



New Life Theological Seminary

Pastor - Church Reference

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Name of applicant _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street Apartment

_____ City State Zip Code

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Degree program applied for _____

Session / Year applied for _____

The Admissions Office requires that a perspective student be recommended for acceptance by their pastor and/or church. This means that the person named above may not be accepted without your recommendation. Therefore, we ask that you respond quickly and that you provide your honest evaluation of the person named above. Your honesty will help us in doing a careful evaluation. This confidential recommendation will be destroyed prior to the applicant's matriculation if he or she is admitted. Please complete both front and back of this form and mail it to the Admissions Office. Please check as many choices as pertain to the applicant.

Christian Character

- Above Reproach
- Undeveloped in certain areas
- Obvious to others
- Questionable

Church Involvement

- Serves in leadership
- Attends frequently
- Attends occasionally
- Invested in the life of the Church

Capacity for Leadership

- Demonstrates leadership abilities
- Lacks leadership ability
- Potential for leadership
- Authoritarian, can be harsh
- Respected leader
- Avoids leadership responsibility

Communication Skills

- Articulate, effective communicator
- Difficulty in expressing ideas
- Insecure
- Comprehends well
- Argumentative

Reasoning and Decision Making Ability

- Insightful, well thought-out
- Impetuous, acts without thinking
- Seeks the counsel of others
- Disregards sound advice
- Displays wisdom

Motivation and Perseverance

- Highly motivated
- Easily discouraged
- Demonstrates persistence
- Lacks resolve / determination
- Easily swayed by circumstances

Emotional Maturity and Stability

- Insecure, poor self-image
- Prone to anger
- Exercises self-control
- Prone to depression
- Demonstrates emotional stability
- Emotionally unstable

Sensitivity to Others

- Responsive to the needs of others
- Insensitive to the feelings of others
- Compassionate, caring
- Impatient with others
- Intolerant to opposition

Interpersonal Relationships

- Approachable, sought by others
- Avoided by others
- Tolerated by others
- Initiative, seeking others
- Withdrawn, avoids others
- Inappropriate in mixed settings
- Difficulty maintaining relationships

Responsibility

- Dependable
- Irresponsible, careless
- Avoids responsibility
- Procrastinates
- Completes work in a timely manner
- Difficulty in managing personal finances

Cooperation

- Works well with others
- Intimidated in group settings
- Shares responsibility
- Dominates in group settings
- Does not work well with different personalities and temperaments
- Reveals ethnic/racial prejudices
- Better adapted for rural than urban living

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Is the perspective student a member of your church? _____

What is the name of the church? _____

What is the nature of your relationship? _____

Do you have any reservations concerning the applicant's decision to pursue seminary education at this time in his/her life? _____

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

In considering the applicant's suitability for seminary study and overall potential for ministry, please check only one of the following:

- Not recommended
- Recommended with reservation
- Recommended with confidence
- Recommend with enthusiasm

Signature _____

Date _____

Name (please print) _____

Position _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

May we contact you if we need further information or clarification? _____

New Life Theological Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, handicap, or veteran status. If you have any questions, please call the Admissions Office at 704-334-6882.

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