



***Faith Calls: Theological Programs for Young People***  
Summer Academy Application

**STUDENT APPLICATION (YOUTH)**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY**

Name:		Ethnicity/Culture:
Date of Birth:	Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:
Gender:	Email:	
	Facebook/Twitter ID:	
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Grade/Classification:	High School/College or University:	

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Parent/Guardian Name (s):		
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:	Work Phone:

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

Name & Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Church Phone:	Church Email:	
Senior Pastor:	Email:	
Youth Pastor/ Director:	Email:	
Senior Pastor Phone:	Youth Pastor Phone:	



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**PERSONAL REFLECTIONS**

**What activities are you involved in at your church, youth group, school, work and community?**

Blank space for personal reflections.

**VOCATION/CAREER INTERESTS**

**Tell us about your current vocation or career interests (check all that interest you):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Humanities                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Law and Public Safety        | <input type="checkbox"/> Business and Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion and Ministry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications               | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics and Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Training              | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering and Technology   | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government and Service              | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing and Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ *list your other choice |   |  |

**CHURCH INTERESTS**

**What areas of ministry within the church interest you? (Check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/Praise Team             | <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Instrumental  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Media          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery/Children              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Recreation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Preaching      | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Ministry         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Arts/drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Teaching       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Older Adult                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Women               | <input type="checkbox"/> Men            | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions (domestic)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor/Homeless                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling          | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication  | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions (international) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building maintenance          | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Action       | <input type="checkbox"/> Family         | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography/graphic arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term missions           | <input type="checkbox"/> Communion           | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher          | <input type="checkbox"/> Library/Records          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deacons/Elders                |  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ *list your choice |  |   |   |



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**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. Put your name at the top of each page. Attach a photo and both essays to your application.**

- **Write an essay response for Q1.**
- **Then choose either Q2 OR Q3 for your second essay.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Feb. 1.** Original paperwork requiring signatures must be mailed to the program office. Completed scanned Microsoft Word document or PDF attachments of the application forms may be submitted BEFORE the deadline to [tburton@smu.edu](mailto:tburton@smu.edu).

**Southern Methodist University  
Perkins School of Theology  
ATTN: Faith Calls  
P.O. Box 750133  
Dallas, TX 75275-0133**

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