



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



***PLEASE ATTACH
PHOTO***

(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 _____

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.