

2012 NAD Fellowship General Guidelines

A completed application includes:

- ❖ Curriculum vitae
- ❖ Two letters of reference (mailed separately)
- ❖ Completed budget statement form
- ❖ Two-page essay
- ❖ Documentation from your school showing amount of financial award to be received
- ❖ Graduate transcripts (may be mailed separately)
- ❖ Academic form

The deadline for these materials is March 1, 2012. Materials received after this date will not be considered.

Eligibility

Prospective applicants must be racial/ethnic minority students traditionally underrepresented in graduate education and currently enrolled full-time in a Th.D. or Ph.D. program in religion, theological studies or biblical studies. Students enrolled in Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) programs are ineligible for this fellowship. Students completing coursework are not eligible to apply. Preference is given to students nearing the completion of their studies. Students who have previously received three years of support at the doctoral level from The Fund for Theological Education are not eligible for this award.

Citizenship

Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Canada.

Notification

Applicants will be notified of fellowships awarded by the end of April 2012.

ITEMS TO FORWARD

Letters of reference:

Please forward the online Reference form link to two faculty members **in your current doctoral program. A reference form link is provided within the application.** Please forward this link to the faculty member who will provide your letter of reference. Letters of Reference must be received by March 1.

Letter of reference link: <http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1113772-kBctbK0p1L>

Academic form

Please forward the online Academic Form link found with your online application to your **director of graduate studies or academic dean at your graduate school.** This form outlines the specific degree requirements for your program.

Academic form link: <http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1109432-IRvW9QKFIw>

ITEMS TO UPLOAD OR COMPLETE WITHIN THE APPLICATION

Curriculum vitae

Please submit your most recent curriculum vitae. It should include at minimum the following: contact information; education; employment history; awards/fellowships; licenses/certifications/ publications; academic presentations; professional affiliations; community and church service; skills/interests.

Essay

A two-page essay is required and should be attached to your application using separate pages. Please situate yourself within your discipline(s) by writing an essay that describes your specific research interests, focus and methodologies, or scholars whose ideas are most helpful and promising in your work. Please comment as well on your professional goals and your commitment to theological teaching and scholarship.

Budget statement

The budget statement is based on estimated income and expenses for the upcoming academic year 2012 -2013. The budget statement must be accompanied by documentation from your institution indicating the amount of financial aid to be received in 2012-2013. If decisions have not yet been made, documentation should be submitted by the institution indicating the amount of financial aid you are expected to receive. If you will not be receiving financial aid, you must submit documentation from your institution stating this fact.

Financial award letter

Some institutions will not have an official financial aid award letter sent to applicants before the application deadline. As soon as the award letter becomes available, we request it to be sent to our office. In the meantime, it would be helpful to have a financial officer send a note on their letterhead stating the likelihood of a scholarship being awarded.

ITEMS TO MAIL TO FTE

Official transcripts

Copies of official transcripts from your current graduate school must be submitted. Student copies of transcripts or grade reports are not acceptable. Transcripts may also be sent directly to us from the university or seminary. See FTE's address below. **Official transcripts must be received by FTE no later than March 1.**

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