BRITE

DIVINITY SCHOOL

Masters Degree Programs
Application for Admission

Program desiring admission:

Master of Divinity ❐ Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry ❐

Master of Theological Studies ❐ Certificate of Theological Studies ❐

Semester you plan to enroll:

Fall ❐ Spring ❐ Year _____ Full-time ❐ Part-time ❐

Please type, or print in ink. *Send application materials to the Office of Admissions, Brite Divinity School, TCU Box 298130, Fort Worth, TX 76129*

Mr.
Ms. _____ _____ _____

Last Name First Name Middle Name

_____ _____ _____

Social Security Number Date of Birth Place of Birth *(Optional)*

Present address:

_____ _____

Street Email Address

_____ _____ _____

City State Zip

_____ _____ _____

Home Phone Business Phone Cell Phone

Permanent address (If different from above):

_____ _____

Street Permanent Phone

_____ _____ _____

City State Zip

In case of an emergency, the person to notify is:

_____ _____

Name Relationship

_____ _____

Street Address Phone Number

_____ _____ _____

City State Zip

Other Last, Family, or Surname that may appear on supporting documents: _____

Have you previously applied to Brite Divinity School? Yes ❐ No ❐ If yes, when? (term/year) _____

I. Personal Family Information

The information requested in this area is *optional*; however, in order that we may maintain adequate records for purposes of enhancing community life, we ask that you answer the questions in this section. Thank you for your consideration. *This information has no bearing on admission decisions.*

Ethnic origin:

Black/African-American ❒ American Indian ❒ White/Caucasian ❒
Hispanic/Spanish Surname ❒ Asian/Asian-American ❒ Other: _____

Religious Affiliation: _____ **Denomination:** _____

Military service:

Are you eligible for U.S. Veteran's benefits? Yes ❒ No ❒

Marital status:

Single ❒ Married ❒ Civil Union/Domestic Partner ❒ Engaged ❒
Widowed ❒ Divorced ❒ Separated ❒

Spouse/Partner name: _____

Spouse/Partner occupation: _____

Number of children: _____

Children's names and ages: _____

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Other dependents: _____ _____ _____
Name Age Relationship

Do you or any member of your family have any special needs of which we should be aware?

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II. International Students

You *must* provide us with a report of your scores on the TOEFL. Your application will not be processed until scores are received directly from the Educational Testing Service.

Type of visa on which you will attend Brite _____

Is your native language English? Yes ❒ No ❒

If no, please answer the following:

How did you learn English? _____

If you have ever studied in English, please indicate where and at what academic levels:

_____

How well do you use spoken English? Fluently ❒ Adequately ❒ With difficulty ❒

Have you taken the TOEFL? Yes ❒ No ❒

If Yes, Scores _____ If no, on what date will you take the exam? _____

III. Church Relationship

Present Church _____ Denomination _____

Street _____ Minister _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

"Home church" if different than present church:

Home Church _____ Denomination _____

Street _____ Minister _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Leadership positions you have assumed in your church: _____

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MDiv and MATM Applicants Only

Current status with denomination in which you intend to serve:

❒ Under the care of a Commission/Committee on the ministry or similar organization

❒ Licensed ❒ Ordained

❒ Other (Please explain) _____

If you intend to be a candidate for ordination, the name and address of the official body which will approve your candidacy:

Name of official body to approve candidacy _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

What are your professional goals? _____

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Note: Brite Divinity School gives thoughtful consideration to applications from those who wish to pursue a graduate theological education, but whose commitment to ministry is now tentative or indefinite. Do you feel this is your present situation? Yes ❒ No ❒

IV. Academic Background

Colleges/Universities/Seminaries attended: Applicants must order *official* transcripts from each institution listed. Transcripts are to be sent directly to Brite Divinity School.

Institution	Dates Attended	Degree	Degree Date

If currently a student, indicate the anticipated degree and date:

Degree program _____ Date _____

Graduate major _____ Minor _____

Foreign languages: Read _____ Speak _____

Academic honors and awards: _____

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Vocational or professional experience (attach additional pages as necessary): _____

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Are there any particular factors or circumstances we should consider in appraising your academic record? _____

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Are you a transfer student from another seminary: Yes ❒ No ❒

If "yes," from _____

How many credit hours have you completed? _____ Are you presently enrolled? _____

Have you ever been placed on academic probation? _____

Please note: A student applying for transfer from another seminary is requested to attach a "Statement of Explanation and Purpose" for the proposed transfer. A student seeking to transfer must also have a letter from the seminary indicating "student in good standing" status. Please include a copy of the appropriate seminary catalog for transfer credit evaluation.

V. Employment and Community Involvement

List in chronological order all full-time employment during the past five years:

Employer	Location	Type of Work	Dates

List memberships in community service or civic organizations:

_____

VI. Health Record

How would you describe your current physical and emotional health? _____

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Have you experienced a major physical or emotional health problem during the past two years? If so, please explain.

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Are there any special conditions concerning your ability to participate in the regularly scheduled instructional program of the school? If so, please explain.

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VII. Financial Aid

As a rule, those who have given careful thought and disciplined preparation to the financing of their graduate theological education are in a better position to take advantage of all the opportunities for learning and enrichment available at Brite Divinity School. Although your responses to the following questions will not have a bearing on the admissions process, they will enable Brite to begin to work with you to address any concerns you may have in regard to how to finance your proposed course of study.

Are you able to finance your study out of resources available to you? Yes ❐ No ❐

If no, describe briefly your plans for financing your period of study at Brite Divinity School.

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VIII. Personal Interview

A personal interview with the Director of Admissions and/or members of the Admissions Committee is required of all applicants. This interview is intended to make it possible for the applicant to gain a better understanding of Brite and to enable representatives of Brite to better understand the applicant's reasons for wanting to pursue graduate theological education. It is recommended that the campus visit be scheduled on a day when classes are in session.
If you have already visited Brite, list the date and the names of those with whom you met.

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If you wish to arrange a visit to Brite, please list preferred date(s):

_____

If you are unable to make such a visit because of factors such as time, distance, or expense, please explain.

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IX. References

Please list those persons you are using as references. Two should be academic in nature from college or university professors familiar with your academic abilities. **M.Div. and MATM** applicants must also include one minister and one layperson reference. Transfer applicants must include at least one seminary professor or administrator. If it is not possible to provide two academic references, please explain on a separate sheet of paper and provide instead two professional references.

Directions: Fill out the enclosed reference forms and distribute them to each of the persons listed. Evaluations can be returned directly to you in a sealed envelope, and you are to submit them unopened with your other application materials to the Office of Admissions. Envelopes on which the seal has been broken will be discarded and cannot be used as a reference. They can also be submitted directly to the Office of Admissions either electronically or by mail.

Name _____ Position _____

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X. Required Essay

Each applicant must submit with this application an essay, four to seven pages in length, typed and double-spaced, under the following four headings:

a. Describe your formation as a person of faith and how you anticipate theological education being a part of this process.
b. What is the most important biblical, theological or ethical question you bring to your studies at Brite? What was the most important current book or article you consulted as you reflected on this question? What was most helpful about this resource?
c. What are the major strengths you would bring to Brite Divinity School, and the challenges you expect to encounter in theological education?
d. How will serious academic study and theological reflection at Brite Divinity School support your vocational preparation?

Because the Admissions Committee gives thoughtful consideration to this essay, you are asked to give careful attention to its form and content.

XI. Housing

Please indicate your plans for housing during your seminary experience:

- ❒ Live in Brite housing full-time
- ❒ Commute, but live in Brite housing _____ nights a week
- ❒ Other _____
- ❒ Rent/own home in the area
- ❒ Commute from outside the area

An application for student housing cannot be made until you have been accepted for admission. If you wish to receive such an application, please indicate. ❒

XII. Admission Data

In order that Brite Divinity School might strengthen its admissions and recruitment program, we would appreciate receiving the following information:

How did you first learn of Brite Divinity School? _____

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Was there a person who encouraged you to apply to Brite Divinity School? If so, please name:

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Which of the following factors influenced your decision to apply to Brite? Please rank 1, 2, 3, etc., 1 being most influential.

Factor Influencing Decision	Rank
Location	
Financial aid	
Church employment opportunities	
Quality of faculty	
Curriculum and academic program	
Theological orientation	
Other (Please explain)	

Are you applying for admission to any other graduate schools and/or seminaries? If so, which ones?

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XIII. Application Fee

Please attach a check or money order for $50 payable to Brite Divinity School or pay fee online at www.brite.edu. This is a non-refundable application processing fee. Do *NOT* send cash.

To the best of my knowledge, the information furnished in this application is complete, true, and correct.

_____
Signature

_____
Date

Brite Divinity School is an equal opportunity employer and maintains a policy of nondiscrimination with respect to all employees, applicants for employment, admissions, financial aid, and housing. Brite Divinity School does not discriminate with regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability of an otherwise qualified individual, membership or application for membership in a uniformed service, or any other category protected by applicable law.

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