



# OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS WITH THE DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

This form is to be completed by all candidates applying for ministerial credentials for the first time. It is to be returned to the district\* office. All questions must be answered clearly and fully. Please type or use ink. If sufficient room is not found on the form for a proper answer to any question, state your answer on a separate sheet of paper.

## CREDENTIAL FOR WHICH YOU ARE MAKING APPLICATION:

- ☐ Ordination (if coming from another fellowship)  
☐ License  
☐ Certificate of Ministry

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*(Please do not staple)*

**To be used in your  
permanent records**

This application must be accompanied by a fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print or type*

1. Full name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical address \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_
3. Present county of residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_
4. Please provide a list of your previous places of residence during the past 5 years. *(Include counties and dates. Use additional paper if necessary.)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_
6. Gender at birth ☐ Male ☐ Female Spouse gender at birth (if married) ☐ Male ☐ Female
7. U.S. Citizen? ☐ yes ☐ no If not, do you have the right to work in the U.S.? ☐ Permanently ☐ Temporarily  
Type of visa or worker's permit and expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ *(please include a copy)*
8. Present marital status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_
9. Full name of spouse (if married) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
10. Have you ever been divorced or had a marriage annulled? ☐ yes ☐ no Spouse ☐ yes ☐ no  
If yes, date of divorce/annulment \_\_\_\_\_ date of divorce/annulment (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you have a living former spouse? ☐ yes ☐ no  
Does your spouse have a living former spouse? ☐ yes ☐ no If yes to either, please give a brief summary.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Names and birth dates of children, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Have you (or your spouse) in the past or do you presently hold a ministerial credential with a church, another denomination, or ministerial body? ☐ yes ☐ no Spouse ☐ yes ☐ no

14. If your answer to #13 is "yes", please complete the following:
- The name of the denomination or ministerial credentialing body? \_\_\_\_\_
  - The type of credential held \_\_\_\_\_
  - The period of time during which the credential was active \_\_\_\_\_
  - If approved for credentials, are you willing to provide evidence of termination of prior credentials? ☐ yes ☐ no
15. Have you been born again according to John 3:5? ☐ yes ☐ no When? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Have you been baptized by immersion in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit according to Matthew 28:19? ☐ yes ☐ no When? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Have you received the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues according to Acts 2:4? ☐ yes ☐ no When? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Has your spouse been born again according to John 3:5? ☐ yes ☐ no When? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Has your spouse been baptized by immersion in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit according to Matthew 28:19? ☐ yes ☐ no When? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Has your spouse received the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues according to Acts 2:4? ☐ yes ☐ no When? \_\_\_\_\_
21. Church name and location where you are an official member: \_\_\_\_\_
22. Type of ministry in which you are presently engaged.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Pastor       | <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelist                  | <input type="checkbox"/> AG World Missionary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church staff member | <input type="checkbox"/> College/Seminary Instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> US Missionary       |
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
23. Where are you presently serving (church name and location)? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Describe why you believe that God has called you into the ministry. \_\_\_\_\_
25. Do you fully agree with the Statement of Fundamental Truths as contained in the General Council Constitution Article V? ☐ yes ☐ no
26. Do you also publicly proclaim the doctrines set forth in the Statement of Fundamental Truths? ☐ yes ☐ no
27. Are you willing to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Council and district? ☐ yes ☐ no
28. Why do you desire to receive ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God? \_\_\_\_\_
29. What is your belief and practice regarding tithing?
- Belief: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Practice: \_\_\_\_\_
30. Have you ever filed bankruptcy? ☐ yes ☐ no *If yes, please complete the Bankruptcy Questionnaire.*
31. Are you a member of any secret order? ☐ yes ☐ no *If so, which one?* \_\_\_\_\_
32. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ yes ☐ no
33. Have you ever been accused of, investigated for, or engaged in any sexual misconduct involving a minor or adult, including but not limited to child molestation, indecent liberties with a child, sexual harassment, rape, child pornography, sexual contact with a counselee, or sexual or non-sexual violence such as child abuse, assault, battery, murder, or kidnapping? ☐ yes ☐ no

34. In the last seven years (or since your conversion, if less than seven years ago) have you had sexual contact/activity outside of a biblically defined marriage (such as incest, adultery, homosexual activity, etc.), or been engaged in or involved with pornography? ☐ yes ☐ no
35. Over the past 24 months, have you struggled with any issues or life-controlling habits that would hinder your ability to meet the leadership qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9? ☐ yes ☐ no
36. If the answer(s) to question #32, #33, #34, or #35 is "yes", please list question # and provide an explanation on separate paper. Include any relevant court documents.
37. For the sake of adhering to the highest of ministerial standards, will you abstain from alcohol, tobacco or other smoking, gambling, pornography, recreational or illegal drug usage, or any sinful behaviors specifically prohibited by Scripture? ☐ yes ☐ no If no, please provide an explanation on separate paper.
38. Do you voluntarily consent to a General Council mandated background check including credit history? ☐ yes ☐ no If your answer is no, your application will not be processed.
39. Have you ever been subject to discipline by a religious body? ☐ yes ☐ no  
If yes, explain fully on a separate sheet of paper. (Identify each case, when and where each incident occurred, the religious body involved, and the outcome.)
40. Have you ever held credentials with any other district? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, state particulars. \_\_\_\_\_

41. Have you ever made application for credentials to any other district and been refused? ☐ yes ☐ no

42. What Bible or ministry training have you completed?

a. Formal Bible college training? ☐ yes ☐ no Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college/Bible college \_\_\_\_\_ Semesters completed \_\_\_\_\_

b. Correspondence courses? ☐ yes ☐ no

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_ Number of courses completed \_\_\_\_\_

c. Other training? \_\_\_\_\_

★ Please attach a copy of your transcripts.

43. Are you willing to cooperate with, and do you fully understand the financial plan of the General Council and district, and support the Fellowship in all policies and purposes which require united effort for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad? ☐ yes ☐ no

*(Upon the issuance of this credential, certified ministers are expected to contribute the sum of \$10 per month (\$120 per year), licensed ministers are expected to contribute \$20 per month (\$240 per year), and ordained ministers are expected to contribute \$25 per month (\$300 per year) to the General Council. Please refer to the General Council Bylaws, Article VII, Section 10, paragraph f, pertaining to support of the national office. Contact your district office for information regarding their financial policies for ministers.)*

44. The principle of voluntary cooperation upon which The General Council of the Assemblies of God is based involves the following:

By "**voluntary**" it is meant that, upon learning the principles, doctrines, and practices of the Assemblies of God, and by seeing the benefits one could derive from being associated with such an organization, persons of their own free choice decide to become members, thus subscribing to all that for which the organization stands.

By "**cooperation**" it is meant that, to the best of one's ability, he or she will comply with all decisions setting forth and defining duties and responsibilities incumbent upon members of the organization, which include active participation, and will respect the will of the majority expressed through democratic processes as long as he or she remains a member.

Hence, "**voluntary cooperation**" means that one of his or her own free will decides to become a cooperating member of the Assemblies of God, this cooperation and participation being obligatory and not optional.

Do you wholeheartedly subscribe to the previous statement concerning voluntary cooperative fellowship? ☐ yes ☐ no

**ACCOMPANYING THIS APPLICATION FORM IS AN INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FORM. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.**

Did you sign it and submit it with this application? ☐ yes ☐ no

Have you also submitted with this application the transcript(s) requested in question #42? ☐ yes ☐ no

**Please submit a copy of your Social Security card with this application.**

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Digital signatures not accepted.*

## REFERENCES:

Give as references the names and addresses of three **ordained** ministers (preferably Assemblies of God). If the applicant is not a senior pastor, one of the ministers listed as a reference should be the applicant's senior pastor. In addition, please give the names of three friends, at least one of whom is beyond your church acquaintance, and two former employers. It is important that the people listed as references know you well enough to answer such questions as "How would you describe the applicant's spiritual maturity?" and "Was the applicant prompt and regular in work attendance?"

### MINISTERS

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### FRIENDS

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### EMPLOYERS

7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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### THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DISTRICT OFFICIAL ONLY

#### OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT:

☐ All references were reviewed, and none contained information suggesting that the applicant is unfit for ministry.

Exam Grades: Bible Knowledge: \_\_\_\_\_ Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_ Polity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of interview by district credentials committee: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_ District

☐ approved ☐ did not approve this candidate on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ for recommendation to the General Council for  
\_\_\_\_\_. Certificate should be dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Secretary or District Superintendent

\*The term *district* is interchangeable with *network* throughout this form.