

BROWN TRAIL SCHOOL OF PREACHING

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Before any International Applicant submits an application you must:

1. Have an American Sponsor who is a member of the churches of Christ. This sponsor should immediately contact the school office.
2. You must be able to evidence that your living expenses have been raised in the United States.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS (Mailing) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ (include area code)

WIFE'S NAME IF MARRIED _____

CONGREGATION (of your present membership) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

1. Your age: _____ Birthday: _____

2. How long have you been a member of the church of Christ? _____

3. Have you been baptized? _____

4. For what reason were you baptized? _____

5. By whom were you baptized? _____

6. When were you baptized? _____

7. Where were you baptized? _____

8. How long has your wife been a member of the church of Christ? _____

9. Has she been baptized? _____

10. For what reason was she baptized? _____

11. By whom was she baptized? _____

12. When was she baptized? _____

13. Where was she baptized? _____

14. Are you both faithful at the present time? _____

15. A brief statement of your educational background: _____

16. Please check appropriate status: Single () Married () Divorced () Remarried ()

Have you ever been divorced? If so, please explain: _____

If divorced, have you been required to pay child support? _____

If so, are you current in payment of such? _____

If not, please explain: _____

17. Has your wife ever been divorced? If so, please explain: _____

18. How many dependents do you have? _____ Ages: _____

19. Until now what occupation have you followed? _____

20. Have you had any experience in preaching? If so, how much? _____

21. Have you ever had any experience leading singing, teaching Bible classes, doing personal work, etc.? _____

If so, explain: _____

22. If married, how does your wife feel toward you attending the Brown Trail School of Preaching? _____

(If married, please ask your wife to complete the special wife's information form.)

Do you understand that a condition of your acceptance is your wife's participation in the special wives' program? _____

(Request for exceptions due to special circumstances must be made in writing.)

23. Carefully read the catalog, available on line. Have you done so? _____

24. The school charges no tuition. A student's only expense is his actual living expenses, plus books and supplies. Are you willing to make the sacrifices and adjustments that will be required during your time here? _____

NOTE: The amount of support needed must be determined by each student in conjunction with the Dean of Admissions and submitted in writing if any of your support will be raised with our assistance.

25. As a matter of policy, each student is responsible for his own support. We are willing to help him in raising his support (by writing letters and making personal contacts, when possible), but the student is responsible. Are you willing to do the work necessary to raise your support? _____

26. We regard this work as being an unusual opportunity. We are going to work hard for you. Are you determined to do your part? _____

27. Have you investigated enough to know that your load will be heavy and the hours long? _____

28. Are you a user of tobacco in any form? _____
29. Are you a user of alcoholic beverages? _____
30. Are you a user of illegal drugs? _____
31. Have you ever been incarcerated? _____ If so, please provide details: _____

32. Is it clear that we do not allow a student or his wife to consume alcohol “socially” or “moderately?” _____
33. Will you be eligible for assistance under the new G.I. Bill? _____
34. How did you learn of the Brown Trail School of Preaching? _____

35. If there is anything in your life or background of peculiar or unusual importance or significance that you feel we should know, please indicate it here: _____

36. The name and address of a gospel preacher who knows you well: _____

37. The name and address of an elder who knows you well (if no elders, name and address of church member): _____

38. The names and addresses of two church members who know you well: _____

39. The name and address of a community leader, employer or teacher who is not a member of the church of Christ, who knows you well: _____

(Please note that we must receive all 5 references before your application can be processed.)

NOTE: All students are required to submit a copy of all Transcripts, including High School along with this application. If possible, send a photograph of yourself and/or your family.

**BROWN TRAIL SCHOOL OF PREACHING
ENTRANCE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

(Please complete the following Questionnaire and submit it along with your application. This will assist us in better understanding each individual student's level of knowledge before coming to school.)

1. Yes No Do you believe the Bible was given by the inspiration of God, and all parts of the Old and New Testaments were written by men inspired by God?
2. Yes No Do you believe the Bible is complete and is sufficient to guide all men to eternal salvation?
3. Yes No Do you believe in the supreme authority of God, as revealed in Scripture?
4. Yes No Do you believe in the Godhead (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
5. Yes No Do you believe that the days of creation in Genesis chapters one and two are literal 24-hour days?
6. Yes No Do you believe that the New Testament affirms that there is only one church whose head is Christ, and only those who are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the remission of sins are added to that one church?
7. Yes No Do you believe that the New Testament teaches that the Kingdom of God on earth and the church are the same and that the church of Christ was established on the day of Pentecost?
8. Yes No Do you believe that the New Testament states that all spiritual blessings are in Christ?
9. Yes No Do you believe that if a Christian turns from Christ after having known and obeyed Him, and fails to repent, that they will be lost?
10. Yes No Do you believe that an un-baptized believer of accountable age will be saved?
11. Yes No Do you believe that a person who has been baptized, but not for the remission of sins, will be saved?
12. Yes No Do you believe a person may be a faithful Christian without being added to the church established on the Day of Pentecost?
13. Yes No Do you believe that the church of Christ is a denomination, similar to Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc.?
14. Yes No Do you believe that denominationalism is sinful?

15. Yes No Do you believe it is sinful to participate in worship activities with denominational churches?
16. Yes No Do you believe that there are faithful, knowledgeable, Christians scattered among the denominations?
17. Yes No Do you believe that a person must be baptized for the remission of sins to be saved?
18. Yes No Do you believe that all accountable persons are lost unless they hear and obey the gospel?
19. Yes No Do you believe that a person is saved at the point of belief before baptism?
20. Yes No Do you believe a person may do something other than believe, repent, confess, and be baptized to be saved?
21. Yes No Do you believe that the New Testament teaches that a woman may lead in prayer, teach, or be in a position of authority over a Christian man?
22. Yes No Do you believe that at Christ's second coming, He will establish a kingdom on earth, ruling from Jerusalem?
23. Yes No Do you believe that the second coming of Christ is past?
24. Yes No Do you believe that scriptures such as Matthew 19:6-9, concerning divorce, apply only to Christians?
25. Yes No Do you believe that the Bible teaches that marriage is for life, and the only reason for divorce in God's eyes is on account of fornication?
26. Yes No Do you believe that the only one free to remarry after divorce is the innocent party?
27. Yes No Do you believe that the New Testament teaches that baptism washes away the sin of an adulterous marriage, and that the couple may continue in the same manner following baptism and be pleasing to God?
28. Yes No Do you believe that those who refuse to follow the teachings of the New Testament regarding divorce should be disfellowshipped?
29. Yes No Do you believe that fellowship may be maintained between two individuals (or groups) who believe and teach different views in matters of doctrine (mechanical instrumental music, direct operation of Holy Spirit, women leaders in public worship, etc.)?
30. Yes No Do you believe that individuals who teach doctrine contrary to the New Testament doctrine should be publicly marked and avoided?

31. Yes No Do you believe that the Lord (Holy Spirit) speaks to one today outside of the written Word, the Bible?
32. Yes No Do you believe that the New Testament teaches that the Holy Spirit enabled first century Christians to perform miracles to confirm the Word, but no longer works in this manner?
33. Yes No Do you believe that the Holy Spirit directly influences the heart of the alien sinner today through guiding and leading, outside, or in addition to the Word of God?
34. Yes No Do you believe that the New Testament teaches that the Lord's Supper should be taken only on the first day of every week?
35. Yes No Do you believe the use of mechanical instrumental music in worship is sinful?
36. Yes No Do you believe that those who use mechanical instruments in worship to God are lost?
37. Yes No Do you believe that drama and dramatic readings in the worship are sanctioned by the New Testament Scriptures?
38. Yes No Do you believe that the use of hand-clapping in worship has no Scriptural authority?
39. Yes No Do you believe that God only authorizes vocal music in the worship of the church, and the addition of vocal or mechanical instrumental music sounds is sinful?
40. Yes No Do you believe that in areas not involving matters of clear revelation, we have been given freedom, and in such cases, brethren must be allowed liberty in their opinions?
41. Yes No Do you believe that a Christian may drink alcoholic beverages with God's approval?
42. Yes No Do you believe that homosexuality is sinful, and those who practice such are lost?
43. Yes No Do you believe that abortion is sinful?
44. Yes No Do you believe that gambling is sinful?
45. Yes No Do you believe that all forms of tobacco use are sinful?
46. Yes No Do you believe that public dancing is sinful?
47. Yes No Do you believe that it is a sin to fellowship religious groups that are engaging in worship practices not authorized in the Scriptures, and who teach a plan of salvation not authorized by Scriptures?
48. Yes No Do you believe that such individuals who practice the things in question 47 will be lost?

49. Yes No Do you believe that if we can agree with denominational groups on certain "core" issues, we can join in fellowship with them on other matters?
50. Yes No Do you believe that use of solos, choirs, or special singing in the assembly is authorized by the New Testament?
51. Yes No Do you believe the conception of Christ was miraculous?
52. Yes No Do you believe Christ was literally and bodily resurrected from the dead?
53. Yes No Do you believe in a final universal Judgment Day?
54. Yes No Do you believe the lost will be consigned to unending, conscious punishment in hell?
55. Yes No Do you believe that the church can help people financially from the treasury, who are not Christians?
56. Yes No Do you believe in a literal heaven and hell?
57. Yes No Do you believe that the Emerging Church Movement is Scriptural?
58. Yes No Do you believe that Christians are to pray to Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
59. Yes No Do you believe that something other than actual fruit of the vine can be used as a part of the observance of the Lord's Supper?
60. Yes No Do you believe it is permissible for Christians to participate in mixed swimming where immodest apparel is worn?
61. Yes No Do you believe that only one cup must be used in dispensing the fruit of the vine as a part of the Lord's Supper?
62. Yes No Do you believe that God approves of polygamous marriages?
63. Yes No Do you believe that God approves of homosexual "marriages"?
64. Yes No Do you believe that the elders have the final authority in making decisions that pertain to optional matters of the local congregation?
65. Yes No Do you believe that we are saved solely by the grace of God?
66. Yes No Do you believe that man does not perform any "act" in order to be saved?
67. Yes No Do you believe that it is scriptural to use "Praise Teams" in the worship of the church?

68. Yes No Do you believe that it is Scriptural for the church to raise funds for its work by the use of such things as bake sales, yard sales, car washes, et. al?
69. Yes No Do you believe that demons possess men today as they did during the time that Jesus walked on the earth?
70. Yes No Do you believe that Christians have the power to cast out demons?
71. Yes No Do you believe the New Testament is to be followed if it conflicts with customs or cultural activities?
72. Yes No Do you believe it is Biblical to refer to a preacher as “pastor,” (unless he is an elder) “reverend,” “father,” etc.?
73. Yes No Do you believe that the Holy Spirit “illuminates” the Scriptures, etc., for the Christian today?
74. Yes No Do you believe that a woman can serve as an evangelist?
75. Yes No Do you believe that a woman can serve as an elder?
76. Yes No Do you believe that a woman can serve as a deacon in the official sense?
77. Yes No Do you believe that a prospective convert must understand that baptism is for (i.e. unto) the remission of sins?
78. Yes No Do you believe in the practice of baby dedication as is being practiced by some brethren?
79. Yes No Do you believe that the practice of “testifying” should be a part of the worship services of the church?
80. Yes No Do you believe that applause during the assemblies of the church when “good news” is announced is appropriate?
81. Yes No Do you believe that applause is just another way of saying “amen?”

Signed: _____

Date: _____

ANALYSIS OF INCOME – PLEASE RETURN WITH APPLICATION

INCOME:		GROSS
PROJECTED MONTHLY INCOME (SELF AND SPOUSE)		_____
OTHER SUBSTANTIATED INCOME		
1. Retirement	_____	
2. G.I. Bill	_____	
3. Church Commitment	_____	
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME		_____
EXPENSES:		
RENT/MORTGAGE (including escrow)		_____
U		
T ELECTRICITY		_____
I		
L WATER/SEWER		_____
I		
T GAS		_____
I		
E TELEPHONE		_____
S		
A INSURANCE		_____
U		
T GASOLINE		_____
O		
MAINTENANCE		_____
FOOD		_____
HEALTH INSURANCE		_____
LIFE INSURANCE		_____
PERSONAL ITEMS		_____
CAR LOANS		_____
D		
E CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS		_____
B		
T BANK LOANS (Property note)		_____
S		
OTHER DEBT PAYMENTS		_____
ENTERTAINMENT		_____
OTHER OBLIGATIONS (contribution for church)		_____

TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES _____

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WIFE'S INFORMATION

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS (Mailing) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: _____ (Include Area Code) EMAIL: _____

Your husband's name: _____

How long have you been married? _____

CONGREGATION (of your present membership) _____

1. Your age: _____ Birthdate: _____

2. How long have you been a member of the church of Christ? _____

3. Are you faithful at the present time? _____

4. A brief statement of your educational background: _____

Have you ever been divorced? If so, please explain:

5. How many children do you have? _____ Ages: _____

Names: _____

6. Do you work outside the home?

7. What is your occupation? _____

8. Do you plan to work while your husband is in school?

Full Time? _____ Part Time? _____

9. Have you ever had any experience teaching Bible classes, doing personal work, etc.?

If so, explain: _____

10. How do you feel toward your husband attending the Brown Trail School of Preaching?

11. Have you read the school catalog carefully? _____

12. Have you investigated enough to know that your husband's load will be heavy and the hours long?

13. Are you prepared to make the sacrifice necessary for his study and your personal preparation to help him?

14. Are you aware of the **required** wives' program*, and are you prepared to enroll in it and to **complete** the prescribed course of study?

15. Are you a user of tobacco in any form?

16. Are you a user of alcoholic beverages?

17. Are you a user of illegal drugs?

18. If there is anything in your life or background of peculiar or unusual importance or significance that you feel we should know, please indicate it here.

19. Have you ever been incarcerated? _____ If so, please provide details:

20. The name and address of a gospel preacher or his wife who knows you well:

21. The name and address of an elder or his wife who knows you well:

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22. The name and address of one church member (female) who knows you well:

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23. The name and address of one community leader, employer or former teacher who is a non-church member who knows you well:

* **The Wives' program meets on Monday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 throughout the duration of the two years your husband is in school. These courses are designed specifically for the preacher student wives . Participation in this program is**

mandatory. Failure to complete this program may result in your husband's dismissal from school. Please refer to the school catalog for further information.

** If possible, send a photograph of yourself and/or your family.
