

Academic Record List all colleges/universities attended in chronological order. The applicant is responsible for securing official academic transcripts from all colleges, universities and graduate schools.

| College/University/Other | Years Attended | Major Field(s) | Degree Earned | Year Received |
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| High School Attended | City/State | | Date Graduated | |

Professional Experience (Begin with your most recent employment.)

| Church/church-related Employment | Address | Dates of Employment | Type of Work |
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| Non-Ecclesiastical Employment | | | |
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Activities Information (List activities, hobbies and special interests.)

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Ecclesiastical Information

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| Baptism | | | Confession of Faith/Confirmation | | |
| Church | Location | Date | Church | Location | Date |
| Present Church Membership: Name of Church Denomination | | | From: Date | To: Date | |
| Church Address | | | Present Minister | | |
| Minister's Address | | | Home Phone () Office () | | |

List those church activities in which you have actively participated. Note leadership roles (including elder and deacon) and dates.

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List those religious activities beyond the congregation (e.g. denominational, ecumenical, para-church, etc.) in which you have actively participated.

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Are you officially enrolled as a candidate for ministry under the care of classis, presbytery, conference, or other ecclesiastical assembly? If yes, please indicate name of classis, presbytery, conference or ecclesiastical assembly.

Yes No In Process Name: _____

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Self-Assessment

Please evaluate yourself in the following areas by marking the appropriate response: (You may use a separate sheet for any response.)

| | Excellent | Good | Average | Need Growth | Comments (Optional) |
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| 1. Leadership Potential | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2. Emotional Stability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3. Academic Ability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 4. Spiritual Maturity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 5. Ability to Communicate | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 6. Interpersonal Relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 7. Takes Initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 8. Perseverance | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 9. Self Directed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

10. I have persisted over time and completed long-term goals in my life: Repeatedly Somewhat No
Please provide an example:

11. I am experienced at balancing numerous demands on my time: Consistently Occasionally No
Please provide an example:

12. I am experienced taking responsibility and comfortable taking initiative to communicate with classmates or faculty on-line:
 Comfortable Somewhat comfortable Not comfortable

13. Have you been denied admission or dismissed from a seminary or graduate school? YES NO
If yes, please explain:

14. Have you even been convicted of a felony? YES NO
If yes, please explain:

15. Describe the reasons for your decision to enter the seminary and your present aims and aspirations for ministry. (You may submit your response on another page.)

16. Spiritual Autobiography

In three to five pages, write your autobiography. This must be typewritten. Include information about your family of origin, early childhood and adolescence, as well as your adult life. Reflect on significant persons and relationships, formative experiences and events, and describe your faith journey. Include any intercultural experiences that have been significant for you and how that experience has shaped your understanding of your faith. (Note: This autobiography will become part of a formation for ministry file that will be used to assess your growth in your seminary years. You will have the opportunity to reflect on it, and change it, if you would like, at several points. It will be read by selected faculty members and staff, but not by any other students without your permission.)

17. In writing, indicate a few books you have read recently and how they have influenced your life, especially your thinking and living the Christian faith.

18. If applying for the Dual Track Program, please submit answers to the following questions on a separate sheet:

- Write a personal reflection on how a Dual Track M.Div./MSW will prepare you for a unique ministry.
- Describe your tentative plans for entering your MSW program.

Criminal History Background Check

1. I authorize Western Theological Seminary (WTS) through its independent contractor, Church Volunteer Central/LexisNexis (CVC/LN) to procure background information (also known as a "consumer report and/or investigative consumer report") about me. I understand that this authorization and release is valid for future background information requests as long as I am a student at WTS.
2. I further authorize a person, business entity or governmental agency that may have relevant information to disclose it to WTS through CVC/LN
3. I understand that I am entitled to a complete copy of any background information report of which I am the subject upon my written request to CVC/LN
4. For a complete statement of rights and requirements I can refer to the "Permission to Obtain a Background Check" form in this packet.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I would like a copy of the results of this background check: YES NO

Reference Information – Invite those you list below to complete the reference forms included in this application and send them to Western Seminary.

1. A friend, other than a relative, who can comment on your spiritual maturity and relational skills:

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| Name | Address |
| Home Phone | Office Phone |

2. A church member, other than a relative, who can comment on your promise for church leadership:

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| Home Phone | Office Phone |

3. Your present minister (or a minister or chaplain who knows you best) who can assess your gifts for ministry:

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| Name | Address |
| Home Phone | Office Phone |

4. A college professor if a recent graduate, otherwise a supervisor who can attest to your capacity for learning:

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| Home Phone | Office Phone |

My Health Excellent Fair Poor

List major illnesses and/or surgery (and dates):

Previous residences (City, State, Dates)

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SIGNATURE (Application cannot be processed without signature)

I certify that information submitted on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing this form, I recognize the Christian commitment and mission of Western Theological Seminary and agree to follow the policies defined in the seminary handbook and the conditions stated on this form.

Signature _____ Date _____

The vision of Western Theological Seminary is to prepare Christians called by God to lead the church in mission. If you have questions either about this application, the admissions procedure or our degree program, please contact us.

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| SEND TO: Office of Admissions Western Theological Seminary 101 East 13 th Street Holland MI 49423 | Please include: <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Autobiography <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Application Fee <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Photograph <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Church Membership | Please request: Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions |
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Application Deadlines:

Fall Admission In-Residence Programs
 Spring Admission In-Residence Programs
 Fall Admission Distance Learning Programs

May 1 – Based on Availability
 December 1
 First Application Review: April 1
 Final Application Deadline: August 1