



Office of Admissions

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THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT (please type or print clearly):

Name _____
 Last First Middle/Maiden

Address _____
 Street City State Zip/Postal Code Country

Phone _____ **Anticipated Program of Study** _____

Notice: Public Law 93-380, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 grants all students the right to inspect and review all of their official educational records. This right extends to letters of recommendation, except that a student may waive his right to inspect and review letters of recommendation by signing a waiver.

Waiver Form: I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily waive any right or privilege provided by Public Law 93-380 to inspect or challenge the content and comments expressed in this letter of recommendation. I expect that the observations made shall remain confidential between the writer and the person or organization to whom my file may be addressed.

Date _____ **Signature** _____
 (The signing of this waiver is voluntary; i.e., it is not required as a condition for admission. It is a matter between the applicant and the person completing the recommendation.)

Church Reference Form

The Admissions Office takes very seriously the following evaluation. Our primary concern is to admit those who are deemed by their spiritual mentors to be called by God to ministry. We greatly appreciate your honest and careful consideration of the above-named applicant. Although the applicant may voluntarily waive the right to review this recommendation, it is hoped that a spirit of openness and candor will exist between the applicant and the recommender regarding the contents of this recommendation. Please note the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as listed above.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____ How well? Very Well Rather Well Casually Not Well
 In what capacity? _____

2. Spiritual Maturity: Please check the appropriate box and write a short explanation in the space provided.

	Not Observed	Weak	Fair	Good	Outstanding
A. Relationship to Christ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Relationship to spouse/family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Relationship to church body	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Relationship to those outside the church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Applicant's gifts and potential for ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Not Observed	Weak	Fair	Good	Outstanding
F. Applicant's responsibilities with finances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

G. Applicant's servant attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3. **Personal Qualifications** (please feel free to comment on an additional sheet):

A. What have your (or the church) recognized as the applicant's primary qualifications both for study and for ministry and why (you may wish to reference I Timothy 3)?

B. How would the applicant respond to an academic training environment such as the one here at PRTS and why?

C. What might be the main hindrances to the applicant's time of study here and why?

D. Please list **any and all** reservations you have concerning the applicant.

E. Would you hire the applicant for your pastorate or church staff or prefer him as a colleague? Why/why not?

Summary

- recommend with enthusiasm
- recommend
- recommend with reservations
- do not recommend
- please contact me for further information

Signature _____

Name (print) _____

Position _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Date _____