

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

PREPARING FOR PUBLIC MINISTRY

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.”

When he had finished going through all the towns and villages, Jesus filed this report. Many didn't know God's love and forgiveness. They needed to hear that Jesus had entered the world to live and die in their place, to forgive their sins and give them life.

Jesus' report of the situation in the first century remains true in the twenty-first century. There are people throughout the world who do not know Jesus as their Savior. The workers are few. More workers could proclaim the gospel to more people in more places.

“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Because this was a serious matter, Jesus instructed the disciples to take action. Only it wasn't the kind of action the disciples probably had in mind. Fold your hands, Jesus said, and pray. A solution to the shortage of workers was in God's hands, not theirs.

Our desire for all to hear about Jesus causes us to fold our hands to pray for workers. Though God could answer our prayer by miraculously selecting teachers and pastors from his people, he instead works through the natural means of schools and training.

At Martin Luther College, men and women prepare themselves for the privilege of serving in the public ministry of the gospel. They study God's Word and learn about God's world in order to serve God's people. As they do so, God answers the Church's prayer for more workers.

Maybe you will be an answer to that prayer.

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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

~ ALL APPLICANTS ~

1. Written recommendation from applicant's pastor
2. Written recommendation from applicant's high school counselor or principal
3. An official ACT composite score of 20 or higher
4. A high school diploma awarded on the basis of a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.50, figured on a minimum of 14 academic credits earned according to the following schedule:
 - ❖ English 4 credits
 - ❖ Science 3 credits (must include one credit in biology and one credit in a physical science [chemistry or physics], each with significant laboratory experience)
 - ❖ Mathematics 3 credits (Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry [or higher mathematics])
 - ❖ Social Studies 2 credits
 - ❖ Academic Electives 2 credits (English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science, Music Fundamentals, Social Studies)

Note: A high school credit is defined as one year of study.

Exceptions to the stated entrance requirements are made at the discretion of the Director of Admissions in consultation with the Admissions Committee.

~ SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL STUDIES APPLICANTS ~

- ❖ Secondary Mathematics - a minimum cumulative mathematics GPA of B-, an ACT mathematics subscore of 25 or higher, and pre-calculus
- ❖ Secondary Chemistry and Physics - 3 Science credits, a minimum cumulative GPA of B- in science and mathematics, an ACT science and mathematics subscore of 25 or higher. Pre-calculus is recommended since Calculus I is included in the major
- ❖ Secondary Life Science- 3 science credits, a minimum cumulative GPA of B- in science and mathematics, an ACT science and mathematics subscore of 25 or higher
- ❖ Secondary Spanish -2 Spanish credits and a demonstrated level of ability on an entrance examination (Intermediate I)
- ❖ Secondary Music -A demonstrated level of ability on an entrance examination and audition

~ PRESEMINARY STUDIES APPLICANTS ~

Most students can complete a degree program in four years even if they are lacking some or all of the following high school credits.

- ✠ 3 credits in Religion (Surveys of the Old and New Testaments and Christian Doctrine)
- ❖ 2 credits in Music (Basic Theory)
- ❖ 2 credits in a foreign language, with a demonstrated level of ability on an entrance examination

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

1. Complete the APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.
2. Download the HIGH SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION and print your name on the top of the form. Choose a waiver option and add your signature. Give it to your high school guidance office or principal. (Follow the procedure for your school.)

Ask your guidance office or principal to complete the form and to send it, together with a current transcript, to the Martin Luther College Office of Admissions. ***If you have attended more than one high school, please have each school send a transcript.***

3. Download the PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION and print your name at the top of the form. Choose a waiver option and add your signature. Give it to the pastor of the congregation where you are currently a member. Ask him to complete the form and to return it directly to the Martin Luther College Office of Admissions.
4. Arrange to have your American College Testing (ACT) Program test results sent to the Martin Luther College Office of Admissions. A **copy** of the report provided to you or your high school is **not sufficient**. Applicants must request that ACT scores be sent to Martin Luther College directly from ACT. This can be requested on the ACT registration form. The **code number** for Martin Luther College is **2127**. If you have already taken the test, you may request an additional score report on a special form provided by ACT (available at most high schools or from Martin Luther College). You may also request it online at www.actstudent.org.

Note: Your application will be processed only after we have received all of the items listed above. The completed application and recommendation forms, together with the transcript and the results of the ACT; serve as the basis for the decision on your application for admission.

~ APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT DEADLINES ~

Please submit application by May 1 in order to be considered for August enrollment and **by Oct. 15** to be considered for January enrollment.

A non-refundable deposit of \$135 is required by May 15 for August enrollment (*November 1 for January enrollment*). Upon receipt of this deposit, Martin Luther College will schedule your classes and assign a room in a residence hall. Of this deposit, \$100 is applied directly to your room and board at the time of registration. **Applicants are not considered enrolled until this deposit is received.**

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSFER AND NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

1. Complete the APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.
2. Request that **each high school** and **post-secondary institution** you have attended send an **official transcript** to the attention of the Martin Luther College Office of Admissions.
3. Print your name at the top of the PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION. Choose a waiver option, add your signature, and give it to the pastor of the congregation where you are currently a member. Ask him to complete the form and to return it directly to the Martin Luther College Office of Admissions.
4. In some cases, an American College Testing (ACT) Program test score may be required. Inquire of the Martin Luther College Office of Admissions. If required, you may request an additional score report on a special form provided by ACT (available from Martin Luther College). You may also request it online at www.actstudent.org. The **code number** of Martin Luther College is **2127**.
5. **If you are a non-traditional student planning to enroll at Martin Luther College, you will be required to interview with the Admissions Committee.** The Martin Luther College Office of Admissions will initiate this process.

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PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Full name of applicant: _____

____ I waive my right to review this recommendation form

____ I do not waive my right to review this recommendation form

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pastor: The above-named individual is applying for admission to Martin Luther College. This form requests information that we consider essential for a thorough evaluation of the applicant's request for admission. Please evaluate the applicant in each area below. Additional comments are welcome and valued.

Comments

- ❖ Worship and communion attendance _____
- ❖ Ability to work in a team _____
- ❖ Ability to work independently _____
- ❖ Aptitude for church leadership _____
- ❖ Aptitude for teaching _____
- ❖ Communication skills _____
- ❖ Emotional stability _____
- ❖ Understanding of the WELS ministry _____
- ❖ Interest in serving in the WELS ministry _____
- ❖ Dependability/faithfulness _____
- ❖ Reputation among adults _____
- ❖ Fitness for ministry _____

List and comment on outstanding strengths of the applicant. _____

List and comment on areas in which the applicant could improve. _____

List any factors in the home environment that influence the applicant favorably/unfavorably.

What is the applicant's marital status?

☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐ Divorced and Remarried ☐ Widowed and Remarried

Comments _____

If *married*, is applicant's spouse a member in good standing in your church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments _____

If *married*, is applicant's spouse encouraging applicant to prepare for public ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments _____

Has the applicant ever discussed with you his/her desire to prepare for public ministry ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments _____

To your knowledge, has the applicant ever had problems that would affect his/her fitness for ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Other comments _____

RECOMMENDATION:

- ☐ **I recommend this applicant without reservations.**
- ☐ **I recommend this applicant, but *with reservations* and I have discussed this with the applicant**
- ☐ **I do not recommend this applicant and I have spoken with the applicant concerning this recommendation**
- ☐ **Call me. I'd like to discuss this applicant with you.**

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature

Date

Important! A prompt admission decision depends on receiving this form as soon as possible.

Questions?

Please contact the Martin Luther College Office of Admissions, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, MN 56073.

Phone: 507/ 354-8221, ext. 280. **FAX:** 507/ 354-8225. **E-mail:** mlcadmit@mlc-wels.edu

Please feel free to include any additional pertinent information.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

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HIGH SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION

Full name of applicant: _____

_____ I waive my right to review this recommendation

_____ I do not waive my right to review this recommendation

Signature: _____ Date: _____

High School Administrator/Guidance Counselor: The above-named individual is applying for admission to Martin Luther College. This form requests information that we consider essential for a thorough evaluation of the applicant's request for admission.

1. Please evaluate the applicant in each area suggested below in light of his /her intended program of study.
2. **Please attach a current copy of the applicant's high school transcript.**
3. Please mail the recommendation form and transcript to the **Office of Admissions, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, MN 56073.**

Scale:	5 = excellent	3 = average	1 = poor	0 = don't know	Comments		
❖ Academic ability	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Academic motivation	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Aptitude for college-level academic work	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Aptitude for church leadership	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Aptitude for teaching	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Ability to work independently	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Ability to lead a team	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Christian conduct	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Christian concern for others	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Oral communication skills	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Written communication skills	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Interpersonal communication skills	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
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❖ Reputation among peers	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Reputation among faculty	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____
❖ Fitness for ministry	5	4	3	2	1	0	_____

List and comment on outstanding strengths of the applicant.

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This recommendation is based on consultation with: (Please check all that apply.)

- ☐ One or more of the applicant's classroom teachers
- ☐ The applicant's advisor
- ☐ The applicant's guidance counselor
- ☐ The applicant's principal, administrator or president
- ☐ The applicant's file
- ☐ Other: _____

Has the applicant ever discussed with you his/her desire to prepare for full-time ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: _____

To your knowledge, has the applicant ever had problems that would affect his/her fitness for ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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