



GEORGE FOX
EVANGELICAL
SEMINARY

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Master of Divinity

Master of Arts, Spiritual Formation

Master of Arts, Ministry Leadership

Master of Arts, Theological Studies

Certificate in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship

George Fox
Evangelical Seminary
Office of Graduate Admissions

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Admission Procedure

The applicant must provide the following:

1. Completed and signed application form
2. \$40 nonrefundable application fee
3. Résumé
4. Applicant's admission statement
5. Three references — one pastoral, one academic or professional, and one personal (must use forms included in application packet)
6. One official transcript from each college or university attended

Return all application materials to:

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Notes:

1. George Fox University reserves the right to select students on the basis of academic performance and professional qualifications. George Fox University does not discriminate in its educational programs or activities, including employment, on the basis of age, sex, handicap/disability, race, color, national or ethnic origin, or other statuses protected by applicable nondiscrimination laws.
2. All questions must be answered, with the exception of those marked "optional." See catalog for full information regarding entrance requirements.
3. An interview may be required of applicants as part of the admission process.
4. Application materials become the property of George Fox University and are not returned or transferred to another institution.



Please indicate the program you are applying for:

Date: _____

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I. Personal Information

Full Legal Name _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Preferred name _____ Other names used/maiden name _____

Present mailing address _____

E-mail address _____

Phone _____ Cell phone _____ Work phone _____

Permanent home address _____

Country of citizenship (if dual provide both) _____ Are you a U.S. resident? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No If yes, please explain. Use an extra page if needed.

The following questions are optional. No information you provide will be used in a discriminatory manner.

Social Security number or Personal Government Issued Tax ID number _____
Required for tax reporting and financial aid/loan eligibility.

Date of Birth _____ (MM/DD/Year) Birthplace _____

Marital status: Single Married Male Female

Colleges and universities are asked by many, including the federal government, accrediting associations, college guides, newspapers, and our own college/university communities, to describe the racial/ethnic backgrounds of our students and employees. In order to respond to these requests, we ask you to answer the following two questions:

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino? Yes No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander White

**If you provide your Social Security number, George Fox University uses it for keeping records, doing research, and reporting. The University does not use your number to make any decision directly affecting you or any other person. Your Social Security number is not given to the general public. If you choose not to provide your Social Security number, you are not denied any rights as a student. Providing your Social Security number means that you consent to the use of the number in the manner described.*

II. Applicant Information

Expected date of enrollment _____

Please list the names of other schools where you may be applying (optional) _____

We would appreciate knowing how you became acquainted with George Fox Evangelical Seminary. Please be as specific as possible. _____

III. Education

Please list, in chronological order, all colleges and postsecondary institutions attended. (It is your responsibility to see that one official transcript is sent directly to us by every school you have attended past high school.)

_____ Dates _____ to _____ Major _____ Degree _____

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IV. Financial

Do you expect to file an application for financial aid? Yes No

Are you a veteran? Yes No

V. References

One pastoral, one academic or professional reference, and one personal reference required. *Choose those who will continue to be interested in your academic, spiritual and emotional well-being throughout the three-year degree program. They will serve as a support network for you.*

Pastor _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Academic or Professional _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Friend _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

VI. Work Experience

Attach a current résumé

VII. Church Life

With which denomination do you identify? _____

Briefly describe your current church affiliation _____

Church name and address _____

Pastor's name _____

VIII. Applicant's Admission Statement

Instructions for essay completion: Please read carefully. During graduate studies at George Fox University, students do a considerable amount of writing that must be completed in accordance with university standards. Your responses are considered in the admission process.

1. What reflections do you have on the Mission Statement and the Statement of Faith of the seminary?
2. Relate your spiritual pilgrimage.
3. Why are you seeking graduate theological education?

Additional questions for MDIV, MAML, and MA, Spiritual Formation applicants.

1. Describe your current ministry context and leadership role.
2. How do you envision enrollment in this program increasing your ministry effectiveness?

IX. Educational and Social Philosophy

George Fox Evangelical Seminary is a school of George Fox University, a Christian institution of higher education that provides academic and professional training in a setting that is vitally Christian, intellectually vigorous, socially wholesome, and physically healthful. It is assumed that sound scholarship and Christian faith are mutually interdependent and meaningful, and that sound education must integrate these in the growing experience of the student.

In accordance with Christian convictions honoring the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, the George Fox University community endorses a lifestyle that excludes the use or possession of nonmedical drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and obscene or pornographic articles or literature while on campus, on property designated for university use, during attendance at a university activity, or while representing the university.

Also in accordance with Christian convictions, the university believes that sexual relations are expressed only in the context of a legally established marriage between one man and one woman. Your completion of this application and your signature below indicate your willingness to cooperate and comply with the statement of faith, purpose, and expectations of the university.

I authorize investigation of all information provided during the application process. References provided may give George Fox University any and all information requested, as well as any pertinent information they may have, personal or otherwise. I release from all liability or responsibility George Fox University, its agents, and all people, companies, or corporations providing information to the university about me.

SIGNATURE

DATE



Mission Statement

George Fox Evangelical Seminary demonstrates the meaning of Jesus Christ by offering spiritual formation and education for ministry in the context of a caring, Christian community, in order to prepare men and women of faith for effective service to the church and the world.

Statement of Faith

George Fox Evangelical Seminary

The Trinity. We believe in one eternal God, the source and goal of life, who exists as three persons in the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In love and joy, God creates and sustains the universe, including humanity, male and female, who are made in God's image.

God the Father. We believe in God the Father Almighty, whose love is the foundation of salvation and righteous judgment, and who calls us into covenant relationship with God and with one another.

God the Son. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word, who is fully God and fully human. He came to show us God and perfect humanity, and, through his life, death, and resurrection, to reconcile us to God. He is now actively present with us as Savior, Teacher, Lord, Healer, and Friend.

God the Holy Spirit. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who breathed God's message into the prophets and apostles, opens our eyes to God's Truth in Jesus Christ, empowers us for holy living, and carries on in us the work of salvation.

Salvation. We believe that salvation comes through Jesus Christ alone, to whom we must respond with repentance, faith, and obedience. Through Christ we come into a right relationship with God, our sins are forgiven, and we receive eternal life.

The Bible. We believe that God inspired the Bible and has given it to us as the uniquely authoritative, written guide for Christian living and thinking. As illumined by the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures are true and reliable. They point us to God, guide our lives, and nurture us toward spiritual maturity.

The Christian Life. We believe that God has called us to be and to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to be God's agents of love and reconciliation in the world. In keeping with the teaching of Jesus, we work to oppose violence and war, and we seek peace and justice in human relationships and social structures.

The Church. We believe in the Church as the people of God, composed of all who believe in Jesus Christ, who support and equip each other through worship, teaching, and accountability, who model God's loving community, and who proclaim the gospel to the world.

Christian Worship. We believe Christ is present as we gather in his name, seeking to worship in spirit and in truth. All believers are joined in the one body of Christ, are baptized by the Spirit, and live in Christ's abiding presence. Christian baptism and communion are spiritual realities, and, as Christians from many faith traditions, we celebrate these in different ways.

The Future. We believe in the personal return of Jesus Christ, in the resurrection of the dead, in God's judgment of all persons with perfect justice and mercy, and in eternal reward and punishment. Ultimately, Christ's kingdom will be victorious over all evil, and the faithful will reign with him in eternal life.

This form is to be filled out by a pastor. It should not be completed by a member of your immediate family.
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Section A: To be completed by applicant

Applicant's name (please print) _____

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Section B: To be completed by reference (may use separate sheet)

1. How long have you known the applicant? How well? In what capacity?

2. What evidence have you observed of the applicant's concern for others?

3. Do you believe this individual is well suited for pursuit of his/her personal academic or ministry leadership goals through graduate training? Why or why not?

4. To what extent have you observed the applicant engaged in his/her ministry/academic setting? Please describe.

5. What are the applicant's greatest strengths and what are the applicant's areas for growth and improvement?

6. Evaluate the applicant's initiative and time management skills.

7. Has the applicant demonstrated skill in interpersonal communication? What is this person's influence on others?

8. Does the applicant demonstrate the scholarly/academic aptitude necessary for success in graduate-level training?

9. Does the applicant have a support network that will encourage him/her throughout his/her program of study?

In consideration of the applicant's suitability for study and overall potential for success in a graduate program in ministry, please check one of the following:

I highly recommend I recommend I recommend with reservation I do not recommend

NAME (please print or type)

SIGNATURE DATE

YOUR POSITION DAYTIME TELEPHONE

ADDRESS

E-MAIL

May we call you about this applicant? Yes No

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