

INDEPENDENT ASSEMBLIES
APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS
INSTRUCTION SHEET

Our purpose for granting credentials (pages 13, 16, 17), Bylaws and Policies is threefold:

1. So that we may know them which labor among us according to 1 Thess. 5:12
2. To certify and confirm our confidence in the character and calling of the ministers in our fellowship.
3. To qualify our ministers to comply with the requirements of the law.

It is our policy not to grant any level of credentials to any applicant, however qualified, if it seems obvious that the applicant wants credentials only, and has no intention of working in fellowship with the Independent Assemblies. In rare or unusual cases, exceptions are made and an "Exhorter License" or "Minister License" may be granted, but not "Ordination" status.

We do not extend ministerial credentials to anyone involved in the following: homosexuality, or any sexual activity outside of marriage; the use of intoxicating liquor, narcotics, hallucinogens or tobacco; any form of occult, any involvement in a militia group with intent to overthrow the government of the United States, or membership in any secret order such as the Masonic Lodge and its various branches including the Masons, Scottish Rites, Shriners, Eastern Star, Demolays and Rainbow Girls. It is our firm belief that the Bible teaches against these things and any participation constitutes unacceptable conduct.

Application fees are due annually and as follows: Exhorter \$50.00, Minister's License \$80.00, Ordination \$90.00. Reinstatement fee is an additional \$10.00

- **There is also a one time charge of \$20.00 for all new applicants for background check.**
- All applications must be accompanied by the membership fee, a photo of yourself and a copy of a current certificate and/or membership card if available.
- Page (5) of the application is to be completed by a recommending Ordained Minister in good standing.
- Page (6) of the application is to be filled out by an Ordained IA Minister when the recommending Minister does not have credentials with Independent Assemblies.
- To reapply, you will be subject to a \$10.00 reinstatement fee and may be subject to a one time \$20.00 fee for background check.

This page is for instruction only. Please do not include when you submit your application.

Mail your application to: Independent Assemblies, P.O. Box 1546, Ada, OK 74821

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Independent Assemblies

Application for Ministerial Credentials

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For Office Use
only:
____ Exhorter
____ License
____ Ordination

Date Accepted:

___ New Applicant ___ Advancement ___ Transfer ___ Reinstatement
Applying for: ___ Exhorter's License ___ Minister's License ___ Ordination

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY - INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

Full Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

*Alias/Maiden Name (s) _____ SSN _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Home () _____ Office() _____ Cell () _____

Email Address _____ Website _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? ___ Yes ___ No If no, what country? _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Date and place of conversion _____

Marital Status: ___ Single ___ Married ___ Widowed ___ Divorced

If divorced, How many times? ___ How many times since conversion? ___ If married, has your spouse been divorced? ___ Yes ___ No

How many times has your spouse been divorced since conversion? _____

Date of current marriage _____

How long were you and your spouse divorced before current marriage? You ___ Spouse ___

Have you held credentials with any other fellowship, organization or licensing body? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, give its name and reason for leaving. _____

Do you hold credential's with Independent Assemblies? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, what is your current level of credentials? ___ Exhorter ___ Licensed Minister ___ Ordination

Name of Church you currently attend: _____

Pastors Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

What training have you had to qualify you for the ministry to which you have been called?

On Campus Bible School Correspondence Bible School Pastoral Instruction Other.

If other, explain. _____

PLEASE ANSWER YES OR NO TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW

1. Do you agree with our Code of Conduct as presented on page 1? Yes No
2. Have you read the entire Bible? Yes No
3. Do you believe that all of the Bible is the true and inspired Word of God? Yes No
4. Have you read our Bylaws and Policies Book? Yes No
5. Do you accept our doctrinal position on the Trinity of the Godhead? Yes No
6. Have all men sinned? Yes No
7. Can good works save a soul from hell? Yes No
8. Is faith in the shed blood of Jesus essential to salvation? Yes No
9. Do you believe that once saved, it is possible to be lost? Yes No
10. Do you teach and practice water baptism according to Matt. 28:19? Yes No
11. Is speaking with other tongues the initial physical evidence of the Holy Ghost? Yes No
12. Have you received the Holy Ghost Baptism according to Acts 2:4;10:44-46? Yes No
13. Is divine healing in the atonement? Yes No
14. Will Jesus return to rapture(catch away)His church before the 7 year tribulation? Yes No
15. Will you conduct your ministry and personal behavior according to the stated doctrinal positions and code of conduct of the Independent Assemblies? Yes No
16. Do you tithe faithfully? Yes No
17. Are you willing to help support our World Missions Program? Yes No
18. Are you now carrying a full schedule of duties as pastor, evangelist, Missionary, etc.? Yes No
19. What is your present Ministerial Position? _____
20. How long have you derived your financial support from the ministry of the gospel? _____

I declare that all the information given is true and complete, and having read all the requirements on this application, I will accept and abide by the same.

Applicants Signature _____

LEGAL QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense (felony or misdemeanor, except for minor traffic violations)? Yes No

- 2. Enter yes if you have entered a plea agreement, including a deferred sentence or deferred judgement arrangement, in connection with a criminal charge. Yes No

- 3. Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense, offense relating to children or crime of violence (that is not covered in question 1 above)? Yes No.

- 4. Have you ever been reported to a social services agency, law enforcement authority, child abuse registry or similar organization regarding abuse or misconduct involving children?
 Yes No If Yes, Please Explain. _____

- 5. Have you ever been the subject of a civil lawsuit involving sexual misconduct, sexual harassment or other immoral behavior or conduct, involving adults or children? Yes No If Yes, Please Explain. _____

- 6. Have you ever been the subject of any disciplinary action, transfer or dismissal or been named as a defendant in a civil lawsuit, as a result of an accident or mishap involving children?
 Yes No If Yes, Please Explain _____

- 7. Have you ever been subject to any disciplinary action (including discharge) or investigation by a church, religious or other organization or by an employer?
 Yes No If yes, Please Explain _____

COMMENTS: _____

To be Completed by Recommending Minister

Name of applicant _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Have you had ample opportunity to observe the ministry of the applicant? If yes, what is your evaluation?

Have you had ample opportunity to evaluate the sincerity of the applicant? If yes, what is your evaluation? _____

Have you had ample opportunity to evaluate the integrity of the applicant? If yes, what is your evaluation?

Do you know whether the applicant has a good working knowledge of the Bible? If yes,

What is your evaluation? _____

- Do you believe the applicant is honest with finances? ___ Yes ___ No
- Do you believe this applicant is truthful at all times? ___ Yes ___ No
- Does this applicant have a history of being in the midst of church confusion and turmoil?
Yes ___ No ___
- In your opinion, will this applicant be a valuable minister in the Independent Assemblies?
Yes ___ No ___

If there is anything else you would like to tell us about this applicant,

The answers and comments given above are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and I do offer my recommendation for approval of this application.

Recommending Ministers Signature: _____

Date of Signing _____

**To be completed by endorsing Ordained Independent Assemblies Minister when the
Recommending Minister does not have credentials with the Independent Assemblies**

Name of Recommending Minister _____

Are you well acquainted with the recommending Minister? ___ Yes ___ No

How long have you known the recommending Minister? _____ Month _____ Years

Do you know him/her to be a minister of sincerity and integrity? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you confident that he/she is completely truthful? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you have complete confidence in the judgement of the recommending minister in regard to the qualifications of the applicant? ___ Yes ___ No

Other comments:

The answers and comments given above are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and I do offer my endorsement to the recommending minister.

Endorsed by _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature of Endorsee: _____ Date _____

Please Print Name: _____

