

**Application for Admission  
Doctoral Studies  
Ph.D. Program**

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
5001 North Oak Trafficway  
Kansas City, MO 64118-4697

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### **Privacy Statement**

The information provided in this application will only be used to determine the applicant's suitability as a candidate for admission to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MBTS). The application profile materials become the property of MBTS and will not be returned to the applicant. Should the applicant be denied acceptance or choose not to attend MBTS, the application profile may be destroyed or maintained for an indefinite period of time. During this time, MBTS is under no obligation or requirement to disclose the statements of the application profile to the applicant, nor will MBTS release or disclose any information to a party legally unrelated to MBTS unless required to do so, and then only if the applicant has been notified.

Application profiles are valid for one year; profiles from incomplete and/or inactive applications will be destroyed at that time. Upon acceptance and attendance as a student, the application profile becomes a part of the student's permanent academic record and, as such, is subject to MBTS's published student records policies and procedures and the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

### **Discrimination Statement**

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. Its academic programs and facilities are open to students of all Christian denominations who meet the standard requirements for admission. Southern Baptists automatically qualify for tuition discounts. The Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, or gender in administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, or any other programs and activities, and complies with applicable non-discrimination laws.

**An application profile includes the following items:**

1. Completed application form. Additional **typed** pages may be attached to answer any section.
2. A \$30.00 non-refundable application fee.
3. Official transcripts from each academic institution attended beyond high school. These must be sent directly from the institution attended to Midwestern's Doctoral Studies Office.
4. Miller Analogies Test (MAT) score or Graduate Record Exam score (GRE). For more information, visit: [www.milleranalogies.com](http://www.milleranalogies.com) or [www.ets.org/gre/](http://www.ets.org/gre/)
5. Completed health/emotional/social information form.
6. Recommendation forms completed by three persons not related to the applicant. Two of the recommendations forms should come from someone who can evaluate your academic abilities. One form should come from someone who can evaluate your personal character and ministry potential.
7. Interview with the PhD Director.
8. Submission of a recent academic paper as an example of the applicant's writing ability.
9. A TOEFL score, if necessary.

**Registration Information**

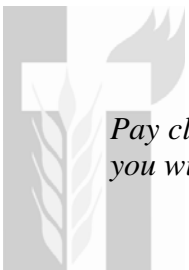
INDICATE THE YEAR YOU PLAN TO START THE PROGRAM

AUGUST 20\_\_\_\_

INDICATE THE AREA TO WHICH YOU SEEK ADMISSION

Old Testament

New Testament



*Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you. – 1 Tim 4:16*

### Personal Information

NAME First	Preferred	Middle	Last
Mailing Address			Maiden Name or Former Name
City	State	Zip Code	Country
Home Telephone Number		Work Telephone Number	
E-Mail Address		Fax Number	
Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Place of Birth (city, state)	
Place of Employment			Country of Citizenship
Emergency Contact (other than spouse or parent)			
Name	Relationship	Phone Number	
Marital Status – Check all that apply			
<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Married/Previously Divorced			
If there has been a divorce in the background of either you or your spouse, enclose details on a separate sheet.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed	Church Name and Location		Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordained <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon <input type="checkbox"/> Minister	Church Name(s) and Location(s)		Date(s)
Current Church Membership		Length of membership	
Street address	City	State	Zip Code
Pastor's name	Church Denomination		
	<input type="checkbox"/> SBC <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		

### Family Information

SPOUSE/FIANCÉE Name (First, Middle, Last)		Maiden Name (if applicable)
Date of Birth	Date of Marriage / Expected Wedding Date	Highest Level of Education Completed
CHILDREN: Name	Birthday	Gender

### International Application Information

Please complete this box if not a citizen of the United States.

Country of Birth	Native Language	Languages Spoken
If you are now in the United States, what is your immigrant or non-immigrant classification?		
<input type="checkbox"/> F-1 <input type="checkbox"/> F-2 <input type="checkbox"/> J-1 <input type="checkbox"/> J-2 <input type="checkbox"/> R-1 <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident		
Alien Registration Number (if known) _____		

For further information regarding the process for international applicants, contact the Student Development office at 816-414-3700 or toll-free at 800-944-6287.

### Statistical Information

The questions in this section are asked for statistical purposes and cannot be considered as factors during the admission process.

RACIAL HERITAGE		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black, Non-Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> White, Non-Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Alien		
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
DISABILITY (if yes, please describe)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever served in the U.S. military?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, are you eligible for veterans' educational benefits?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Education Information**

Transcripts must be sent from all schools beyond high school (required for Accreditation; attach an additional page if necessary)

Approximate GPA of most recent earned master's degree (if known):
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SEMINARY/GRADUATE SCHOOL School Name                      City, State	Dates Attended	Major	Degree (or hours)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY – List all attended. School Name                      City, State	Dates Attended	Major	Degree (or hours)

**Reference Information**

List the names of three persons you have requested to complete a recommendation form. These should be persons not related to you with whom you are currently in contact and have known for at least one year. At least one recommendation should come from a layperson or business person.

NAME	POSITION/RELATION

**Church Endorsement from Current Ministry Setting**

The appropriate form in this application should be completed by an appropriate church official (other than the applicant) or committee, approved by the congregation or administrative board, and sent to the following address:

**Office of Doctoral Studies**  
 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
 5001 N. Oak Trafficway  
 Kansas City, MO 64118

## Employment Information

Please complete the following or attach a current résumé.

Ministry Work: Begin with most recent position.		
Position/Title	Church/Ministry Name and Location	Dates of Service

Last Ten Years of Secular Work: Begin with most recent position.		
Position/Title	Employer Name and Location	Dates of Employment

## Academic Research Paper

Please submit an academic research paper as an example of your research and writing skills. The paper must:

- (a) be 15-20 pages in length;
- (b) follow Turabian 6<sup>th</sup> edition<sup>1</sup> footnote (N) and bibliography (B) style;
- (c) be double spaced, one inch margins, Times-Roman, , and 12 point font; and be written in formal academic style.

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<sup>1</sup> Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996).

### Financial Information

Please list all long-term financial obligations such as student loans, car loans, mortgages, and credit card debts.

Type of Obligation	Total Amount Owed	Monthly Payment
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF DEBT:</b>	\$	

### Signature

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the statements and answers in this application are true, complete, and correctly stated. I further understand that any misstatement or omission of material in my statements and answers in this application for admission shall be cause for denial of my acceptance or my subsequent dismissal from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In making application to become a student of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, I hereby pledge to conduct myself at all times as a Christian, to abide by all of the regulations of the faculty and administration, to seek in every way to protect the good name of the institution, to preserve and protect the physical properties of the seminary and to cooperate with the various groups of the seminary family in creating and maintaining a spirit of Christian fellowship. I understand that the MBTS doctrinal statement is the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, and acknowledge that document as a reasonable guide for my seminary education.

I accept full responsibility for and intend to pay all of my financial obligations, including my seminary expenses, in full. I also understand that failure to pay or make payment arrangements for my tuition or other related fees each semester may ultimately result in administrative suspension and eventual administrative withdrawal from classes. Tuition payments are billed by semester and will begin in the semester of first seminar.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY HEALTH/EMOTIONAL/SOCIAL INFORMATION FORM

Full name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

The information provided in this form is designed to help us better minister to our current and incoming students. Answering 'yes' to any of these questions will **not** constitute an automatic denial of admission. Our primary purpose for asking these questions is redemptive in nature. The more we know about our student population, the better prepared we can be to minister to them. Please attach this form to your application.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information in this form is *true, complete, and correctly stated.*

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require special assistance because of a physical disability?  Yes  No

In the last three years, have you used illegal drugs or abused alcohol or prescription drugs?  Yes  No

In the last three years, have you been under the care of a psychologist, mental health counselor, or psychiatrist?  Yes  No

Do you have any communicable diseases?  Yes  No

In the last three years, have you been involved in heterosexual misconduct or homosexual behavior?  Yes  No

In the last three years, have you been arrested or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony?  Yes  No

Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense?  Yes  No

Does your name currently appear on any list of sex offenders?  Yes  No

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain the circumstances on a separate document. You may use the back of this form if necessary.

Do you believe you are physically and emotionally qualified to meet the normal demands of religious vocational training?  Yes  No

What medical factors, if any, might interfere with your ability to carry a full academic load while at seminary?

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If you are married, please rate the health of your marriage (1 = low, 10 = high) \_\_\_\_\_

## Spousal Consent for Doctoral Studies

Spousal Consent

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am in support of  
(spouse's full name)

\_\_\_\_\_, pursuing doctoral  
(applicant's full name)

studies at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. I am aware of the academic and financial requirements of his/her course of study and hereby give my consent for my spouse to enroll in a program of doctoral studies.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION FORM

**APPLICANT:** Complete this section before giving it to your reference. Submit the form to an individual who can best evaluate your academic ability and research potential and have them send this form to:

Doctoral Studies Office  
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
5001 North Oak Trafficway  
Kansas City, MO 64118

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I waive<br><input type="checkbox"/> I do not waive | ...all future rights to review the contents of this reference form. |
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Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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### Recommendation

The person named above is applying for admission to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Please evaluate the applicant, thinking specifically of the applicant's academic skills and potential for leadership in Christian ministry/graduate studies. Evaluate the person's intellectual and personal traits, character, integrity, and fitness for ministry. Return the form in the envelope provided by the applicant to Midwestern Seminary.

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the applicant's involvement in the local church: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please evaluate the applicant.

	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Out-standing	Not Observed
General Academic Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Research Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Work with Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reasoning Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potential for Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Persistence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you know anything about the mental or emotional health of the applicant which might hinder effective participation in a graduate research program?  
 Yes     No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know of any personal habits which might hinder the applicant's future potential in Christian ministry?  
 Yes     No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend this person for admission as a potential graduate student?

YES <input type="checkbox"/> with enthusiasm <input type="checkbox"/> with confidence <input type="checkbox"/> with reservations <input type="checkbox"/> with reluctance	NO <input type="checkbox"/> no
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

<input type="checkbox"/> I waive <input type="checkbox"/> I do not waive	...all future rights to review the contents of this reference form.
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Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommendation

The person named above is applying for admission to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Please evaluate the applicant, thinking specifically of the applicant's academic skills and potential for leadership in Christian ministry/graduate studies. Evaluate the person's intellectual and personal traits, character, integrity, and fitness for ministry. Return the form in the envelope provided by the applicant to Midwestern Seminary.

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the applicant's involvement in the local church: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation

Please evaluate the applicant.

	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Out-standing	Not Observed
General Academic Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Research Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Work with Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reasoning Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potential for Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Persistence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you know anything about the mental or emotional health of the applicant which might hinder effective participation in a graduate research program?  
 Yes     No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know of any personal habits which might hinder the applicant's future potential in Christian ministry?  
 Yes     No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend this person for admission as a potential graduate student?

YES <input type="checkbox"/> with enthusiasm <input type="checkbox"/> with confidence <input type="checkbox"/> with reservations <input type="checkbox"/> with reluctance	NO <input type="checkbox"/> no
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Comments:  
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## MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

**APPLICANT:** Complete this section before giving it to your reference. Submit the form to that individual who can best evaluate your personal character and ministry potential with a stamped envelope addressed to:

Doctoral Studies Office  
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
5001 North Oak Trafficway  
Kansas City, MO 64118

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I waive<br><input type="checkbox"/> I do not waive | ...all future rights to review the contents of this reference form. |
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Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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### Recommendation

The person named above is applying for admission to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Please evaluate the applicant, thinking specifically of the applicant's Christian character and potential leadership in Christian ministry. Evaluate the person's intellectual and personal traits, character, integrity, and fitness for ministry. Return the form in the envelope provided by the applicant to Midwestern Seminary.

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the applicant's involvement in the local church: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please evaluate the applicant.

	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Out-standing	Not Observed
Christian commitment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to empathize with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potential for effective ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic Potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Persistence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you know anything about the mental or emotional health of the applicant which might hinder effective participation in a graduate research program?  
 Yes     No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know of any personal habits which might hinder the applicant's future potential in Christian ministry?  
 Yes     No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend this person for admission and as a candidate for ministry?

<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> with enthusiasm <input type="checkbox"/> with confidence <input type="checkbox"/> with reservations <input type="checkbox"/> with reluctance	<b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/> no
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CHURCH ENDORSEMENT FORM

Dear Pastor:

Applicants for admission to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary are required to provide evidence of a divine call to Christian ministry, display a sincere commitment to ministry, and demonstrate active membership in a local Christian church.

We ask the applicant's church to affirm the qualities outlined above by completing this candidate endorsement. Part I should be completed by an appropriate official (other than the applicant) or committee of the church. Parts II and III of the endorsement should be read to the congregation or administrative board and approved by the congregation or administrative board. Return the document of the Office of Doctoral Studies at the address below.

We take your endorsement of the applicant very seriously. Thank you for your assistance.

Office of Doctoral Studies  
5001 N. Oak Trafficway  
Kansas City, MO 64118

### Part I – Biographical Information

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

Date applicant became a member of your congregation (month and year): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant became a member of your congregation by (check one):

- Profession of Faith
- Letter from a Southern Baptist Church
- Letter from a non-Southern Baptist Church
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the applicant a current member of your church?  Yes  No

If no, please explain.

Does the applicant reflect activity equal to that of the committed laity in your church...

In worship service attendance?  Yes  No

In financial stewardship?  Yes  No

In program involvement?  Yes  No

(Bible study, missions, music, etc.)

List positions of leadership, volunteer or paid, which applicant has held in your church:

Position	Approximate length of service
_____	_____
_____	_____

Additional Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person Completing Part I: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part II – Statement of Endorsement

The following statement must be read to the congregation and approved by a vote of the congregation.

*Having evidence that (name of applicant) is an individual who:*

- Is committed to the Christian faith;*
- Evidences a divine call to ministry;*
- Has moral integrity;*
- Is emotionally stable and able to fill leadership responsibilities in church life; and*
- Shows potential for responsible Christian ministry*

*we recommend (name) for admission to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and pledge our continuing interest and prayerful support.*

Date of Congregational Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination of church: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Moderator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Clerk's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## What to Submit - Quick Checklist

Please retain this sheet for your personal reference throughout the application process.

- Application Fee of \$30  
Checks may be made payable to Midwestern Baptist Seminary
- APPLICATION
  
- TRANSCRIPTS FROM ALL SECONDARY EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL
  
- GRE OR MAT SCORE,
  
- ACADEMIC RESEARCH PAPER  
Please submit an academic research paper as an example of your research and writing skills. The paper must:
  - (d) be 15-20 pages in length;
  - (e) follow Turabian 6<sup>th</sup> edition<sup>2</sup> footnote (N) and bibliography (B) style;
  - (f) be double spaced, Times-Roman, one inch margins, and 12 point font; and be written in formal academic style.
  
- THREE RECOMMENDATIONS (TWO FROM ACADEMIC ADVISORS)  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
  
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- CHURCH ENDORSEMENT FORM
  
- INTERVIEW WITH THE PHD DIRECTOR, PRO-TEM
  
- TOEFL SCORE (IF NECESSARY)

ALL APPLICATION PARTS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

Doctoral Studies Office  
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*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth. – 2 Tim 2:15*

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<sup>2</sup> Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996).