

St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION IN FALL 20 _____

NAME _____
(FIRST)
(MIDDLE)/(FORMER)
(LAST)

PROGRAM OF STUDY:

- M.Div.
- M.A. (PLEASE INDICATE ANTICIPATED "TRACK" OF STUDIES)
 - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ATTACH PHOTO HERE
 - LITURGICAL MUSIC
 - GENERAL THEOLOGY
- M.Th. (PLEASE INDICATE ANTICIPATED AREA OF SPECIALIZATION)
 - CHURCH HISTORY AND PATRISTICS
 - LITURGICAL THEOLOGY
 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY AND ETHICS
 - ORTHODOX CANON LAW
- D.Min.
- SPECIAL
- UNCLASSIFIED

IF YOU DO NOT EXPECT TO FOLLOW A NORMAL FULL-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDIES AS DESCRIBED IN THE CATALOG AND HAVE NOT CHECKED "UNCLASSIFIED," PLEASE EXPLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE PERSONAL STATEMENT (SECTION VI BELOW).

IF YOU HAVE CHECKED "UNCLASSIFIED," YOU MAY SUPPLY SIMPLY THE INFORMATION INDICATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) IN THE FORM BELOW.

THE REGISTRAR MUST RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION:

- A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH (PASSPORT SIZE OR SIMILAR).
- A COPY OF THE RECORD OF YOUR BAPTISM/CHRISMATION.
- A \$50.00 APPLICATION FEE (CREDITED TOWARD FIRST SEMESTER'S REGISTRATION FEE).
- LETTERS OF REFERENCE (SEE SECTION V BELOW).
- PERSONAL STATEMENT (SEE SECTION VI BELOW).
- OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL ACADEMIC WORK SINCE HIGH SCHOOL.

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

*FULL LEGAL NAME _____
 (FIRST) (MIDDLE)/(FORMER) (LAST)

*CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) _____

*CURRENT TELEPHONE _____ PERMANENT TELEPHONE (IF DIFFERENT) _____

AGE DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP (IF NOT U.S.). PLEASE ALSO INDICATE CURRENT VISA STATUS, IF ANY.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

FATHER'S NAME _____ OCCUPATION _____

FATHER'S ADDRESS _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ OCCUPATION _____

MOTHER'S ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) _____

II. ECCLESIASTICAL INFORMATION

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (JURISDICTION) _____

DIOCESE _____

PARISH _____

ADDRESS _____

NAME OF PASTOR (OR OF BISHOP, IN THE CASE OF APPLICANTS TO THE D.Min. PROGRAM)

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) _____

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDAINED, INDICATE TO WHICH ORDER(S), WHERE, WHEN, AND BY WHOM.

III. EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

*PLEASE INDICATE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL AND ALL COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES, GRADUATE SCHOOLS AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SEMINARIES) WHICH YOU HAVE ATTENDED:

NAME	LOCATION	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	DEGREE**	DATE RECEIVED	MAJOR FIELD
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**IF DEGREE IS NOT YET AWARDED, INDICATE ANTICIPATED DATE OF RECEIPT.

ARE YOU CURRENTLY APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO ANY OTHER SEMINARY OR GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL?

IF SO, PLEASE INDICATE WHERE: _____

ARE YOU SEEKING ADVANCED STANDING OR TRANSFER CREDIT FOR WORK DONE AT ANOTHER SEMINARY OR GRADUATE SCHOOL? IF SO, PLEASE INDICATE NAME OF INSTITUTION AND SUBJECTS IN QUESTION. IN ADDITION, IF YOU ARE NOW OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ON ACADEMIC OR DISCIPLINARY PROBATION, PLEASE INDICATE CIRCUMSTANCES, USING ADDITIONAL SPACE IF NECESSARY.

HAVE YOU LIVED OR TRAVELLED ABROAD? IF SO, PLEASE GIVE TIME AND DATES.

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH LANGUAGES, ANCIENT AND MODERN, YOU HAVE LEARNED:

LANGUAGE HOW LEARNED PROFICIENCY READING CONVERSATION WRITING

PLEASE INDICATE EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCES, PAST AND PRESENT:

EMPLOYER CHURCH OR AGENCY ADDRESS POSITION HELD DATES

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO FINANCE YOUR SEMINARY EDUCATION?

- PERSONAL SAVINGS, OTHER RESOURCES
- SUPPORT FROM FAMILY
- PERSONAL EMPLOYMENT
- SPOUSE'S EMPLOYMENT
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- LOANS (IF SO, WHAT SORT?)
- OTHER _____

ARE YOU APPLYING FOR OR HAVE YOU BEEN AWARDED ANY OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE? IF SO, FROM WHICH SOURCES? _____

ARE YOU APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ST VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY? IF SO, PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OUTSTANDING LOANS WHOSE REPAYMENT TERMS DEPEND UPON YOUR STUDENT STATUS?

V. REFERENCES

THE SEMINARY REQUIRES FOUR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM PERSONS WHO CAN WRITE THOUGHTFULLY AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL, ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS. ONE OF THESE REFERENCES SHOULD BE FROM YOUR PARISH PASTOR OR, IF YOU ARE APPLYING TO THE D.MIN. PROGRAM, FROM YOUR DIOCESAN BISHOP. ANOTHER NORMALLY SHOULD BE FROM A COLLEGE, GRADUATE SCHOOL OR SEMINARY INSTRUCTOR UNDER WHOM YOU HAVE STUDIED, AND ANOTHER, FROM A RECENT EMPLOYER OR COLLEAGUE. IT IS NOT NECESSARY THAT THEY BE ORTHODOX. FOR APPLICANTS TO THE D.MIN. PROGRAM, ONE OF THE REFERENCES NORMALLY SHOULD BE FROM A LAY PERSON FAMILIAR WITH YOUR EXERCISE OF PASTORAL MINISTRY, SUCH AS A MEMBER OF YOUR PARISH COUNCIL. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR REFEREES WITH THE APPROPRIATE FORM AFTER COMPLETING YOUR OWN SECTION OF IT, AND ASK THEM TO RETURN IT DIRECTLY TO THE SEMINARY.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION WILL BE SUBMITTED BY:

NAME	ADDRESS	POSITION

VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT

PLEASE ENCLOSE A SHORT ESSAY (3-4 PAGES) IN YOUR OWN HANDWRITING GIVING A BRIEF AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH AND YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO ENTER THE SEMINARY. IN PREPARING THIS ESSAY YOU SHOULD REFLECT UPON SUCH SUBJECTS AS YOUR FAMILY'S RELIGIOUS ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES, SIGNIFICANT PERSONS OR EVENTS WHICH HAVE HELPED TO MOLD YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND PRACTICE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR OWN SENSE OF VOCATION TO SERVICE IN THE CHURCH, AND THE FORMS OF CHURCH SERVICE IN WHICH YOU ALREADY HAVE ENGAGED. YOU SHOULD ALSO EXPLAIN ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MIGHT HAVE A BEARING ON YOUR CAPACITY FOR SEMINARY STUDY AND/OR CHURCH SERVICE. APPLICANTS FOR THE M.TH. PROGRAM SHOULD ALSO ASSESS THEIR BACKGROUND AND MOTIVES FOR PURSUING ADVANCED ACADEMIC WORK IN ORTHODOX THEOLOGY. APPLICANTS FOR THE D.Min. PROGRAM SHOULD ALSO DESCRIBE AND EVALUATE THEIR CURRENT AND PAST MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCES AND SKETCH THEIR PLANS FOR CONTINUED MINISTRY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE ANSWERED THE ABOVE QUESTIONS CORRECTLY AND THAT ANY FALSE INFORMATION SUBMITTED COULD BE CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF ADMISSION OR, IF DISCOVERED AFTER ADMISSION, FOR DISMISSAL FROM THE SEMINARY. IF ACCEPTED, I AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE ACADEMIC AND DISCIPLINARY RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ST VLADIMIR'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

**THIS APPLICATION IS TO BE FILLED OUT AND SENT DIRECTLY TO: THE REGISTRAR
ST VLADIMIR'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 575 SCARSDALE ROAD, CRESTWOOD, NY 10707**

St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary does not discriminate in admission or access to its programs and activities on the basis of race/color, national origin, disability, age, marital status, sex, or veterans status.

At the same time, applicants are reminded that completion of a seminary program does not constitute a guarantee of ordination in the Orthodox Church. Among other things, applicants considering ordination should keep in mind that the canon law of the Eastern Orthodox Church restricts ordination to males who have been married no more than once (Apostolic canon 17, Trullo canon 3), whose wife also has not been previously married (Apostolic canon 18, Trullo canon 3), and who are not handicapped in such a way as to hinder accomplishment of their appropriate ministry (Apostolic canon 78, of Apostolic canon 77). Application of these canons as well as the establishment and application of any other requirements relating to ordination lies exclusively with the competent ecclesiastical authority. Applicants who have questions concerning their eligibility for ordination should consult with the appropriate authorities in their church jurisdiction. They may also seek further information and guidance from the seminary administration. In doing so, they should keep in mind that factors such as those just reviewed do not affect the seminary's admission policies and decisions.

Applicants are also reminded of Catalog provisions concerning housing. Single students are expected to live and eat in seminary facilities unless they are unable to do so for health or medical reasons. Married students live in apartments of their own choice. The seminary has a limited number of on-campus apartments for use by eligible married students and their families, for which there is usually a rather long waiting list. Applicants wishing to be considered for an apartment or with other housing needs should consult with the seminary's Dean of Students.