

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Grand Rapids Theological Seminary seeks applicants who demonstrate commitment to Jesus Christ and evidence of the new birth, possess gifts for ministry, have earned a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university and affirm the student doctrinal statement located in the admissions section of the academic catalog. If you are applying as a guest student, as a non-degree seeking student or for readmission within three semesters, please contact the admissions office for information concerning an abbreviated version of this application.

## I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME	FIRST	M	SFX	MAIDEN (if applicable)
HOME ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	COUNTY (if in MI)
MAILING ADDRESS (if different)	CITY	STATE	ZIP	
DAYTIME PHONE	EVENING PHONE	SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		
MONTH/DAY OF BIRTH	CITY OF BIRTH	STATE OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	
E-MAIL	ALT. E-MAIL			

### Optional demographic information for statistical purposes only:

<b>Gender:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<b>Birth Yr.:</b> 19____	<b>Marital Status:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Remarried
<b>Ethnic Background:</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Race and ethnicity unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic of any race	<input type="checkbox"/> Separated	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
<b>For non-Hispanics only:</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Two or more races		

## II. EMPLOYER (Please attach additional page if necessary.)

EMPLOYER NAME	JOB TITLE	LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE

## III. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (Please attach additional page if necessary.)

1. How long have you been a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name, address and denominational affiliation of church currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

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## IV. EDUCATIONAL GOALS

Start Term:  Fall (Sept.) 20\_\_\_\_  Spring (Jan) 20\_\_\_\_  Summer 20\_\_\_\_

Admit Status:  First time in seminary  Transfer  Re-Admit  Other\_\_\_\_\_

What program do you wish to pursue?

- Master of Divinity
  - Academic
  - Chaplaincy Ministries
  - Formation & Soul Care Ministries
  - Intercultural Ministries
  - Pastoral Ministries
  - Small Group & Discipleship Ministries
  - Student and Family Ministries
- M.A. Christian Formation
  - Small Group & Discipleship Ministries
  - Interdisciplinary Studies
  - Student & Family Ministries
  - Intercultural Ministries
  - Campus & Student Development Ministries
  - Formation & Soul Care Ministries

- M.A. Counseling
  - Addictions (for CAADC certification)
  - Interdisciplinary Studies
  - Trauma Counseling
  - Multi-State Licensure
  - Thesis Track (for Ph.D. prep)
- M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies
- Master of Theology (Th.M.)
 

(Open only to those who have completed a Master of Divinity degree or a Master of Arts degree in a relevant theological discipline.)

What status best describes your present enrollment intentions?

- 12+ hours     9 - 11 hours     6 - 8 hours     3 - 5 hours

Do you intend to use financial aid?     Yes     No

How did you become interested in GRTS?

- admissions representative     faculty/staff recommendation     location     web site  
 alumni recommendation     family/friend recommendation     mailing     other \_\_\_\_\_  
 campus visit     GRTS ad     seminary/grad fair

Please list the names of other seminaries or graduate schools to which you are applying. (optional)

Name of School	Address	Degree Program

Is GRTS your first choice among these schools?     Yes     No

If not, how would GRTS rank among your choices?     second     third     fourth

Check applicable boxes below:

- Will you need assistance in securing either of the following?     Housing     Employment  
 Will you be using either of the following during your seminary experience?     Veteran's benefits     Federal Stafford Student Loan

## V. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

List the college from which you received your baccalaureate degree and any schools at which you have done undergraduate or graduate studies.

Name of School	Address	Dates Attended	Degree Received	GPA

If you are transferring from another seminary, please explain why \_\_\_\_\_

Is English your native/first language and was it the language of instruction for all of your secondary and post-secondary education?

- Yes     No

## VI. FAMILY INFORMATION

### A. Applicant *(Complete only if married)*

Have any other family members attended Grand Rapids Theological Seminary? Please list names and years. \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME

CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES

Is your spouse a Christian?     Yes     No

## B. Applicant's Spouse

Please indicate your level of commitment to your spouse's graduate education in preparation for ministry:

- Support       Support with reservations       Do not support

If you do not support, or have reservations, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## VII. AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Instructions: Please type all responses and attach to application form. Limit your total response in this section to two typed single-spaced pages.

1. Comment on your conversion, current commitment to Christ and the significant factors which have aided in your growth in Christ.
2. Vocational Goal (address if applicable)
  - a. What form of Christian ministry do you anticipate entering after the completion of your seminary studies?
  - b. How do you expect this degree program to prepare you for this particular ministry?
3. Describe your previous ministry experience.
4. Comment on the encouragement you have received from family members, church leaders and significant friends concerning your giftedness for Christian ministry and the pursuit of a graduate theological degree.
5. Describe yourself with regards to strengths and weaknesses, particularly as they may affect your readiness for graduate theological education.

GRTS seeks to be a redemptive environment and does not make it a practice to disqualify applicants for previous indiscretions. We encourage students to acknowledge past issues and share where they are in the healing process. Please answer the following questions honestly:

6. Have you ever been convicted of a felony?  Yes  No If yes, please explain.
7. Have you ever had any of the following: misdemeanor conviction (not minor traffic violations), requirement to register as a sex offender, probation status (only list if current), disciplinary actions at work, school, or ministry?  Yes  No If yes, please explain.

## VIII. REFERENCE INFORMATION

Please give the name and current address of a ministry leader (not a relative) that you will be contacting for a ministry reference on your behalf:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please give the name and current address of another person (not a relative) that you will be contacting for a personal reference on your behalf:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## IX. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

What is your visa status? (if you are not a U.S. citizen) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your native language? \_\_\_\_\_

International students who are not lifetime residents of Australia, Canada (other than Quebec), New Zealand, United Kingdom or the United States (other than Puerto Rico) are required to demonstrate their proficiency with the English language by submitting TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores taken within one year of the admission application date. The minimum required TOEFL scores are 577 written, 233 computer or 90 internet based. Official scores must be sent directly to GRTS; our TOEFL institution code is 1253. Please provide (unofficial) scores below if you have already completed the test. IELTS scores may also be submitted for tests taken within the last year. GRTS requires a minimum score of Band 7 for admission.

TOEFL scores \_\_\_\_\_ Date of test \_\_\_\_\_

IELTS scores \_\_\_\_\_ Date of test \_\_\_\_\_

## X. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE (to be completed by applicant)

Have you read, and are you in agreement with the Statement of Faith and Lifestyle Statement as found in the admissions section of the academic catalog?  Yes  No

Students, by virtue of their enrollment, agree to live within the framework of the school's standards of conduct. While some may not have personal convictions concerning all of these standards, agreeing to them obligates the student to assume responsibility for honorable adherence to them while enrolled at the seminary. It should, of course, be understood that any behavior, either on campus or away, which indicates that a student has disregard for the spirit of the school's standards would be sufficient reason to ask him/her to withdraw from the school.

Students of Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, agree to:

1. Honor biblical teaching in order to maintain a right relationship with God, people, and creation. Exhibit integrity in academic pursuits, professional work, personal finances and relationships.
2. Practice discernment in the areas of media and entertainment. Avoid behaviors clearly prohibited in Scripture including but not limited to drunkenness, immoral sexual behavior, lying, and stealing.
3. Support Cornerstone University's commitment to maintain an alcohol-free and tobacco-free campus. This means that the consumption of alcohol or use of tobacco will be prohibited in, on, and around all campus properties and at University events. Due to the public and personal health hazards posed by tobacco, students shall avoid the habitual use of tobacco.
4. Actively participate in a local evangelical church.

Each student, by virtue of enrollment, agrees to comply with the policies, procedures, and regulations set forth in the Student Handbook and the Grand Rapids Theological Seminary Academic Catalog. The fulfillment of these expectations will to help create an edifying community life consistent with biblical values, thus helping implement the mission of Grand Rapids Theological Seminary.

I understand that GRTS reserves the right to perform a criminal background check on students of the university. By signing below I am authorizing the university to perform a criminal background check.

I understand that accounts not paid in accordance with school policies may be submitted to a collection agency. In addition, I understand that I am responsible for all collection costs if my account is submitted to a collection agency.

I certify that all my answers on this application are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsifying any part of this application may result in cancellation of admission and/or registration.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## XI. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please be sure you have included the following before sending:

- APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION with attached autobiographical section completed and signed.
- \$25.00 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE made payable to Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. (Fee waived for online applications.)
- OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS from your bachelor's degree institution and any other institutions you attended post-bachelor's degree. (Please contact each institution to request the transcripts.)
- MINISTRY REFERENCE FORM - When you request this form from a ministry leader, please sign it as indicated and ensure the person completing the form also signs it.
- PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM - When you request this form, please sign it as indicated and ensure that the person completing the form also signs it.
- SPOUSE'S SIGNATURE in section 6B (and comments, if necessary).

Please send the completed application for admission with the \$25.00 application processing fee payable to Grand Rapids Theological Seminary to:

**Grand Rapids Theological Seminary**  
**Admissions Office**  
**1001 E. Beltline Ave NE**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49525**



**Grand Rapids**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
*Cornerstone University*

You will be notified in writing concerning the status of your application and admission.

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