



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

* Vanguard Covenant Membership

Initial Application

Your initial application for membership with Vanguard Ministries should include the following:

1. A completed Vanguard Ministries Application for Membership form (Enclosed)
2. A recommendation letter from an ordained Christian minister
3. Recent color photographs (digital preferred)
 - Individual photo of yourself
 - Group photo of your immediate family
4. A check in the amount of \$50.00 for the initial processing fee

Please allow at least two full months for processing and notification regarding your application. Once the application is completed, save it and attach to an email to be sent to: vanguard@vanguardministries.org. OR, you may print the application and mail to Vanguard Ministries, 230 Meadow View Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23435

Interview and Recommendation

Consideration of your initial application includes an accompanying follow-up process:

1. The Vanguard Accreditation Council will appoint an Ad Hoc Credentials Committee to schedule an interview with you (either in person or via telephone).
 - a. The committee will notify you and the Accreditation Council in writing of their recommendation concerning your application.
 - b. Approved ordination candidates will be scheduled for the annual ordination ceremony at the annual leadership summit.
2. All candidates who are recommended for membership will indicate their acceptance of the recommendation by payment of the annual dues:

Vanguard Covenant Membership –\$500.00 onetime fee or monthly installments Dues are payable by check or credit card, on a monthly basis or a one time fee.
3. Confirmed applicants will receive a dated credential card and certificate, confirming them as members in Vanguard Ministries and thus mutually accountable through the annual review and reporting process.

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10. Do you have children and/or step-children?

Name

Age

Residence (City & State)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

11. Are any persons, other than spouse or children, living with you?

Name

Relationship

12. Do you or anyone in your household currently have physical or mental situations requiring on-going medical attention that will affect your ability to minister? No Yes

If yes, please explain _____

13. Have you engaged in adultery or homosexuality since you were saved? No Yes

If yes, explain _____

14. Have you ever engaged in substance abuse?

- Never
- Yes - Only in my past
- Yes - I still struggle from time to time

If yes, explain _____

15. Describe your current financial situation:

- Little or no debt
- Moderate debt
- Serious debt
- Considering bankruptcy

If either of the latter two, please explain _____

16. If you have a written personal vision/mission statement, please provide _____

17. Record your approximate spiritual milestone dates.

Salvation Holy Spirit baptism Called into the ministry First ministry license

Briefly describe your call to ministry or Christian leadership _____

18. Have you written or published any materials? Yes No

If so, please describe _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

19. High School (check grade completed) 9 10 11 12 Graduated GED

College/University/Bible School Location (City & State) Degree or Years attended

EMPLOYMENT

20. Current Employer _____

Employer name

Address

City

State/Country

Zip + 4

MINISTRY BACKGROUND

21. In what ministry setting are you presently serving? Local Church Para Church

Marketplace Educational Institution Other _____

What is your position/role? _____

Do you serve: full-time part-time volunteer compensated

22. Ministry Name _____

_____ Ministry address

_____ City _____ State/Country _____ Zip + 4

23. Contact numbers _____ Ministry Phone _____ Ministry Fax

_____ Ministry Email

24. If your ministry has a website, what is the URL address? _____

25. What is the ministry's mission? _____

26. Summarize your previous ministerial service:

	Church/Ministry Setting	Position/Role	Years
a.	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____	_____

(If necessary, continue summary list on back of this page.)

27. Have you ever been disassociated from, or disciplined by, a ministry? No Yes

If so, explain _____

28. List any prior ministry (or ministries) with which you have been licensed or ordained.

a. Licensed Ordained _____

Name

b. Licensed Ordained _____

Name

c. Licensed Ordained _____

Name

Have you ever been denied Ordination or Licensure? No Yes

If Yes, what organization:

Are you seeking credentials from Vanguard Ministries? No Yes

If yes, under which of the following designations do you wish to be certified?

Licensed Minister Ordained Minister

29. Why do you wish to affiliate with Vanguard Ministries?

30. Can you subscribe to Vanguard Ministries' Statement of Faith and Core Values? Yes No

31. Unless you are the Senior Pastor of a church, name your current pastor and church membership.

Pastor's name	Church name
Church address	Church phone number

32. What person do you presently recognize as personal pastor and/or spiritual mentor?

Name	Ministry	Phone number
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33. As you look forward to the coming year, please share some of your ministry goals.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

34. Please list any/all areas of expertise or experience.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

May others call on you for advise/help in the areas listed above? Yes No

REFERENCES

35. List four persons (other than relatives) who are familiar with your character and your recent ministry reputation, qualifications, and experience. (At least two of these personal references must be licensed or ordained ministers.)

1.	_____	_____
	Name	Telephone Number
	_____	_____
	Address	Relationship
2.	_____	_____
	Name	Telephone Number
	_____	_____
	Address	Relationship
3.	_____	_____
	Name	Telephone Number
	_____	_____
	Address	Relationship
4.	_____	_____
	Name	Telephone Number
	_____	_____
	Address	Relationship