



# Sacred Journey Interfaith Seminary

## Application Form

### Dear Applicant

In order to be considered for seminary admission you must follow the applicant process and meet the requirements for admission. After receipt of the completed application, fee, and two letters of recommendation, one of our Deans will contact you for an interview.

We welcome all qualified adults who are at least 21 years of age, regardless of gender, gender identity, race, religion, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation. All applications will be reviewed and every candidate will be carefully considered by the Deans of the Seminary. Acceptance into seminary will be based on the applicant's background as well emotional and spiritual maturity.

We consider the following qualities for admission:

- + A desire to be of service to others.
- + A recognition that there are many valid spiritual faiths and paths.
- + A desire to seek a deeper awareness of the Divine and to grow spiritually.
- + Formal academic requirements are encouraged and applicants must be able to communicate, read, and write at a post-secondary educational level.
- + Building a spiritual community is an important part of the seminary experience and therefore attendance at all classes is required. Classes meet all day (9- 4PM) monthly on Sundays on ground and online.
- + Applicants are expected to demonstrate the ability to function as part of a spiritual community and this requires a certain level of commitment to emotional and spiritual integrity, honest communication, and ethical behavior.

Additional admission criteria:

1. You must be at least 21 years of age with 2 years of Higher Learning (college, life experience, or equivalent).
2. Submission of non-refundable application fee of **\$150** can be paid online at [www.sacredjourneyinterfaithseminary.org](http://www.sacredjourneyinterfaithseminary.org) or by check payable to **Sacred Journey Interfaith Seminary** and mailed with application.
3. Submit a completed typed application electronically to [SacredJourneySeminary@gmail.com](mailto:SacredJourneySeminary@gmail.com)
4. Have two references return the letter of recommendation application electronically to [SacredJourneySeminary@gmail.com](mailto:SacredJourneySeminary@gmail.com) or mail to Sacred Journey @ 840 East Oakland Park Blvd Suite 102 33334

### APPLICATION FOR SACRED JOURNEY INTERFAITH SEMINARY ADMISSION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_



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I have enclosed, or will have forwarded, letters of recommendation from the following people:

*Submitting this form gives SJIS admissions staff permission to contact your references for clarification or if further information is needed.*

**Personal Reference**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Reference**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following questions. Please number your answers as they are numbered on this document.**

1. Please describe what motivated you to apply to this program. Why is an Interfaith/Interspiritual Seminary vs traditional seminary a fit for you? What you hope to get from your experience? (Please limit your answer to 2 paragraphs)
2. Describe your current spiritual practices. Please include how long you have been engaged in each practice.
3. Please describe your experience as the recipient of spiritual counseling, psychotherapy, 12 Step Recovery, or other personal growth work and include how this has supported your life and spiritual growth.
4. Please **attach a two - three page description of your spiritual journey** up to now. Include:
  - What you learned from your religion of birth, the paths you have explored, how they have influenced you, and spiritual practices that have been meaningful to you.
  - A discussion of the lessons you have learned from life's challenges and the personal growth experiences that have helped you get to this point.
  - A brief description of your current relationship to Source, the God Principle, Divine Spirit.
  - If you are in a recovery program, please include any information about how that program influences your spirituality.
5. Please **provide a description of your work and educational history.**

***Sacred Journey Interfaith Seminary Program is a two year professional training designed to prepare people to serve the spiritual needs and lives of others. The work done by anyone in spiritual leadership - ministers, spiritual directors, spiritual guides or teachers, is a sacred trust. Because of the great harm that can be done if that trust is violated or abused, we seek to ensure that our students, graduates, and faculty all adhere to the standards of ethical conduct that the public has a right to expect from anyone in a position of spiritual authority, or anyone in a helping profession.***

**The following questions will help us to understand any possible past or current issues we need to be aware of in order to fully and honestly assess your candidacy for this program. A "yes" answer will not automatically disqualify you from admission, but will open a necessary discussion to help us understand where you are in your process of self-understanding, growth, and readiness for service to others.**

6. Do you now hold, or have you ever held a professional license or certification?  
License: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. If so, has your license/certification ever been revoked or suspended, or have you voluntarily surrendered your license?  No  Yes If yes, please explain.
  - b. Are there any charges pending against you, either legal or ethical?  No  Yes If yes, please explain.
  - c. Have you ever been charged with an ethical violation?  No  Yes
  - d. If yes, how was the charge adjudicated and/or resolved?
  - e. Within the past 15 years, have you ever engaged in conduct that could result in ethical charges being brought against you?  No  Yes If yes, please explain.
8. Are you in recovery from, or have you ever been treated for, substance abuse or a behavioral addiction?  
 No  Yes If yes, please explain.
9. Have you ever been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to a crime?  No  Yes  
(If you answered yes to question 9, you must attach an additional sheet explaining the circumstances in order to be considered for admission.)

***I attest that all of the information I have provided is true.***

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Letter of Recommendation

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Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City, ST Zip _____	City, ST Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
E-mail _____	E-mail _____

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. In what capacity (e.g., as his/her teacher, minister, spiritual counselor, friend, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

3. How would you characterize the applicant with regard to the following? Please be frank in your answers. This is a confidential letter intended to guide us in assessing the applicant's aptitudes and capacities for undertaking training in Interfaith Ministry. Please check one box for each category listed below.

	Outstanding	Good	Fair	Poor, but Passable	Problem Area	Not Enough Info to Assess
Personal Honesty / Integrity / Values	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional Maturity / Balance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commitment to Own Spiritual Life / Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Get Along with Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Listen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation/Perseverance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-expression (Conversational)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Appearance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Overall, how would you assess the applicant's potential for ministry / service to the spiritual life and development of others?

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5. Do you recommend this applicant for admission to the Sacred Journey Interfaith Seminary

Yes, enthusiastically                       Yes

Yes, but with the following reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

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No, I am unable to recommend this applicant for admission

6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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840 East Oakland Park Blvd Suite 102  
Oakland Park Fl 33334
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