

The Episcopal Church
In the Diocese of
Northwest Texas

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BACAM APPLICATION for
_____**Priesthood (Seminary Track)**
_____**Priesthood (Reading for Orders)**
_____**Priesthood (Local Formation)**
(Local formation -- informational only, BACAM attendance not required)
_____**Diaconate**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY USING BLACK INK

I. PERSONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____
First Middle/Maiden Last

Occupation: _____

Home Address: _____

Work Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Birth date: _____ Birthplace: _____

Spouse: Name: _____ Age: _____

Education: _____ Occupation: _____

Children: Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

B. FAMILY HISTORY

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

If parents are deceased, give aspirant's age at the time of death:

Mother _____ Father _____

If parents are divorced, give aspirant's age at the time of divorce: _____

If either parents has remarried, give aspirants age at the time of remarriage:

Mother _____ Father _____

Siblings:	Age	Sex	Age	Sex
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____

C. EDUCATION

Date of High School Graduation and Location: _____

Colleges and Universities:

Name of Institution	Dates Attended	Degrees	Grade point	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

D. RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

Date of Baptism: _____ Officiant: _____
Place: _____
Date of Confirmation: _____ Officiant: _____
Place: _____
Date of first Holy Communion: _____ Place: _____

E. Have you ever applied for admission as a Postulant for Holy Orders from this or any other diocese? _____ If yes, when and in what diocese? _____
_____ Have you sought ordination in any other denomination? _____ If yes, please give the circumstances in a statement. (attach separate sheet if necessary)

II. PRELIMINARY DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

A. AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY

Write an essay of at least 750 words (three double-spaced typed pages) including the items blow:

1. Childhood development/parents/siblings
2. Significant moments/crisis/etc.
3. Nature of marital relationship or relationship with opposite sex if unmarried
4. Family moves
5. Social History
6. Honors/Awards
7. Community involvement
8. A failure you have had and how you understand it
9. Accomplishments/successes and what they mean to you

B. WORK HISTORY

Write an essay of at least 250 words (one page double-spaced typed)

1. Jobs held including time frames and reasons for termination
2. Level of job, including experience in management, work force etc.
3. Any “red flags” or difficulties associated with employment history

C. RELIGIOUS?SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Write at least 500 words (two double-spaced typed pages)

1. Spouse's and children's attitude toward your intentions to seek Holy Orders
2. Your relationship with the church
3. Significant events, programs, retreats, cursillos, service in the church etc.
4. Significant influences including individuals
5. What is your understanding of lay and ordained ministry and why do you want to move from lay to an ordained ministry?
6. How did your decision to seek Holy Orders evolve?
7. What strengths and abilities do you bring to an ordained ministry?

D. MEDICAL HISTORY

(Briefly list and explain if necessary)

1. Illnesses and surgeries, etc.
2. Any emotional difficulties resulting in therapy, testing, etc.
3. Medical data on current family members including any chronic problems requiring medical assistance
4. Any personal or family history of mental illness, alcohol or drug abuse

E. COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TRANSCRIPTS

1. Aspirants for priesthood must submit transcripts of college or university work.