

Application for Admission

Please read the following thoroughly before completing your application.

A successful application to the Wellspring School of Leadership demonstrates an applicant's firm Christian commitment and strong potential for leadership. We understand that each leader is forged in an extraordinary fashion and each applicant has been prepared for leadership through differing experiences. Each application to WSL, therefore, is unique. In addition to the credentials listed below, please submit any additional materials that you believe demonstrate your preparation for leadership. These may include, but are certainly not limited to, a résumé of work or volunteer experience, academic transcripts, descriptions of special projects you have completed, etc. As the applicant, you have the liberty, in essence, to create your own application.

Required Credentials

Each applicant **must** submit each of the following: pastoral recommendation, professional recommendation, Christian faith essay, leadership essay, \$35 non-refundable application fee. An interview with the Wellspring School of Leadership is also required.

Levels of Study

Certificate Status

These students are enrolled in the full course of study at the Wellspring School of Leadership. They are paired with a personal mentor for the duration of the program and receive a certificate upon successful completion of all required courses. Certificate students may receive a discount on the cost of tuition.

Special Student Status

These students are enrolled for individual courses for credit at the Wellspring School of Leadership, up to three (3) courses. They may submit an additional application to join the certificate program at any time. Any courses successfully completed as a special student will be applied toward the certificate. Each course is taken at full price.

Auditor Status

These students are permitted to observe individual courses. **They will not receive credit for those courses.** The cost for auditing a course is half price.

Deadlines

In order to be considered for the Fall semester, applications must be received by August 15. Applications submitted by June 15 will have the application fee waived.

All credentials are required for consideration for admission under certificate status, special student status, or auditor status.

The Wellspring School of Leadership reserves the right to require additional application materials should they prove necessary for making sound judgment regarding admission. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit all materials upon request.

The Wellspring School of Leadership does not make admissions decisions on the basis of age, sex, race, ethnicity, or nationality.

Covenant of Conduct

It is our conviction at the Wellspring School of Leadership that a life ordered according to biblical standards and modeled after the life of Christ is a life that breeds still more life. Therefore, we believe those best positioned for positive leadership are those firmly committed to a Christ-like life. They usher themselves and others into greater expressions of abundant life, the life of the Kingdom of God. Conversely, all attitudes and actions contrary to the will of God yield death and destruction of the self and the community. On the basis of these convictions, the Wellspring School of Leadership maintains the following principles. It is our expectation that all members of the Wellspring School of Leadership—administrators, instructors, mentors, and students—hold these guidelines.

- Jesus Christ is the Lord of the Wellspring School of Leadership. We desire to live under His lordship. All other authority in the school derives from the submission to the Lord's authority. —*Matthew 28:18-20; Colossians 1:15-18; Ephesians 1:20-23; Revelation 1:9-3:22.*
- We believe the Bible is the Word of God in whole and in part. It is our inspired rule of faith and practice. We are to be guided by its direct teachings and principles. —*2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21; John 20:30.*
- We encourage every believer to participate in ministry and pursue leadership. Measurements for leadership development and advancement include growth in godly and moral character and healthy relationships, not primarily gifts or talents. —*Galatians 5:22-23.*
- The model of leadership in the Bible is of a humble servant. The Lord Jesus is our perfect model of the humility and sacrificial service. —*John 13:1-7; Mark 9:33-37; 10:35-45; Philippians 2:5-11; Revelation 4:9-10.*
- We affirm the Lord's desire and ability to reveal His will for this school and to guide us in its accomplishment. Prayer, the Scriptures, and the gifts of the Spirit are all means through which the Lord speaks to us. Through these means we will seek the Lord's one voice to attain unanimity for all major decisions. —*Ephesians 1:16-18; Acts 13:1-2; 16:6-10.*
- We believe in the primary role of intercessory prayer for the advancement of God's Kingdom purposes in individuals, the church, our community, and the world. We seek to model such prayer privately and corporately at every appropriate opportunity. —*Matthew 6:9-10; Colossians 4:1-4; Ephesians 6:18-20; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Luke 11:1-13; 18:1-8.*
- We affirm all the gifts of the Spirit and encourage their proper use according to the teachings and principles of Scripture. We believe the scriptural pattern charges leadership with the stewardship and wise administration of the gifts toward their intended purpose of building up the body of Christ in unity, maturity, and mission. —*Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12-14; Ephesians 4:7-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22; 1 Peter 4:10.*
- We believe in unity as paramount for the release of God's fullest blessing upon our life together and our mission. We seek to actively promote a unity in spiritual purpose born out of love by honoring and esteeming one another in genuine humility and by seeking after forgiveness and reconciliation when hurts occur. —*Psalms 133:1-3; Acts 2:1-4; Romans 14:19; 15:7; Philippians 2:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15; 1 Timothy 5:12-15; Titus 3:1.*
- We believe God's Spirit is at work in all churches where Christ is honored and the Scriptures are faithfully taught. We believe God's purposes for our communities are advanced by a spirit of cooperation, fellowship and unity. We seek to pray and work for this unity to promote the greater advance of God's Kingdom in our area. —*Mark 9:38-41; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:1-23; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 17:20-33; Psalm 133:1-3.*
- We recognize Scripture teaches that God holds leaders accountable for their areas of influence. We seek to pray for, encourage, and be accountable to one another under God. —*2 Chronicles 35:2; 1 Timothy 4:11-16; James 3:1-2.*

Pastoral Recommendation

To the applicant

After completing the relevant questions below, give this form to a Christian minister who has known you well. If you feel unable to submit this recommendation for any reason, please attach a letter of explanation. Please be sure to provide your referrer with a stamped envelope addressed to the Wellspring School of Leadership.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, students enrolled at the Wellspring School of Leadership have the right to inspect their file upon request.

- I understand this right and waive my right to review this reference.
 I understand this right and do not waive my right to review this reference.

Applicant name _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
Last First MI Month Day Year

Address _____
Street City State Zip

To the minister

Please complete the questions below and submit your recommendation promptly.

Name _____ Title _____
Last First MI

Signature _____ Date _____

Church _____

Church Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (_____) _____ – Email Address _____

How long have you known this applicant and in what context?

As best as you're able, please rate the applicant along the following criteria:

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Disciplined work habits					
Maturity					
Motivation					
Leadership					
Integrity					
Concern for others					
Initiative					
Christian commitment					

On a separate page, please write anything you believe is important about this applicant, paying special attention to his/her level of Christian faith and his/her potential for leadership. We welcome any information that will help differentiate this applicant from others.

Professional Recommendation

To the applicant

After completing the relevant questions below, give this form to someone who has worked with you in the past. This may be a colleague, a teacher, a supervisor, or employer. If you feel unable to submit this recommendation for any reason, please attach a letter of explanation. Please be sure to provide your referrer with a stamped envelope addressed to the Wellspring School of Leadership.

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Street City State Zip

To the referer

Please complete the questions below and submit your recommendation promptly.

Name _____ Title _____
Last First MI

Signature _____ Date _____

Employer _____

Employers' Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (_____) _____ – Email Address _____

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