

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Masters/Certificate Application for Admission [edit](#)

This application process helps us ensure that you and the other students at MTSO benefit from a top-quality educational experience. If you have any questions concerning your application for admission or about MTSO, please don't hesitate to contact us at admissions@mtso.edu or 800-333-6876. We look forward to assisting you throughout this journey and hope to welcome you to the MTSO community in the near future.

NOTE:

1. Your application answers are automatically saved when you fill them in.
2. You will be emailed a link to access your application whenever you want to work on it.
3. When you're ready for us to review your application, scroll to the bottom of the page and click Submit Application.

Section 1: Personal Information

Prefix / Title Required

Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr., Rev., etc.

Preferred First Name Required

Suffix

If applicable, please enter Jr., Sr., II, III, IV, etc.

Former / Maiden Name

Date of Birth Required

Gender Required

On legal documents, my gender is listed as

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Gender Identity

I describe my gender identity as

Preferred Pronouns

My preferred pronouns are

Citizenship Required

Of what country are you a citizen?

United States of America

Social Security Number

Lawful Permanent Resident Registration Number

Only applicable if you are not a citizen of the United States. Lawful permanent residents are also known as legal permanent residents or green card holders.

Racial/Ethnic Background Required

We request racial/ethnic information to aid in our statistical reporting to governmental and accrediting agencies. It will not be used to assess your qualifications for admission. MTSO does not discriminate in the administration of its employment, educational, and admissions policies.

Hispanic or Latino?

Yes No

Select one or more of the following races:

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

First / Primary Language

Denomination Required

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UMC Annual Conference

Only applicable for United Methodist students.

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Stage of UMC Candidacy Process

Only applicable for United Methodist students.

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Are you considering ordination?

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Home Congregation Required

What is the name of your primary congregation / church?

Congregation Location Required

City, State or City, State, Country

Marital Status Required

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Employer Required

Occupation Required

Refusals and Dismissals Required

Have you ever been refused admission or dismissed by another theological school or seminary?

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Crimes of Abuse or Violence Required

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of child abuse or a crime of violence?

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Felonies Required

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a felony?

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Explain Circumstances

If you answered yes to any of the above three questions, please submit an explanation of the circumstances:

How did you first hear about MTSO?

Did someone refer you to MTSO?

If you were referred by an individual (e.g., your pastor or an MTSO student, graduate, or faculty member), please let us know who referred you.

Select your preferred Academic Program Required

- Master of Divinity (M.Div.)
- Master of Theological Studies (MTS)
- Master of Arts in Practical Theology (MAPT)
- Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries (MACM)
- Dual: Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies
- Dual: Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Practical Theology
- Dual: Master of Divinity and Master of Counseling Ministries
- Dual: Master of Theological Studies and Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries
- Dual: Master of Theological Studies and Master of Arts in Practical Theology
- Certificate in Basic Theological Education (CERT BTE)
- Certificate in Deacon Studies (CERT DS)
- Certificate in Advanced Course of Study (CERT ACOS)
- Master of Arts in Social Justice (MASJ)

Section 2: References, Transcripts, and additional Documentation

Academic Reference Required

Enter the email address for an undergraduate or graduate instructor from whom you took at least one course within the past 10 years. They will receive an emailed link to our online reference form. (If you have been out of school for more than 10 years, please contact admissions@mtso.edu to discuss alternative reference options.)

Professional Reference Required

Enter the email address for a professional, academic, clergy, or lay supervisor familiar with your work habits and vocational responsibilities. They will receive an emailed link to our online reference form.

Clergy / Personal Reference Required

Enter the email address for someone who can attest to the personal qualities that will contribute to your success in the program to which you are applying. They will receive an emailed link to our online reference form. (For M.Div. applicants, this reference must come from a member of the clergy.)

Request official transcripts from every institution of higher education from which you received a degree or from which you intend to transfer graduate credit. Official transcripts must be sent directly from the institution to the MTSO Office of Admission.

Institution 1: College or University Required

Name of institution where you completed your undergraduate degree. Please avoid abbreviations. For example, Bowling Green State University rather than BGSU.

Institution 1: Degree and Major Required

For example, B.A. English or B.S. Computer Science.

Institution 1: Graduation or Last Attended Date Required

Institution 1: GPA Required

Institution 1: Unofficial Transcript .pdf

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Institution 2: College, University, or Seminary

Name of institution where you completed an additional undergraduate or graduate degree. Please avoid abbreviations. For example, Bowling Green State University rather than BGSU.

Institution 2: Degree and Major

For example, B.A. English or B.S. Computer Science.

Institution 2: Graduation or Last Attended Date

Institution 2: GPA

Institution 2: Unofficial Transcript .pdf

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Institution 3: College, University, or Seminary

Name of institution where you completed additional undergraduate or graduate coursework. Please avoid abbreviations. For example, Bowling Green State University rather than BGSU.

Institution 3: Degree and Major

For example, B.A. English or B.S. Computer Science.

Institution 3: Graduation or Last Attended Date

Institution 3: GPA

Institution 3: Unofficial Transcript .pdf

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Written Statement Required

Upload your written statement here (as a .pdf if possible). We want to know more about you and your thoughts about graduate-level theological study. Submit a statement of between 1,000 and 2,000 words that describes your discernment process, your academic

and vocational goals, and explains how you are academically prepared for graduate theological school.

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Resume or Curriculum Vita Required

Upload your resume or curriculum vita listing your work history, honors, etc. here (as a .pdf if possible).

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MTSO strives to provide a safe, welcoming, and positive environment for all students. Approval for admission is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background check. Click below to download the Background Check Authorization.

[background-check-admissions.pdf](#)

Background Check Authorization Required

Upload your completed Background Check Authorization.

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Section 3: International Students

If you are not an international student, skip to Section 4.

MTSO welcomes and values international students. Providing the information below will help us to process your application promptly.

International students are also required to complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language. MTSO's TOEFL score requirement is 85 for the Internet test or 563 for the paper-based test. Scores must be mailed directly from the reporting agency to MTSO (Institution Code 1540) at this address:

Admissions Office

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

3081 Columbus Pike

Delaware, OH 43015

If you are in the US on visa, what type is it?

This question is for applicants who are not lawful permanent residents.

Affidavit of Support

The United States government requires all international applicants to provide evidence of full financial support for the period of study required for the degree program, including an Affidavit of Support (found at <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-134.pdf>) . In some cases, your home country's denominational judicatory or other church agency may be able to provide this support.

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Bank Statement

The United States government requires all international applicants to provide evidence of full financial support for the period of study required for the degree program, including a bank statement or statement of liquid assets from a financial institution showing that funds are available for the full length of study. In some cases, your home country's denominational judicatory or other church agency may be able to provide this support.

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Section 4: Signature

Applicant Signature Required

I have completed this admission application to the best of my knowledge. I hereby apply to be admitted as a student of Methodist Theological School in Ohio. By entering my full name and date and clicking the "Submit" button below, I affirm that I have completed this application completely and honestly. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of information may result in denial or rescinding of admissions to Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

An admissions counselor will be in touch with you within one week. If you have questions concerning this application, please contact us at admissions@mtso.edu or 800-333-6876.