

Faith Calls: Theological Programs for Young People
A program of Southern Methodist University – Perkins School of Theology

STUDENT APPLICATION (YOUTH)						
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY						
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CHURCH INFORMATION						
Name & Address:						
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City:						
Church Phone:	Church Email:					
Senior Pastor:	r Pastor:		Email:			
Youth Pastor/ Director:		Email:				
Senior Pastor Phone:		Youth Pastor Phone:				

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# **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

What activities are you involved in at your church, youth group, school, work and community?						
VOCATION/CAREER INTERESTS						
Tell us about your current vocation or career interests (check all that interest you):						
Arts and Humanities	Law and Public Safety		Business and Management			
Religion and Ministry	Communications		Mathematics and Science			
Education and Training	Engineering and Technology		Health Services			
Government and Service	Manufacturing ar	Manufacturing and Production				
Other	Other*list your other choice					
CHURCH INTERESTS						
What areas of ministry within the church interest you? (Check all that apply):						
Choir/Praise Team	Music/Instrumental	Lay Leadership	Technical Media			
Nursery/Children	Sports/Recreation	Preaching	Student Ministry			
Hospitality	Creative Arts/drama	Evangelism	Education/Teaching			
Older Adult	Women	Men	Missions (domestic)			
Poor/Homeless	Counseling	Communication	Missions (international)			
Building maintenance	Social Action	Family	Photography/graphic arts			
Short-term missions	Communion	Usher	Library/Records			
Deacons/Elders						
Other		*list your choice				

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#### PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Two 200-word essays are required. Type each essay in Microsoft Word, using Times New Roman, 12pt font, double-spaced. Hand written submissions will not be accepted. Please respond to Q1 for your first essay and then choose either Q2 OR Q3 for your second essay. Put your name at the top of each page. Attach a photo and both essays to your application.

- **Q1** Why are you interested in this program? What gifts do you bring to the program? Describe yourself from the inside out; what do you consider to be important about yourself (convictions, qualities, spiritual or religious feelings)? Tell us about your journey of faith. How has your faith shaped who you are today? How have your experiences or thoughts about God and the church shaped your commitment or understanding of the Christian faith? What kinds of questions about God, God's activity in the world or faith would you like to explore in the program?
- **Q2** What have you done in the past year that you really care about and why is it important to you? What one societal issue affecting young people (e.g. homelessness, education, jobs, violence, criminal justice system, mental health, body image, etc.) are you most concerned about and why? Think into the future, in what ways do you see yourself contributing to the church and your community?
- **Q3** Describe an encounter you had with a book, movie, sermon, school lecture or event that prompted you to think about your faith and life. Describe a time when you were outside your comfort zone, trying something new, encountering a new group of people or religious experience, etc. How did you respond at the time? What do you think about it now?

### **RECOMMENDATION LETTERS**

Attached is a recommendation form that you should provide to two different people to submit on your behalf. List the names and contact information of your recommenders in the space below. One of your recommenders must be clergy or a church leader and the other recommender should be an adult in your life who is not related to you. Recommendation letters/forms should be sent separately to the program office by the person submitting the recommendation. Each letter/form should be sealed in an envelope and signed on the seal by the recommender.

Name of Recommender:		-
Phone:	Email:	-
Name of Recommender:		-
Phone:	Email:	-

## ADDRESS FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Completed application forms, essays and parental consent/release of liability should be mailed to the Faith Calls program office using the address and/or email address below. **Application deadline is Jan 1**. Original paperwork requiring signatures <u>must</u> be mailed to the program office. Completed scanned Microsoft Word document or PDF attachments of the application forms may be submitted <u>BEFORE</u> the deadline to <u>tburton@smu.edu</u>.

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If you have questions about the application process contact program staff at 214-768-1333 or 214-768-1481.