

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

How do I apply to Criswell College?

Check off each objective as it is completed.

- Send in a \$35.00 application fee* made payable to Criswell College.
- Complete the Application for Admission.
- Complete your personal essay.
- Give the two Recommendations to a pastor, supervisor, or mentor to be completed and then mailed to Criswell.
- Have your church complete the enclosed Church Endorsement and send it to Criswell.
- Have your high school or college transcripts sent to Criswell College.**
- Take the SAT, ACT, or GRE and mark Criswell College as the recipient of your score.***

* The application fee must be received in order to process your application.

** High school transcripts are only needed if you have under 15 hours of transferable college credit.

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Please complete every section of the application in its entirety.

Personal Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle Preferred Name

Address: _____
Street Name and Number Apt. #

City State Postal Code Phone: _____
Primary Secondary

Email: _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth: _____
Month Day Year

Are you an American citizen? Yes No

Birthplace: _____
City State Postal Code Country

Are you a veteran? Yes No

Are you disabled? Yes No

Are you an international student? Yes No

If 'yes', please see "International Student Addendum."

Ethnic Group:

- Black, Non-Hispanic
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- White, Non-Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Other _____

Gender:

- Male
- Female

Marital Status: (check all that apply)

- Single
- Married _____/_____/____
- Separated
- Divorced
- Remarried
- Widow(er)

Family Information

Please list primary parent's information if applicable.

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

City State Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Purpose for Applying

Vocational goal: (Indicate order of preference – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastorate | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelist | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Civilian Chaplaincy | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Journalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Chaplaincy | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North American Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Denominational Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus/Collegiate Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching (higher education) | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Women’s Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Church Information

Where are you a church member?

Name of Church	Mailing Address	City	State	Postal Code
Phone Number	Senior Pastor’s Name		Date of Membership	

What is your denominational affiliation? (If Baptist, please be specific): _____

Personal Questionnaire

If you answer ‘yes’ to any of the following questions, please attach a letter – typed and double-spaced – in order to explain the situation. Marking ‘yes’ does not necessarily disqualify you from admission.

	yes	no
Do you have any physical, mental, or emotional disabilities that may require special assistance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any learning disabilities or mental/physical conditions that may affect your academic work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been dismissed, placed on academic or disciplinary probation, or asked to withdraw by any educational institution?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of any felony or been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the Armed Services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been dismissed, terminated, or fired from any place of employment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever used illegal drugs or abused alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been under the care of a psychologist, mental health counselor, or psychiatrist?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever declared bankruptcy or incurred any legal action against you associated with your finances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have existing debts aside from house or car loans?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is it a problem for you to pay off the balance of your credit cards on a regular basis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you incur debt by attending Criswell College?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever appeared on a sex offender registry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you or your spouse ever been divorced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been involved in any form of sexual misconduct?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your spouse/family have any reservations concerning your desire to attend seminary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are married, please rate, in your opinion, the health of your marriage (1= low, 10 = high).		

Educational Planning

Applying as: Undergraduate Graduate Non-degree Audit Sit-in Student

Have you previously applied to Criswell? Yes No

If yes, did you enroll? Yes No

If yes, when did you last attend? _____

What semester do you plan to enter? Fall 20____ Spring 20____ January 20____ Summer 20____

Full-time or part-time? Full-time Part-time

Program Selection

Check your program of interest.

UNDERGRADUATE

- Undecided
- Non-Degree
- Diploma (High School)
- Associate of Arts
- Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies
 - Select one or two minors.*
 - Counseling Ministry Minor
 - Education Ministry Minor
 - Evangelism & Missions Minor
 - Greek Minor
 - Hebrew Minor
 - Humanities Minor
 - Jewish Ministry Minor
 - Pastoral Ministry Minor
 - Philosophy Minor
 - Preaching Minor
 - Student Ministry Minor
 - Women's Ministry Minor

GRADUATE

- Undecided
- Non-Degree
- Master of Divinity
- Master of Divinity/Advanced
- Master of Arts
 - Christian Leadership
- Counseling
 - Licensure Track
 - Non-Licensure Track
- Jewish Studies
- Ministry
- Theological & Biblical Studies
 - Biblical Studies Track
 - Philosophical Track
 - Systematic/Historical Track
 - Interdisciplinary Track

Educational Background

HIGH SCHOOL

High School	City	State	Year Graduated
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If you did not graduate from high school, do you have a GED? Yes No

Have you taken the SAT or ACT? * Yes No

If yes:

SAT Verbal _____ SAT Math _____ ACT Composite _____

COLLEGE: List all schools attended in chronological order, beginning with the most recent.

College/Institution	City	State	Degree Conferred?	Degree Type
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Have you taken the GRE? ** Yes No

If yes:

GRE Verbal _____ GRE Quantitative _____ GRE Analytical _____

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How did you hear about us?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Visit | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Advertisement: (circle) website • radio • brochure • other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor/Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Current Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preview Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Representative Who?: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Please list the name and relationship of any family members who have attended Criswell College:

I certify that I have given full and complete information on this application to Criswell College and that I have listed all schools and/or colleges that I have attended.

Furthermore, I acknowledge that I am requesting consideration for admission to a Christian college committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and that if admitted, I pledge to conduct myself in accordance with the standards outlined in the school catalog and student handbook.

Signed Name: _____

Date: _____

Criswell College complies with all applicable federal and state non-discrimination laws and does not engage in prohibited discrimination on the basis of race, color, nationality, ethnic origin, gender, age, or handicap.

Instructions for Writing Your Personal Essay

Prepare an essay and return it to the Office of Enrollment Services.

The essay should adhere to the following format:

1. Typed, double-spaced
2. 12 pt., Times New Roman font
3. No longer than 4 pages
4. Include your name and contact information on the front page.

The essay should discuss the following:

1. How and when did you come to know Christ?
2. How would you describe your personal relationship with God at this present time?
3. Describe your current struggles in your walk with Christ.
4. Explain your calling to the ministry (when, how, etc.).
5. Describe your ministry interests.
6. How do you think Criswell College can enable you to reach the dreams and goals God has given you?

Please complete every section of the recommendation in its entirety.

To Be Filled Out by the Applicant

Name: _____
Last First Middle Preferred Name

Address: _____
Street Name and Number Apt. #

Phone: _____
City State Zip Code Primary Secondary

Email: _____

I willingly waive my right of access to see this recommendation. I expect that the observations made shall remain confidential between Criswell College and the person making the recommendation.

Signed Name: _____ Date: _____

To Be Filled Out by the Person Making the Recommendation

The person named above has applied for admission to Criswell College. We highly value your comments and ask that you give a full and candid report so that fair consideration may be given to the applicant. Upon completion of this form, please return to the Office of Enrollment Services. Thank you for your assistance.

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Position/Organization: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____
Street Name and Number

City State Zip Code

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please describe your relationship to the applicant: Minister Supervisor Mentor Other _____

Character and Integrity

Please rate the prospective student in the following areas by placing a check mark in the box that best describes him/her. Please do not answer in areas that you have not been able to observe.

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|---|---|
| <p>1. Physical Health</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very unhealthy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat unhealthy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fairly healthy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very healthy</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Slow to sense others' feelings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reasonably responsive</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Understanding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deals exceptionally well with the hurting and needy</p> |
| <p>2. Social Skills</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Threatening</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unfriendly</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fairly friendly</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Well-liked</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sought after</p> | <p>8. Emotional Stability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yields to temptation frequently</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Worried; anxious</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Easily frustrated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Depressed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Self-controlled</p> |
| <p>3. Intelligence</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Learns slowly</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Average mental ability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Above average mental ability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brilliant</p> | <p>9. Teachability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Argumentative</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Highly opinionated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Open-minded</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Willing to receive instruction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eager to learn</p> |
| <p>4. Achievement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does just enough to get by</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Starts but does not finish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Average worker</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Resourceful and effective</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Superior worker</p> | <p>10. Perseverance and Determination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gives up easily</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Needs constant encouragement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Persists in most situations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Persists in adversity</p> |
| <p>5. Leadership Ability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not a leader</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tries to lead</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Has potential</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good leader</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Great leader</p> | <p>11. Self-Image</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insecure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Inferiority Complex</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Boastful</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Self-confident</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Modest</p> |
| <p>6. Teamwork</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Causes division</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Isolates himself/herself</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat cooperative</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Works well with others</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Feels most comfortable working with others</p> | <p>12. Money</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Has many debts</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financially unstable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Careless</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Impulse buyer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Careful</p> |
| <p>7. Response to the Hurting and Needy</p> | |

Listed below are some tendencies that affect a student's studies at Criswell College. Place a check mark by any of the following that you have seen in the applicant:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impatient | <input type="checkbox"/> Quick-tempered | <input type="checkbox"/> Depressed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intolerant | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot take a joke | <input type="checkbox"/> Rigid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrogant | <input type="checkbox"/> Divisive | <input type="checkbox"/> Irritable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easily embarrassed | <input type="checkbox"/> Discouraged | <input type="checkbox"/> Nervous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impersonal | <input type="checkbox"/> Worried or anxious | <input type="checkbox"/> Given to inappropriate relationships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tense | <input type="checkbox"/> Prejudiced | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unteachable | <input type="checkbox"/> Domineering | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Critical of others | <input type="checkbox"/> Rude | |

Do you know if the applicant has any physical, mental, or emotional problems that might hinder effective work in Christian ministry and academic progress? Yes No

If so, please elaborate: _____

Do you know of any personal habits (i.e. sexual behavior, drug use, or personal prejudices) which might hamper service in a church related position? Yes No

If so, please elaborate: _____

How do you perceive the attitude of the applicant's spouse/fiancée toward a Bible college education and vocational ministry?

- Very positive
- Positive, with reservations
- Neutral or indifferent
- Negative
- Not applicable

Explain: _____

What are the greatest strengths of the applicant? _____

What are the greatest weaknesses of the applicant? _____

Would you recommend this applicant for admission to Criswell College?

- With confidence
- Yes, but with reservations
- Not at this time

If you would like, you may attach another sheet of paper (typed and double-spaced) commenting with any insights or concerns regarding the sections above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete every section of the recommendation in its entirety.

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CHURCH ENDORSEMENT

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Address: _____
Street Name and Number Apt. #

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone: _____
Primary Secondary

Email: _____

To Be Filled Out by Church Providing Endorsement

The person named above has applied for admission to Criswell College. We value our students' church involvement as a factor of both admissibility and ongoing enrollment. Therefore, we ask that you help us by completing and returning this form to the Office of Enrollment Services. Thank you for your assistance.

“We affirm that the applicant is a member of this church, in good standing, and demonstrates the appropriate character, ability, and knowledge as necessary for admission to Criswell College.”

Name of Church: _____

Address: _____
Street Name and Number

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Denominational Affiliation: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Church Clerk's Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____



OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

Please complete the form below and fax or mail to your **high school** (entering freshmen) and **all colleges you have attended**. Do not send this request to Criswell College.

Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of copies: _____ Dates Attended: _____

Term/Year Graduated: _____

"I hereby request and authorize _____ to release my transcript to the institution below:

Registrar

Release/Mail to:

CRISWELL COLLEGE
OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES
4010 GASTON AVENUE
DALLAS, TX 75246-1537

Student Signature: _____

Date of Request: _____