from above list) \_\_\_\_\_
- Non-Degree**
- Auditor**

**I plan to begin study at Luther Seminary:**

January, 20\_\_\_\_     Spring, 20\_\_\_\_     Summer, 20\_\_\_\_     Fall, 20\_\_\_\_

**Additional information:**

- I plan to transfer credit from another seminary
- I plan to transfer credit to another seminary
- I have previously applied at Luther Seminary

**Citizenship:**  I am a citizen or a permanent resident (immigrant) of the United States

I am a citizen of another country or non-permanent resident the United States.

Which country? \_\_\_\_\_

## Church Membership

Name and location of congregation where you are currently a member \_\_\_\_\_

Denominational Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

If Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which synod? \_\_\_\_\_

I am planning to be a candidate for rostered lay/ordained ministry in my denomination.

If ELCA, which roster?  Ordained Ministry  Associate in Ministry  Diaconal Ministry  Deaconess

## Education History

College, University, Graduate School	Years Attended	Major Area(s) of Study	Graduation Date	Degree	Grade Point Average

Have you studied Greek?  Yes, one year completed  Yes, two years completed  No

Have you ever been denied seminary admission or church endorsement?  Yes  No

Is Luther Seminary the only seminary you are considering?  Yes  No

Describe your current academic and vocational goals and why these have led you to apply for admission to Luther Seminary.

How do you plan to meet your financial obligations which enrolled, and what additional financial resources could you draw upon, should you need them?

If enrolled, what non-financial resources could the seminary provide to help you succeed both academically and personally?

If you plan to attend less than full-time, describe why you have made this decision and your time-line for completion of your degree.

## Occupation History

What is your current occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

List your most recent employers, positions held, and dates.

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In submitting this application I have provided accurate and true information in the application form and all attached documents.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to: **Admissions Office  
Luther Seminary  
2481 Como Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55108**

### Be sure you also:

- Enclose Autobiography/faith statement (Not required for non-degree students or auditors)
- Request undergraduate transcripts

# Recommendation

## Pastor

*This form is to be given to a home pastor, campus pastor or other pastor. A stamped envelope addressed to Luther Seminary Admissions should be included.*

The person named on the right is applying for admission to Luther Seminary and has designated you as a reference. Your help in evaluating this person's potential for theological study is of great importance to the seminary admissions process. Thank you for your candid appraisal of this person's character and ability.



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\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Name*

Under the United States Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), which gives students the right to inspect and review their education records, students may waive their right to see specific confidential statements and letters of recommendation.

- I waive my right to examine this recommendation.
- I do not waive my right to examine this recommendation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. How would you evaluate the applicant in the following categories?

	<i>Unfavorable</i>				<i>Favorable</i>
Christian faith and commitment	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Academic competence	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to communicate	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work with others	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Please describe the applicant's character, including openness to learn, reliability, and good judgment:

4. How would you summarize this person's strengths?

5. How would you summarize this person's weaknesses?

6. Would you like to work with this person on the staff of your congregation?



# Recommendation

## Teacher

*This form is to be given to a teacher. If the student has been out of school for several years, it may be given to a work supervisor. A stamped envelope addressed to Luther Seminary Admissions should be included.*

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Ability to communicate	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work with others	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Please describe the applicant's character, including openness to learn, reliability, and good judgment:

4. How would you summarize this person's strengths?

5. How would you summarize this person's weaknesses?



# Recommendation

## Other

*This form is to be given to a non-family member.  
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*Applicant's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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Ability to work with others	_____	_____	_____	_____

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4. How would you summarize this person's strengths?

5. How would you summarize this person's weaknesses?

6. Would you like this person to be a pastor or lay leader in the congregation to which you belong?

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