



Phillips Theological Seminary

REFERENCE FROM DENOMINATIONAL OFFICIAL

To be completed by applicant and given to individual reference:

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Email: _____ Phone: _____

DEGREE SOUGHT: ☐ M.Div. ☐ M.T.S. ☐ M.A.M.C.

I agree that the recommendation I am requesting shall be held in confidence by the officials of Phillips Theological Seminary, and I hereby waive any rights I may have to examine it.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: If this waiver is not signed by the applicant, s/he has the right to inspect this recommendation.

This applicant has given your name as one who can provide the following information as to his/her standing in the church or community to which s/he belongs:

Is the applicant a member in good standing of his/her church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the applicant been recognized in any way by his/her church as a minister or candidate for the ministry, or with standing, or as a candidate for standing in another category of service to the church? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Please explain below.)

Does your church have knowledge of this applicant and his/her character and capacity for education for the ministry of the church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

The faculty of Phillips Theological Seminary would appreciate your candid evaluation of the above named applicant's academic abilities and personal qualities. We are particularly interested in your comments regarding his/her promise for ministry and capacity to engage in and benefit from graduate theological education. (Please type or print this information; attach additional sheets if needed.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Please return to: PTS Office of Admissions 901 North Mingo Road Tulsa, OK 74116-5612
Phone: 918-610-8303 Fax: 918-610-8404

Information about inquiring student admission (For Master of Divinity Degree Program)

The **Inquiring Student admission category** is designed especially for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, United Methodist or Evangelical Lutheran Church of America prospective students who believe they may want to prepare for ordained ministry but would like more information and seminary experience before entering into the formal denominational channels for ministerial preparation.

Inquiring Students follow regular admissions procedures for the Master of Divinity program, with the exception of the denominational reference form. Prospective Inquiring Students may ask their pastor to complete this form. Inquiring Student admission is effective for one year. Financial aid will be granted to Inquiring Students for this period, utilizing the same categories as are used for degree-seeking students.

During the year of inquiry, the student is expected to meet with the Phillips Theological Seminary denominational formation director of his/her denomination and with the appropriate judicatory representative. If the student begins seminary in the fall, s/he must provide a denominational reference from the appropriate judicatory representative by April 1 of the following year. If the student begins seminary in the spring, the denominational reference must be provided by November 1. The denominational reference should be mailed to the Department of Admissions. At that time, the student will be considered for full acceptance into the Master of Divinity degree program.

Although admission as an Inquiring Student does not guarantee acceptance into the Master of Divinity program at Phillips Theological Seminary or into the candidacy program of a particular denomination, this admission category should meet a need for those students who would like a sample of theological education and more experience with judicatory procedures before making the formal decision to prepare for ordained ministry.

If, at the end of the year of inquiry, the student is unable to provide a recommendation from a denominational official, s/he may apply for admission to the Master of Arts in Ministry and Culture or Master of Theological Studies program. Admission to these degree programs requires a reference from a pastor, but not from a district or regional denominational official.