



Continental Theological Seminary

Pastoral Reference
Pastor or Church Official

Date _____
Day Month Year

TO THE APPLICANT:
Complete the information in this box, then give the form to a pastor or church official according to the instructions included in the Application for Admission Form.

Name of applicant _____
Last First Middle Maiden Name

Address _____

I plan to enroll _____ 20 ____
Month

To the Pastor or Church Official: The Admissions Office would appreciate an evaluation from you concerning the person named above. Your honesty will help us make a careful evaluation. Please complete the front and back of this form. For the following section, please check as many choices as you feel pertain to the applicant.

NOTE: *The applicant's file cannot be considered for review until CTS receives this completed form.*

Christian Commitment and Character

- Above reproach
- Undeveloped in certain areas
- Obvious to others
- Questionable
- No basis for judging

Church Involvement

- Serves in leadership
- Attends frequently
- Attends occasionally
- Invests in the life of the church
- No basis for judging

Capacity for Leadership

- Demonstrates leadership abilities
- Lacks leadership ability
- Potential for leadership
- Authoritarian, can be harsh
- Respected leader
- Avoids leadership responsibility
- No basis for judging

Communication Skills

- Articulate, effective communicator
- Difficulty in expressing ideas
- Insecure
- Comprehends well
- Argumentative
- No basis for judging

Reasoning and Decision-Making Ability

- Insightful, well thought-out
- Impetuous, acts without thinking
- Seeks the counsel of others
- Disregards sound advice
- Displays wisdom
- No basis for judging

Motivation and Perseverance

- Highly motivated
- Easily distracted/discouraged
- Demonstrates persistence
- Lacks resolve/determination
- Easily swayed by circumstances
- No basis for judging

Emotional Maturity and Stability

- Accurate self-appraisal
- Insecure, poor self-image
- Prone to anger
- Exercises self-control
- Prone to depression
- Demonstrates emotional stability
- Emotionally unstable
- No basis for judging

Facility in Interpersonal Relationships

- Approachable, sought out by others
- Avoided by others
- Tolerated by others
- Shows initiative, seeks out others
- Withdrawn, avoids others
- Inappropriate in mixed settings
- Difficulty maintaining relationships
- No basis for judging

Sensitivity to Others

- Responsive to the needs of others
- Insensitive to the feelings of others
- Compassionate, caring
- Impatient with others
- Intolerant to opposition
- Encouraging
- No basis for judging

Responsibility

- Dependable
- Irresponsible, careless
- Avoids responsibility
- Completes work in a timely manner
- Difficulty in managing personal finances
- No basis for judging

Cooperation (ability to work with others)

- Works well with others
- Intimidated in group settings
- Shares responsibility
- Dominates in group settings
- Does not work well with different
- Personalities and temperaments
- No basis for judging

How long have you known the applicant? _____ How well? _____
 What is the nature of your relationship? Pastor Teacher Friend Mentor
 Colleague Employer Other _____

Please respond to the following questions, which the applicant must also address on the formal application. If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, please provide additional relevant information on a separate sheet. This information should include whether or not you perceive the issue to be a hindering factor to the applicant's success in seminary studies. Also, please include how the applicant has demonstrated growth in this area.

To the best of your knowledge, has the applicant ever:

been separated or divorced?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to Comment
been convicted of a crime?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to Comment
given reason for his/her moral behavior to be questioned?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to Comment
been treated for substance or alcohol abuse / addiction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to Comment
used or uses tobacco?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to Comment

Do you have any reservations with regard to the applicant's decision to pursue seminary education at this time in his/her life? Yes No

If "yes," please comment on a separate sheet.

Please comment on your perception of the applicant's strengths and weaknesses, readiness to begin seminary study, and overall potential for Christian ministry.

If there is additional information that you believe will assist us in the evaluation process, please provide such information on a separate sheet. This may also include the names and addresses of additional references who would be willing to comment on the applicant's readiness for seminary training.

In considering the applicant's suitability for seminary study and overall potential for ministry, please check ONE of the following:
 recommended with enthusiasm recommended with confidence recommended with reservation not recommended

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (print or type) _____ Position _____

Address _____ Phone _____

May we contact you, if needed, for further information or clarification? Yes No

Are you an alumna/us of Continental Theological Seminary? Yes No

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE AT +(32) 02/334.85.32 OR E-MAIL US AT: ADMISSIONS@CTSEM.EDU

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