



REFERENCE FORM
THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH ALLIANCE

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_____ is applying for membership in the Evangelical Church Alliance as a Minister and has
(Please Print Applicant's Name Carefully)

given your name as a reference. We appreciate your prompt response to the following questions and we assure you that all information we receive will be treated confidentially. References are very important to the Credentials Committee in determining the qualifications and character of an applicant. Please complete the front and back of this questionnaire. Please do not alter the form in any way. Immediate family members are not acceptable as references and to qualify as a reference, you must have known the applicant for at least one year.

Please indicate: What type of reference do you consider yourself to be? Indicate one) Ministerial Personal Reference

This reference is submitted by: _____
(Please Print Your Name Carefully)

1. How long have you personally known the applicant? _____

2. Check the applicant's present marital status: Single Married Separated Widow/Widower

3. To your knowledge, has the applicant ever been divorced? _____ If so, do you believe the divorce was justified?

Do you believe that it was on biblical grounds? _____

4. Check applicant's completed level of formal education: High School College or University Bible College or Seminary

5. Check which best describes the applicant's time given to ministry: Full-time Part-time (Average Hours Weekly _____)

6. Check which best describes the applicant's ministry: Pastor Evangelist Missionary Chaplain

Counselor Professor Parachurch Minister Other _____

7. How long has the applicant been in ministry? _____

8. Is the applicant effective in this ministry? _____ How could he/she become more effective? _____

9. What is your relationship with the applicant? _____

10. Does the applicant have secular employment? If so, where? _____

11. Does the applicant work well with others? _____

12. How does the applicant deal with conflict? _____

13. Is the applicant living an exemplary Christian Life? _____

14. What are the strengths of the applicant? _____

15. What are the weaknesses of the applicant? _____

16. What are the applicant's spiritual gifts? _____

17. Cite some examples of the applicant's leadership and ministry experience. _____

18. State your opinion of how prepared the applicant is for ministry. _____

19. State your opinion of the applicant's soundness of doctrine. _____

20. If married, is the applicant's spouse in agreement with his or her call to the ministry? _____

21. Please list any habits or lifestyles that the applicant or his/her spouse may have which would adversely affect their ministry.

22. Do you believe the applicant is qualified for the ministry? _____

23. Does the applicant's ministry necessitate having ministerial credentials? _____

24. How do you believe the applicant will benefit from having ministerial credentials? _____

25. Is there an area that the applicant could benefit through further education? _____

26. Do you see this person as someone whom you would hire, have as your pastor or church staff member or like to work with as a colleague? _____

27. Do you believe the applicant's ministry is most suited to be Licensed or Ordained as a minister? (Please check one)
(The Evangelical Church Alliance requires a minister to be ordained in order to solemnize a marriage.)

Additional Comments: _____

Signature _____ Occupation _____

Date _____ Church Affiliation _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Upon your expedient completion of this form, please send it directly to the Evangelical Church Alliance by clicking "Submit by Email" at the top, or by printing the document and scanning it so that you may send it electronically or you may send it by mail.