



**ERSKINE**

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
*Serving Christ and His Church*

**ADMISSIONS APPLICATION**

**Semester/ Term** \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	MA in Practical Ministry (MAPM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diploma in Practical Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/>	MA in Theological Studies (MATS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diploma in Theological Studies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Master of Divinity (MDiv)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diploma in Divinity
<input type="checkbox"/>	MDiv in Chaplain Ministries	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Master of Theology (ThM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	David Livingston Graduate Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Doctor of Ministry (DMin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please check all that apply ...

Applicant Status (required)		Ethnic Group (optional)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	New student	<input type="checkbox"/>	African American
<input type="checkbox"/>	Returning student	<input type="checkbox"/>	American Indian
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transfer student	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian/Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boarding student (dormitory)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hispanic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commuting student	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-racial
<input type="checkbox"/>	Online student	<input type="checkbox"/>	White
<input type="checkbox"/>	Primarily in-Person student	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

**Demographics (optional)**

<b>Gender</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Marital Status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single	<input type="checkbox"/>	Married	<input type="checkbox"/>	Widowed

**Education**

College and/or Graduate School	Location	Dates of Attendance	Degree Earned

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 \*\*\* Your application is not complete and cannot be processed without your Social Security Number.  
 Please call the admissions office to provide that information.

## Church Relationships

Exact name of your denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your local congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your presbytery, conference, or association \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Loan History

Have you ever received a federal student loan? \_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_ No

Do you currently owe on a federal student loan? \_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_ No

Are you currently in default/delinquent on Title IV loans from Erskine or another institution? \_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_ No

**Statement of Faith and Biblical Distinctives** – Indicate your personal affirmation by placing your initials in front of each statement below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I affirm my personal adherence to the Erskine College and Theological Seminary Statement of Faith (see Appendix A).

\_\_\_\_\_ I affirm my personal adherence to the Erskine College and Theological Seminary Statement of Biblical Distinctives (see Appendix B).

Please also attach and/or request the following:

- 1. Christian Testimony** – In a separate document, briefly describe your testimony of faith in Jesus Christ and your current spiritual life. (Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.)
- 2. Personal Essay**
  - For MDiv, MAPM, and MATS applicants, write a brief essay stating why you would like to pursue seminary education. (No more than 500 words.)
  - For ThM and DMin applicants, write a brief essay explaining how the program will contribute to your competence in academic work, ministry, or service to the Church. (No more than 600 words.)
- 3. Letters of Recommendation** – List two people who know you well and can address your Christian character, commitment, potential for effective ministry (such as a pastor, mentor, or colleague in ministry), and aptitude for graduate/postgraduate level work (such as a former professor). (Please contact your references and request your recommendations to be emailed directly to the Seminary’s admissions office.)

Reference name	Address	Telephone	Email

## Certification Statement

By my signature, I hereby certify that the information listed above is factual and true. I further indicate my willingness to be a part of the Erskine College and Theological Seminary community, my personal adherence to the Erskine College and Theological Seminary’s Statement of Faith and Statement of Biblical Distinctives, and my willingness to conform to the standards of conduct as stipulated in the *Catalog* and *Student Handbook*.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX A**  
**Erskine College and Theological Seminary Statement of Faith**

Erskine College and Theological Seminary adheres to an evangelical understanding of Christianity and affirms that the Bible is God's inspired Word and that an individual can become a Christian only by accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Erskine College and Theological Seminary faculty, staff, administration, and trustees affirm that:

1. The Bible alone, being God-breathed, is the Word of God Written, infallible in all that it teaches, and inerrant in the original manuscripts.
2. That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His Virgin Birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through the shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. That for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; that they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. In the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**APPENDIX B**  
**Erskine College and Theological Seminary Statement of Biblical Distinctives**

**Marriage and Human Sexuality**

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen. 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, cohabitation, homosexual behavior, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Erskine.

**Biological Sex**

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female, and that these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Willful rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

**Sanctity of Life**

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His Image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value human life (Ps. 139).