

## QUALITIES OF APPLICANTS

### THE ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Before filling out the application, we suggest that you look at your situation in relation to the following ideal qualifications. It is **not** anticipated that to be selected for this program **every** one of the following criteria must be met. However, persons whose experience includes a significant combination of these will find higher compatibility with the program and intention of the Academy.

#### CRITERIA

Individuals who:

1. Sense a call to a spiritually focused personal ministry (lay or clergy).
2. Have had this call affirmed by others who can vouch for his/her spiritually helpful gifts, and/or the earnest desire for the same.
3. Desire to give significant priority to personal spiritual growth and to be involved with the spiritual formation of others.
4. Have significant life experience and maturity.
5. Desire a serious, experientially and academically oriented, exploratory two-year program with an ecumenical mix of peers and staff.
6. Are open to a variety of Christian spiritual traditions.
7. Have a willingness to engage in a program of study that involves considerable reading.
8. Are affirmed or sponsored for the program by a local church, judicatory, religious community, seminary, counseling center, or other suitable sponsor that will help encourage their work.

#### For Recommenders:

Please review these qualities when considering your recommendation of the person for whom you are writing. You may email, fax, or mail your recommendation to the attention to:

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