

Congregational Approval Form

Ministerial Study Program Church Leadership Academy

This form must accompany the Application for Admission form, the Schedule of Completion, and the enrollment fee of the Ministerial Study Program of Church Leadership Academy.

Name of applicant _____

The Ministerial Study Program is designed for people who are called of God to full-time ministry, but who cannot complete a traditional training program. A person wishing to enroll will not be admitted to the program without the approval of his/her home congregation. We recommend that you, the local church Governing Board, interview the applicant before completing this form. Some guidelines for your consideration are listed below.

We, the pastor and officers of the _____ Church, located in _____, have interviewed the applicant and discussed his/her plans to enter the Ministerial Study Program. On the basis of our interview and observation of the applicant's spiritual experience, we recommend his/her acceptance into the Ministerial Study Program. If it becomes necessary for our recommendation to be withdrawn for any reason, we will notify the district superintendent.

Signatures:

Pastor _____ Date _____

Church officer _____ Office _____

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(The signature of at least one officer of the church in addition to the pastor is required.)

Guidelines for your recommendation.

- The applicant should be at least 25 years of age.
- The applicant has been a part of your congregation for at least six months, and has shown himself or herself to be a sincere believer in Jesus Christ as personal Savior.
- The applicant is morally and spiritually acceptable to serve in your congregation and minister to you.
- The applicant is respected in the non-Christian community, as well as in the church, and is known as one who pays his debts.
- The congregation should be willing to support the applicant in his studies through your encouragement, prayers, and if necessary, financial assistance.