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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Information

Students applying for admission to St. Herman Orthodox Theological Seminary must complete the application process; this includes submitting all materials, not merely the application itself. Only written application will be considered; no verbal communication replaces a written application.

Applications for admission should be submitted no later than August 1.

Potential students must be accredited high school graduates or have passed the General Educational Development test (G.E.D.). Since the course program is offered on a yearly basis, students can be admitted at mid-term only by special exception from the Rector and Dean. Alaskan students will receive priority of admission. Although primarily serving the Diocese of Alaska, the Seminary offers educational opportunities to all those interested in theological studies. Out-of-Diocese applicants must obtain both their own Hierarch's blessing and that of the Hierarch of the Diocese of Alaska, who serves as the Rector of the Seminary.

Once the Seminary has received the application along with the following required material, the Faculty Council will consider the application and, if accepted, the applicant will receive a letter of acceptance.

For students who petition the Seminary for readmission, if accepted, the Dean in consultation with the Registrar reserves the right to determine which previously obtained credits may be applied to the completion of the current program.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please use this checklist to ensure you submit *all* application materials:

- Application Form (completed and signed)
- A brief autobiographical essay (1-2 pages, including why you want to study at Seminary)
- Official transcripts, not a photocopy, from high school and colleges you attended
- Copy of your baptismal/chrismation certificate
- Recommendation of Priest/Reader form
- Blessing of Hierarch form
- Fully completed and signed Background Investigation Consent form



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In addition to the application form, applicants must provide the following:

- 1. An autobiographical essay, including why you want to study at the Seminary.
2. A complete official transcript (not photocopy) from high school and college attended.
3. A letter of recommendation from (1) local priest or reader, and (2) diocesan hierarch.
4. Copy of your baptismal certificate.
5. A fully completed and signed Background Investigation Consent form.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

[] Resident of Diocese of Alaska [] Non-Resident of Diocese of Alaska*

Full legal name: _____
Place and date of birth: _____
Social Security Number: _____
Mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
Permanent Address (if different from above): _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

*Non-resident students are not eligible for the Diocesan Scholarship.

EDUCATION

High School _____
City _____ State _____
Year of graduation or G.E.D. Competency _____
Name of post-secondary school (college, etc.) _____
Dates _____ Major _____ Degree or Certificate _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (if applicable, include more on separate sheet)

Last employer: _____
Address: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates employed: _____ Position _____

II. FAMILY INFORMATION

Spouse's name: _____
Date of marriage: _____
Parish and place of marriage: _____

Spouse's date of birth: _____

Spouse's place of baptism: _____

Applicant married previously? Yes No

Spouse married previously? Yes No

Children's names and ages

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

III. ECCLESIASTICAL INFORMATION

Are you baptized? _____

Name and address of Parish you are attending:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Name of Parish Priest: _____

OFFICE OF SACRED MINISTRY (indicate Parish and date of tonsure/ordination)

Have you been tonsured or ordained as a:

Reader: _____

Subdeacon: _____

Deacon: _____

Priest: _____

PARISH INVOLVEMENT (Parish and dates)

Church server: _____

Church school: _____

Parish choir: _____

Parish council: _____

Other: _____

There exist certain impediments to ordination dependent upon the local Bishop's application of the canons. These include age, maturity, reputation, criminal past, sexual chastity, marital status, and physical/mental disability.

IV. REFERENCES

Please use the attached forms to submit two letters of recommendation: one from your local priest or parish reader, and one from your diocesan hierarch. All members of the Diocese of Alaska must receive the blessing of His Grace, Bishop DAVID, Rector of St. Herman Seminary. He can be reached at (907) 677-0224.

V. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please enclose a brief autobiographical essay, no more than two pages in length. Explain your desire to enter seminary, your expectations, interests for seminary, and reflections on aspects of life which have supported your active participation and service in the Church.

V. STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

I certify that I have completed the requested information correctly, knowing that any false information could be cause for denial of admission, or dismissal if discovered after admission. If accepted, I agree to comply with all the obligations of St. Herman Orthodox Theological Seminary.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CONSENT

I, _____, hereby authorize St. Herman's Theological Seminary and/or its agents to make an independent investigation of my background (references, past employment, education, criminal or police records), including those maintained by both public and private organizations and all public records, for the purpose of confirming the information contained on my application for admission or employment and/or obtaining other information that may be material to my qualification for seminary enrollment, employment, and/or volunteer service, both now and , if applicable, during the tenure of my affiliation with St. Herman's Seminary. I release St. Herman's Theological Seminary and/or its agents and any person or entity providing information pursuant to this authorization from any and all liabilities, claims, or law suits in regard to the information obtained from any and all of the above referenced sources used. The following is my true and complete legal name, and all information is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Full printed name

Other names used

Present street address

City/County/State/Zip

Lived there how long?

Most recent prior street address

City/County or Borough/State/Zip

Lived there how long?

Country of citizenship

Date of birth

Social Security number

Driver's license number/state

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Recommendation of Priest or Reader

Instructions for the Applicant

Please fill out this section and give this form to your parish priest or reader who knows you well and can comment on your character and your preparedness for seminary studies.

Applicant's Name: (please print or type) _____
Last First Middle initial

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), which gives students the right to inspect and review their educational records, students may waive their right to see specific confidential statements and letters of recommendation. In the belief that all concerned may wish to preserve the confidentiality of such evaluations, we are giving you an opportunity to *sign one of the following statements*:

I waive my right to examine this form. _____
Applicant's Signature Date

I do not waive my right to examine this form. _____
Applicant's Signature Date

To the Priest or Reader:

The person named above is applying for admission to St. Herman's Theological Seminary. You have been chosen by this applicant to supply one of the references required as part of the application process. The admissions committee would appreciate your help in determining this candidate's ability to participate in the seminary's intense life of worship, service and theological studies. Please be frank in your comments, providing any insights you might have into this candidate's character, level of maturity, and/or abilities. Thank you for your assistance.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How well do you know the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you been associated with the applicant? _____

Your Name: (please print) _____ Title: _____

Parish/Church: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please share with us your principal impressions, both positive and negative, of this applicant's character.

How would you describe this applicant's emotional stability and social maturity? How is this person regarded by his/her peers and other associates?

In your judgment how capable is this person of living in community with others? How easy are they to work with?

Is there anything that might worry you about this applicant as a future leader in the church? Is there anything that would have to change about this applicant before he/she were considered for a leadership role in the church?

Is this applicant teachable? Is this applicant "formable"?

Please note any unusual circumstances, or outstanding qualities in this applicant, that the committee should take into consideration when evaluating his/her application.

Would you accept this applicant as an assistant in your parish?

Very eagerly Gladly With some reservation No comment

Overall, this applicant's level of preparation for seminary studies is:

Outstanding Excellent Very good Good Fair Poor Nocomment

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Blessing of Hierarchy

For applicants from the Diocese of Alaska, you may reach Bishop David at (907) 677-0224.

Instructions for the Applicant

After filling out this section, contact your hierarchy to let him know that you would like his blessing to attend seminary. We recommend that you ask your hierarchy to complete this form, and that you also include a stamped, addressed envelope.

Applicant's Name: (please print or type) _____
Last First Middle initial

Home Parish: _____

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To the Hierarchy:

The person named above is applying for admission to St. Herman's Theological Seminary. It is our policy that applicants must secure a hierarchical blessing before beginning seminary studies.

Please indicate your response to this applicant's desire to begin seminary studies:

- He/she: has my blessing
 has my conditional blessing (*Please explain*)
 does not have my blessing

Hierarchy's Signature Date

If you would like to share with us your overall impression of this applicant's character, with particular consideration of his/her capability to engage in theological studies and to serve as a leader in the Church, please use the reverse of this form, attaching additional sheets if necessary.

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