**Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg**

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**To complete the application process submit the following:**

Application for Admission **can be completed via our link at: http://www.ltsg.edu/Prospective-Students/Application-Forms.**

1. **Essay**
   *For Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies applicants:*
   Attach a copy of your ELCA candidacy entrance essay OR a typed "Autobiographical Essay" setting forth in approximately 1200 words:
   1) The significant events in your life, your Christian experience, your relationship to the church;
   2) An assessment of your strengths and weaknesses as a candidate for a church career; and
   3) Why you decided to attend seminary.

   *For Master of Arts in Religion applicants:*
   Attach a typed essay setting forth in approximately 800-1000 words:
   1) An articulation of your sense of vocation;
   2) Why you believe your selected discipline is an important one in the current cultural climate; and
   3) The experiences you bring with you that will enable you to engage in this field of study OR the gifts you hope to develop during your time in seminary.
2. **Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended;**
3. **References**
   A Pastoral, an Academic or Professional, and a Leadership Reference are all required.
   The *Instructions Concerning Letters of Recommendation* form found under the LTSG Prospective Students tab must accompany all recommendations.
4. **Authorization for Release Form**;
5. **Application Fee** of $35.00 (non-refundable) made payable to LTSG;
6. **Judicatory process**
   Those applying for the Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies or Affiliation must also have support from their church.
   1) **Lutheran** applicants for the MDiv or MAMS degree or Affiliation must contact their Synod office. The ELCA Candidacy policy is:
      ELCA seminaries will normally not extend an offer of admissions to an ELCA applicant until receiving notification of a positive entrance decision ("readiness for theological study") by a Candidacy Committee. An applicant who has entered, but not yet completed the entrance step in Candidacy, may receive a provisional offer of admissions by the Seminary. Such a provisional offer may be withdrawn without a subsequent positive entrance decision by the Candidacy Committee by December 1.
   2) **Non-Lutheran** applicants for the MDiv or MAMS degree must provide a letter from their judicatory body that states support for this academic and field experience venture.
7. **Background Check**
   Criminal, financial, and motor vehicle background checks are required of all applicants prior to admission. Those not in ELCA candidacy may be assessed a fee as part of the application process.

## Deadlines

LTSG has no specific deadline dates for admission except that applications should be submitted at least two months before the beginning of classes to allow for review by the Faculty Admissions Committee. In addition, scholarships are awarded on February 15th for the following academic year, so it is to an applicant's advantage to apply early for full consideration of scholarship. Files are reviewed after all materials are received and applicants are notified of a decision within two weeks.

## Financial Aid

All full time and part time degree-seeking applicants are eligible for LTSG scholarships. Any degree seeking applicant registered for 6 or more credits may also apply for Federal loans. Applicants must fill out an In-house Financial Aid Application found on the LTSG website under the Prospective Students tab. Applicants applying by the February 15th deadline will be considered for the best possible award; after the February deadline applicants will receive an award based on available scholarship funds and will be reconsidered for full award the following academic year.

## Housing

You may apply for housing before you send in your signed Acceptance of Admission form and $100 deposit. However, if we do not receive your deposit by May 30th, we reserve the right to offer your assigned housing to someone else, even if you signed and returned a lease. You may find a housing application and other housing information online under the Prospective Students tab.