

# 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, must complete a different application form, that may be obtained online at [www.luthersem.edu/gradstudies](http://www.luthersem.edu/gradstudies) or through the Graduate Theological Education office. For more information, contact the GTE office at (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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### Degree Program (Select one):

- Master of Divinity (MDiv)**
  - I plan to begin MDiv studies on campus based MDiv
  - I plan to interview to the Distributed Learning cohort-based MDiv
  - I am an ELCA candidate currently enrolled at a non-ELCA seminary (applying for MDiv ELCA Affiliation)
- Master of Arts (MA) in Theological Studies**
  - Bible
  - Islamic Studies
  - History and Theology
  - Mission and World Christianity
- Master of Arts (MA) in Specialized Ministries**
  - Children, Youth and Family (CYF)
  - Congregational Ministries and Leadership
  - Congregational and Community Care
  - Cross-Cultural Ministries
  - I plan to enter the CYF Distributed Learning Track
  - MA Concentration (if known) \_\_\_\_\_
- Master of Sacred Music (MSM)**
- Certificate Program**
  - Certificate Concentration (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

### 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
- I plan to begin my MA or MDiv studies online

### 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of baptism

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of congregation where you were baptized

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

## 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, completed in full, to

**Admissions Office  
Luther Seminary  
2481 Como Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55108**

### Be sure you also:

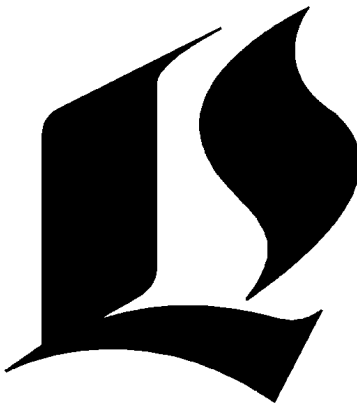
- Enclose \$50 application fee (Not required for non-degree students or auditors)
- Enclose Autobiography/faith statement (Not required for non-degree students or auditors)
- Request undergraduate transcripts

# 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?

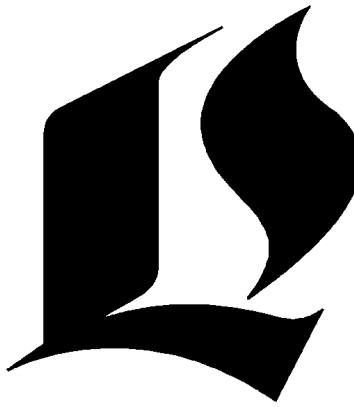


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## Teacher

*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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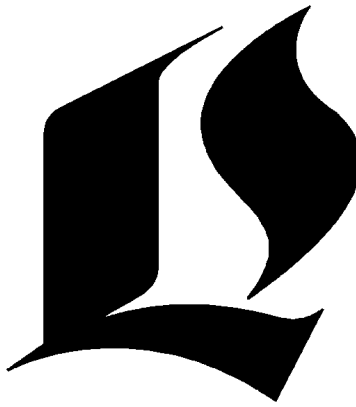


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## Other

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

