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Christian Spiritual Formation Certificate Application Packet

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Application Instructions

Please note that the Admissions office will begin evaluation only when all application forms are complete. This application packet contains: a) an application for admission; b) an autobiographical sketch form; c) doctrinal statement form; d) one Pastor's Reference form.

To be considered for admission, you must be a born-again Christian, active in the life of a local evangelical Protestant church (regularly participating in worship, attendance, and church ministry opportunities). You must be a high school or GED graduate, and at least 21 years old. In addition, you must also submit the following items for consideration:

1. Application for Admission

Complete and sign the application. In signing this application you are indicating your wholehearted commitment to maintain a lifestyle based on biblical principles.

2. Doctrinal Qualification for Students

Please read and sign the doctrinal statement. In doing so, you indicate your agreement with the doctrinal statement of Moody Bible Institute. Write your name on the top of the form.

3. Autobiographical Sketch

It is our aim to get to know you as well as possible through this part of the application process. With this in mind, we hope that you will respond to the questions candidly. Write your name on the top of the form. Also, please sign and date this section.

4. Pastoral Reference

Complete the top part of the form. Please make sure to write your name on the form before distributing it. Referent should return their letter to you sealed and signed in the envelope that you provide. You will then submit the references with your application or they may send it in separately if they prefer.

SUBMIT THIS REFERENCE FORM WITH YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS. DO NOT BREAK THE SEAL OF THE ENVELOPE.

Pastoral Reference Form: If your church is without a pastor or if your pastor is a relative or a current student, this form may be given to a former pastor, a minister friend, or a church official. It must be someone who has known you for at least one year and has had the opportunity to observe your spiritual life.

5. Interview

As we make final decisions on who will join us for our cohort, we may request a brief phone interview between our candidates and a member of our Christian Spiritual Formation Certificate staff team. Please indicate below which method you would prefer in order to schedule an appointment:

- I would prefer to schedule a phone interview via e-mail
- I would prefer to schedule a phone interview via telephone

6. To Submit Your Application

Note: Any box requesting a signature can be signed by simply typing full name and date into the appropriate field.

Please complete the form, save it as a pdf, and send it to spiritualformation@moody.edu. If you are unable to email your application as a pdf, mail it to:

Moody Bible Institute Distance Learning
Attn: Christian Spiritual Formation Certificate
820 N. LaSalle Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60610-3284



MBI ID # _____ For office use only

Application for Admission

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS CAREFULLY. TYPE OR PRINT IN INK
 (Please do not use nicknames.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Full Name: Last	First	Middle	(Maiden Name)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				

Permanent mailing address (street, city, state, zip, country)

Date of Birth	Country of Birth	E-mail address	Phone No. (with area code)
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Country of citizenship (please check one) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent resident of U.S. If so, indicate country of citizenship _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Nonresident of U.S. If so, indicate country of citizenship _____	Ethnic background — OPTIONAL (please check one) <input type="checkbox"/> White, Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Black, Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
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If previously enrolled under a different name, please give name.	Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Remarried <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced, date of divorce _____	If married, please give your spouse's full name.
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Is your spouse/fiancé also applying? Yes No

What church do you attend?	If you are not a member of a church, when and how do you expect to meet this requirement?	Date or approximate time of conversion
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Church address:	Number and Street	City and State	ZIP Code	Phone number (include area code)
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Criminal Disclosure and Consent.
 Have you ever plead guilty, no contest, or been found to be guilty by a judge or jury to charges that you committed a crime other than minor traffic offenses, including any conviction that you are currently appealing?
 Yes No (If yes, please explain.)

Did you graduate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If not, do you have a GED certificate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please give certificate date.
Graduation date		

Name and address of high school

List all colleges, universities and postsecondary schools you have attended since high school.

Name	Address	Dates attended

Have you earned any degree(s) since high school? Yes No

College	Degree	Major	Dates attended
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Have you ever been involved in the occult? Yes No
If so, when and to what extent? (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

Are you a member of any secret or fraternal organization? Yes No
If so, list them and explain the extent of your involvement?

Important: Enrollment in the Christian Spiritual Formation Certificate at Moody presupposes that each student has committed their life to Jesus Christ for salvation and for Christian service. Therefore, Moody Bible Institute expects the student enrolled in any of its academic programs to express their commitment to Christ by living a lifestyle in accordance with biblical principles so as to bring glory and honor to God.

In signing this application, I certify that the information provided is both complete and truthful, and I promise that if accepted as a student, I will respect the standards of Moody Bible Institute (Heb. 13:17).

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: An unsigned application cannot be processed and will be returned.



Doctrinal Qualifications for Students

NAME _____

Have you read the *Doctrinal Statement and Institutional Positions Related to the Moody Bible Institute Doctrinal Statement* in their entirety (located in the catalog)? If you have not read the *Doctrinal Statement* in the catalog, your application will not be processed.

Yes No

Students (to be admitted and to graduate) must agree with, personally adhere to, and support the following doctrines:

- **The inspiration, authority, and inerrancy of Scripture**
- **The Trinity**
- **The full deity and full humanity of Christ**
- **The creation of the human race in the image of God**
- **The substitutionary atonement and bodily resurrection of Christ**
- **Salvation by grace through faith alone in Christ alone**
- **The physical and imminent return of Christ**
- **The everlasting, conscious retribution of the wicked and reward of the righteous**

Do you agree with, personally adhere to, and support the above stated doctrinal positions?

Yes No

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

applicant's signature is required for further
 processing of the application.



Autobiographical Sketch (Please type the information)

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

Your essays help us learn more about you. Please limit your response to 750 words or less.

1. Describe your home and spiritual life by summarizing your sense of God's work in your life, how he has shaped you, and who he is calling you to be. Include your understanding and experience of spiritual direction, both received and given, why you are interested in the certificate, and your vision and current supportive experience of the place Christian community has in this calling and training.

My signature below indicates that all the information contained in the above personal testimony (and on any additional sheets) is factually correct and truthfully presented.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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CONFIDENTIAL: Pastor's Reference Form

This portion is to be completed by the applicant:

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Pastor _____ Position _____

WAIVER OF RIGHT TO ACCESS: I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily waive any right or privilege by Public Law 93-380 to inspect or challenge the content and comments expressed in this reference. I expect that the observations made shall remain confidential between the writer and the Moody Bible Institute.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

(The signing of this waiver is voluntary. It is not required as a condition for admission.)

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REFERENT: Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. We realize your time is valuable and we appreciate your willingness to help us. The clearer and more factual you are, the better we can serve the applicant. The person named above is applying for admission to the Christian Spiritual Formation Certificate at Moody, a Christian institution whose purpose is to train persons for vocations in full-time ministry. It is highly essential that you be frank, fair, and accurate in your remarks and estimation. Please note the provision of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as shown above. Although the applicant may voluntarily waive the right to review this reference, it is hoped that a spirit of openness and candor will exist between the applicant and the referent regarding the contents of this reference. Applicants are required to submit Reference Forms (and other documents) with the application. This ensures that the applicant knows the application is complete when submitted. After completing this form, please email it to spiritualformation@moody.edu.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____ years _____ months
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant's spiritual life? _____
 Business life? _____
 Social life? _____
3. In what capacities has (s)he been active in your church?

4. What are the applicant's strengths and weaknesses?

5. How would you summarize the applicant's doctrinal position? _____
6. Is the applicant living a consistent Christian life? Yes No
 If no, please explain:

7. Do you have reservations in recommending this person? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

8. Do you have any reason to doubt the applicant's integrity? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Would you recommend that we accept this applicant? No Questionable Yes Strongly so

Please add any further comments you wish about the applicant's spirituality, cooperativeness, tactfulness, good judgment, and honesty. If you can compare the applicant with others who have attended the school or who are applying for admission, we would welcome such a comparison. Attach another document if necessary.

Pastor's name (please print) _____

Pastor's signature _____ Date _____

Church and denominational affiliation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Country _____ Phone (____) _____ Email Address _____

Did you attend Moody? Yes No If yes, when? _____

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