



Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College, Inc.
115 West 5th Street (P. O. Box 1275)
Lakeland, Florida 33802-1275

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address: _____ APT# _____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Email Address: _____

Gender: M ☐ F ☐ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Age: ____ Social Security: (Last 4 Only) ____

Contact Information: _____
(Home) (Work) (Cell)

Race: (select one)

American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Other (Specify): _____

Marital Status: (select one)

Single ☐ Married ☐ Spouse's Name _____
Separated ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Contact #: _____

Local Church Membership:

Name: _____

Length of Membership: _____ Denomination: _____

Are you serving in any of the roles below: (select as applicable)

Pastor ☐ Ordained Minister ☐ Licensed Minister ☐ Layperson ☐

Ordaining Body: _____ Association: _____

Convention: _____ Union/Congress #: _____

Educational Background:

Diploma ☐ GED ☐ Post Secondary Schooling ☐

List all post-secondary institutions chronologically. Send official transcripts to FTSBC admissions.

Name	Location	Attended (m/yr)	Degree Awarded

Degree you are applying for: (Select One)

Certificate ☐ Associate of Arts ☐ Bachelor ☐ Master ☐ Doctor of Ministry ☐

Program you are applying for: (Select one)

Theology ☐ Biblical Exposition ☐ Biblical Studies ☐ Christian Education ☐ Adult Studies ☐

Expected date of Enrollment: (Select one) Fall ☐ Year _____ Spring ☐ Year _____

Application Checklist:

1. A completed application
2. Official transcript sent to the FTSBC admissions office
3. \$25.00 application fee
4. A recent photograph of yourself (portrait preferably)
5. A personal statement (*)
6. Christian character reference forms (**)

*On separate paper, please legibly write or type your personal statement describing how you became a Christian (max 200 words and give a brief testimony of your background (200 words max). Include in the statement your occupational and ministerial experience(s) and your reason(s) for pursuing study at Florida Theological Seminary.

**The applicant must submit a Christian Character Reference form from a personal reference and one from a church leader. (2 forms must be submitted)

Please direct the submission of all application material and further correspondence by mail or email to:

Director of Admissions
Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College, Inc.
115 West 5th Street (PO Box 1275)
Lakeland, Florida 33802-1275

Phone: 863.683.3879

Email: fltheologicalseminary@gmail.com

I hereby affirm that the above information is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature)

(Date)

Florida Theological Seminary

Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe the Scripture of the Old Testament and New Testament are verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are the supreme and final authority in faith and life. (Matt. 5:18; John 10:35; 2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:21)
2. We believe in on God, externally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 2:9; Acts 4:3-5)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man. (Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:18, 25; John 5:18; Luke 2:52)
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also that spiritual death which is separation from God. (Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:7; 3:6, 7; Rom. 5:12-21)
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ dies for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all that believe in Him are justified on the grounds of his shed blood. (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Tim. 2:6; Rom. 3:24, 25; 5:1; 1 John 2:2, 1 Pet. 2:24)
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and His present life for us, as High Priest and Advocate. (Matt. 28:7; John 21:13, 14; Acts 1:9; Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1)
7. We believe in "The Blessed Hope," the personal pre-millennial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51, 52; Titus 2:13; Rev. 20:4-6; 1 Thess. 1:10)
8. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost. (Dan. 12:2; John 5:29; Matt. 25:46; Like 16:19-31; Rev. 20:4-6, 11-15)
9. We value the worth and dignity of all persons as created in the image of God. We affirm the priesthood of all believers and the responsibility of every Christian woman and man to take an active role in edifying the Church. For that purpose, the Holy Spirit distributes ministry gifts to believers without distinction of any kind. That reality imposes the responsibility on every believer to fulfill ministry consistent with God's grace. (Gen. 1:27; Gal. 3:28; Rom. 12:5-6a; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Eph. 2:10; 2 Cor. 9:8)
10. We distinguish between ministry functions and church office. While upholding the necessity of mutual respect and affirmation as those subject to the Word of God, understanding that the biblical office of elder/pastor in the early church was gender specific. Therefore, it maintains that it is consistent with that understanding of Scripture that those church offices should be limited to the male gender. (Eph. 4:11; 1 Tim. 3:1-2; Titus 1:7-9)

Are you in agreement with the **Doctrinal Statement of FTSBC, Inc.**? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please explain: (use separate paper if necessary)

Florida Theological Seminary is an Equal Opportunity Institution open to any qualified individual without regard to race, religion, sex, age, color, national or ethnic origin, or disability. This non-discriminatory policy includes admission policies, and other school administered programs, except where required by specific religious tenets held by the Florida Theological Seminary.



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Christian Character Reference Form

Name of Applicant: _____

This questionnaire is being completed by whom:

personal reference ☐ church leader (non-relative) ☐

To the Character Reference

Your comments will be given serious attention and will be regarded as confidential. Please email a PDF of the completed form to the address above or mail a copy to:

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Please do not give the completed form to the applicant for submission.

1. How well do you know the applicant? For how long? _____
Slightly/Casually ☐ Fairly Well ☐ Quite Well ☐
2. To the best of your knowledge, has the applicant made a personal profession of faith in Jesus Christ? Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐
3. To what extent has the applicant participated in the activities of the church? (list)

4. In your estimation, does the applicant exert a good influence on his/her peers?
Yes ☐ No, explain ☐ _____
5. Are you aware of any personality traits which hinder the applicant from having productive relationships with others?
Yes, explain ☐ _____ No ☐
6. Please comment on any special circumstances, home conditions, health, etc., which might prove helpful in considering applicant's admission to the college/seminary? _____

7. Please indicate your recommendation of the applicant for admission to Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College, Inc.
Highly Recommend ☐ Recommend ☐ Recommend w/ Reservations ☐
Not Recommended/Why? ☐ _____

Reference Name/Signature _____ Date _____

Church/Position (If applicable) _____

(Address/City, State, Zip)

(Contact from 9a-4p EST)

I hereby affirm that the above information is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.
I have read the application, I understand it and I accept the rules of Florida Theological Seminary.

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(See also our Evangelical Doctrinal Statement - see Appendix A)

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11. Note: Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College, Inc., uses the King James Version of the Holy Bible when discussing scriptures. Our policies and practices are sanctioned by the law and by the Word of God. Our governance is congregational in law.