



THE NORTH AMERICAN REFORMED SEMINARY

STUDENT APPLICATION

Use current [Acrobat Reader](#) (free download) to complete application, then save and send to: info@tnars.net. You may also print, scan and email, or print and mail the completed application to: *The North American Reformed Seminary, PO Box 3435, Sumter, SC 29151.*

DATE: ____ / ____ / ____ (MM/DD/YY)

Program admission qualifications: To apply to the ATS program, you must possess a high school diploma or GED. To apply to the BTS program, you must hold an associate degree or equivalent. To apply to the B.Div. program, you must be over 30 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED. To apply to the MTS or M.Div. programs, you must hold a bachelor level degree or equivalent. In order to apply to the D.Min. program, you must possess an M.Div. degree with 3 years of pastoral experience subsequent to conferring of M.Div. degree. To apply to the Th.D. program, you must possess a Master's level degree in a related discipline of theological study consisting of a minimum of 60 academic credit hours with at least 12 credit hours of Biblical language courses (if languages were not included in applicant's master's program, applicant will need to complete BS500/BS501 as part of the doctoral program). The B.Div. program, M.Div. program, and all doctoral programs are restricted to male applicants.

Transcripts: The ATS and B.Div. programs require submission of a copy of your high school diploma or GED. The BTS, MTS, M.Div., and all Doctoral programs require submission of OFFICIAL undergraduate and graduate transcripts which must be sent directly to TNARS by postal mail or eScrip-Safe from the sending institution. Your application cannot be fully processed until these documents are received.

Chosen academic program: _____

Name: First _____ M.I. _____ Last _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Age: ____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Country: _____ Zip Code/Country Code: _____



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Country of Citizenship: _____

Marital Status: ___ single ___ married ___ divorced ___ remarried

Gender: _____ male _____ female

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:

I affirm that I am a native English speaker - **Initial:** _____

I affirm that I am NOT a native English speaker but speak English as a secondary language and will submit my EFSET Certificate Plus score (IELTS and TOEFL scores are also accepted - **school code for TOEFL is B330**). I affirm that I did not receive any help or assistance in completing my assessment test -

Initial: _____

CHURCH INFORMATION:

Name of church where you are a member: _____

Denominational affiliation: _____

Church address _____

Pastor's name: _____

Pastor's email address: _____

Pastor's phone number: _____

TNARS requires all students to be communing members in good standing in a local church (or members of presbytery without censure). There are NO exceptions to this policy. Those not yet a member of a local church (or presbytery) will need to postpone their application. TNARS believes the local church to be God's instrument for the discipleship and progressive sanctification of His people. Our programs are designed to be completed within the context of the local church. Applications will not be considered until an applicant's home church situation is settled such that a letter of recommendation from a local church officer can be provided without issue.

I have read the above policy and affirm that I am a communing member in good standing of the following church or presbytery: _____

Signature: _____



Out of respect for the seminary, your mentor, and other academic institutions, the seminary does not permit students to enroll in other academic programs at other academic institutions or seminaries while enrolled as a student at TNARS. Our degree programs require determined effort and focus, and the administration has found that dual enrollment often results in the neglect of our free program. TNARS students must first withdraw from the seminary before enrolling in other academic pursuits. Violation of this dual enrollment policy may result in expulsion from the seminary. Applicants required or compensated by their employer to pursue continuing education are exempt from this policy in so far as their enrollment relates directly to their employment status.

I have read and agree to comply with the seminary's dual enrollment policy. I affirm that I am not currently enrolled at another academic institution/seminary and will withdraw from the seminary should I pursue another academic/seminary program:

Signature: _____

TNARS Student Statement of Faith:

TNARS does not require students to affirm the Westminster Standards (the seminary's official statement of faith). However, all students are required to affirm the following basic statement of faith:

- **I believe** the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God's truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.
- **I believe** in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- **I believe** that all are sinners and that we can do nothing to save ourselves, but must rely on God's mercy.
- **I believe** that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who trust in Him alone for salvation.
- **I believe** that God is gracious and faithful to His people.
- **I believe** that the Holy Spirit indwells God's people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.
- **I believe** that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly, to judge all mankind and to receive His people to Himself.
- **I believe** that those who are Christ's enter into Heaven and its eternal joys upon death.
- **I believe** that those who are not Christ's enter into Hell and its eternal punishments upon death.
- **I believe** that all aspects of a Christian's life is to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- **I believe** that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two sacraments/ordinances that the Church is required to administer.
- **I believe** that the offices of Elder and Deacon are the two offices that have continued in the Church, while other offices such as Apostle and Prophet have ceased.



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Do you agree with the Basic Statement of Faith above? _____ **Initial:** _____

If you answered "No" above, please explain below:

In the space below please briefly share your personal salvation testimony:

In the space below, please share the reasons you desire to attend The North American Reformed Seminary (TNARS).



Mentor Candidate Information:

All TNARS students are required to provide their own mentor who must be presented and approved by the seminary administration as part of the application process. Mentor applicants must meet the following qualifications in order to be considered for approval by the seminary administration: **(1)**. Full subscription to the **Westminster Confession of Faith** (only minor exceptions to the Confession will be considered; mentor applicants who can at least subscribe to the **London Baptist Confession of 1689** or the **Savoy Declaration of Faith and Order 1658** will be considered on the condition that the mentor applicant is willing to sign an affirmation stating their exceptions to the WCF and affirming that as a mentor of this seminary the teaching of the WCF will be respectfully and faithfully represented, allowing the student to make his own determination regarding the doctrine(s) in question), **(2)**. Master's degree in a theological discipline to mentor ATS students; M.Div., Th.M., or Doctoral degree in a theological discipline if mentoring BTS, B.Div., MTS, or M.Div. students; Doctoral degree in a theological discipline if mentoring doctoral students. The mentor does not have to reside in a location near you as long as you can maintain regular phone and email contact.

Mentor Candidate Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

I affirm that my mentor candidate meets the qualifications stated above and is willing to serve as my mentor:

Signature: _____

The seminary will send a mentor application form and instructions regarding required documentation to the mentor candidate using the email address provided above. Your application will not be processed until the mentor candidate submits all required documentation.



Student Agreement to Maintain Monthly Mentor Contact:

Students are required to contact their mentor each month via email or phone to report on progress, even if no progress is made during that particular month.

Students who miss three consecutive monthly contacts will be dismissed from enrollment at TNARS. Should a mentor become incapable of fulfilling his mentoring responsibilities or request to be dismissed from these responsibilities, the student must immediately postpone study and present a new mentor candidate for approval. Studies may resume after the new mentor candidate is approved.

I, the student applicant, have read and agree to comply with the above mentor policies:

Signature: _____

Student Agreement to allow mentor access to student records:

Since your mentor will function as an agent of the seminary, **TNARS will share and discuss your student record and academic information with your mentor**, including the information provided on this application form.

I, the student applicant, grant the seminary administration/officers the right to share my student records with my mentor:

Signature: _____

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a violation of the Ninth Commandment and will result in immediate expulsion from the seminary. As a student, you affirm you will not engage in any act or form of plagiarism while enrolled at TNARS:

Signature: _____

Student Confidentiality Agreement:

Undergraduate and graduate students will complete a comprehensive final examination after the completion of their degree program. As a student, you agree not to disclose or discuss any of its content with others:

Signature: _____



Have you previously been enrolled at TNARS? (give dates and degree program)

STUDENT APPLICATION SUBMISSION AFFIRMATION:

I, the student applicant, affirm that the information supplied on this application form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and agree that if I am accepted to enter a program of study with the seminary that I will abide by all seminary policies and procedures while enrolled.

Signature: _____

Final Instructions:

1. Download [Acrobat Reader](#) (free) to complete **application form**, then save and send to: info@tnars.net. You may also print, scan and email, or print and mail the completed application to: The North American Reformed Seminary, P.O. Box 3435, Sumter, SC 29151.
2. Arrange to have a **Letter of Recommendation** from your pastor or church officer sent directly to [TNARS](#) via email or postal mail. The letter should appear on official church letterhead and provide contact information. **Note to pastors seeking admission:** Pastors should seek a Letter of Recommendation from within their church's leadership team, elders, deacons, area missionary, etc. Church planters should seek recommendations from within the team of the sending church's officers. The Letter of Recommendation can be scanned and sent via email to info@tnars.net or delivered by postal mail. The Letter of Recommendation is a mandatory document and the application process cannot be completed until received.
3. Have your **OFFICIAL undergraduate and graduate transcripts** sent directly from the sending institution to [TNARS](#) via postal mail or eSCRIP-SAFE. Scanned copies of transcripts are NOT accepted.
4. If applicable, arrange to have your **EFSET, IELTS, or TOEFL scores** sent to TNARS (school code for TOEFL is B330)
5. Submit a government-issued **photo ID** with application.
6. D.Min. applicants should submit a **curriculum vitae** or **resume**.
7. Check with your mentor candidate to ensure receipt of mentor application form.
8. Do not begin any coursework until you have received an official acceptance email and student ID number. Work completed before acceptance will not be honored.

Please allow a minimum of 8 weeks for receipt of application documents and complete evaluation of your application.