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Spiritual Formation Certificate Application Packet

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.

This Application has been designed for those seeking to join the September 2015 Cohort for MBI DL's Spiritual Formation Certificate. **To be considered for admission, you must be a born-again Christian, active in the life of an evangelical Protestant church**, and you must be a high school or GED graduate. In addition, you must also submit the following items for consideration:

1. Application for Admission

A. 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. If your church is without a pastor, or if your pastor is a close relative, this form may be given to a former pastor, a minister friend, or a church official. This individual must be someone who has known you for at least one year and has had opportunity to observe your life closely.

***NOTE:** The Pastors reference can be sent to you as a separate form by contacting spiritualformation@moody.edu and requesting the Pastoral Reference form.

5. Interview

As we make final decisions on who will join us for our September 2015 cohort, we may request a brief phone interview between our candidates and a member of our 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

Please complete the form, save it as a pdf, and send it to spiritualformation@moody.edu.

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

If you are unable to email your application as a pdf, you may mail a hard copy to:

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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

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)	E-mail address	Phone No. (with area code)
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Gender <input type="checkbox"/> T ♂ <input type="checkbox"/> ♀	Date of Birth	Country of Birth
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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/fiance also applying?	Date or approximate time of conversion
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Of what church are you a member?	Give denomination and/or conference (in full)
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Church address:	Number and Street	City and State	ZIP Code	Phone number (include area code)
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If you are not a member, when and how do you expect to meet this requirement?

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, you will be sent an additional form to complete your application.)

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

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

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

Name	Degree	Dates attended

Have you ever been involved in the occult? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Are you a member of any secret or fraternal organization? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If so, when and to what extent? (Attach additional sheets if needed.)	If so, list them and explain the extent of your involvement?

Important:

Enrollment in the Spiritual Formation Certificate at MBI presupposes that each student has committed his/her life to Jesus Christ for salvation and for Christian service. Therefore, Moody Bible Institute expects the student enrolled in Spiritual Formation Certificate to express his/her 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, and**
- 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.**



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AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH (Please type the information)

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

Your essays are a significant part of the application process and provide us an opportunity to learn more about you. Please limit your response for each essay to 750 words or less. It is important that this is your own work and is factually correct.

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

2. We would like you to interact with and respond to a piece of work by John Ortberg so that we can get a sense of how you process, engage with and think about material pertaining to Spiritual Formation at this time. There is no right or wrong answer to this essay. This is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and feelings on a sermon that we feel stimulates interesting conversation in order for us to get to know you more. Please set aside time either to copy and paste this link so that you can watch John Ortberg's sermon on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qo5Zqleh0nU>

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

Applicant's Signature_____ Date_____

An unsigned sheet cannot be processed and will be returned.



Spiritual Formation Certificate Pastoral Reference

This portion is to be completed by the applicant:

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Pastor _____ Pastoral Position _____

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 can be enables us to serve the applicant in the best way possible. The person named above is applying for admission to our Spiritual Formation Certificate at Moody Bible Institute, a Christian institution whose purpose is to train persons for vocations in fulltime ministry. It is highly essential that you be frank, fair, and accurate in your remarks and estimation. 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 place it in the envelope provided, seal the envelope, and sign it across the seal. Return it to the applicant who will forward it, unopened, to Moody Bible Institute with the application materials.

1. Is the applicant a member of an evangelical Protestant church? Yes No

2. How long have you known the applicant? _____ years _____ months

3. In what capacity?

4. Has the applicant been active in Christian service? Yes No

5. If so, in what way?

6. Does the applicant show interest in spiritual things? Yes No

7. If so, in what way?

8. In your opinion, is the applicant's lifestyle consistent with biblical teaching? Yes No

9. Do you recommend that we accept this applicant? Yes No

10. Do you have any additional comments?

Pastor's name (please print) _____

Pastor's signature _____ Date _____

Church and denominational affiliation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Phone (____) _____ Did you attend MBI? Yes No If yes, when? _____

Please return the reference to the applicant in the envelope provided. Seal the envelope and sign across the seal.



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