

APPLICATION FOR A MINISTER'S LICENSE

Church of the Nazarene

Instructions: This application should be provided to the district secretary or the district superintendent at least two weeks prior to your scheduled interview or by the deadline set by your district, if earlier. The District Ministerial Credentials Board will use it to consider your request for a minister's license.

<input type="checkbox"/> Minister's License	<input type="checkbox"/> Elder Candidate	Date: / / mm/dd/yy
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Minister's License	<input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Candidate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Minister Candidate		

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ E-mail: _____
(City/State or Province/Postal Code)

District: _____ Local Church Membership: _____

Social Security #: _____ Birth Date: _____ Birthplace: _____

Marital Status: _____ Date of Marriage: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Birthplace: _____

Child's Name: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Birth Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Birth Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Birth Date: _____

• For additional children's names and birth dates, please list on a separate piece of paper and attach to this application.

EDUCATION INFORMATION

List all schools attended and degree earned.

School	Name	Year Graduated	Degree	Major/Minor
High School				
College/Univ.				
Bible College				
Seminary				
Other				

First local minister's license was issued by the _____ local church on _____

What part of a validated Course of Study for Ministers have you completed? ☐ ¼ ☐ ½ ☐ ¾ ☐ All

Are you now enrolled or do you plan to enroll in one of our Nazarene institutions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which one? _____

RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

1. Describe your call into the ministry:

2. Describe your conversion:

3. Are you entirely sanctified? ☐ Yes ☐ No Share your experience:

4. Have you had any spiritual lapses since your conversion and sanctification? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, explain:

CHURCH RELATIONS

5. Record of Church membership (last five years)

Year	Church	Served as *

** SDMI Superintendent, church board member, minister of music, NMI president, NYI president, teacher, etc.*

6. Have you ever been district licensed or ordained in the Church of the Nazarene? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list the most recent district that granted you a district license along with the date it was granted or the year of ordination and district on which it took place :

District: _____ Date: _____

First district minister's license was issued by the _____ Date: _____

(Before a new district license is granted, obtain a report and records from the district on which the license lapsed.)

7. Record of Licensed Ministry

Year	Licensed by District	Served as *	Place

*Evangelist, pastor, teacher, student, other. If other, explain.

8. Have you ever been involved in church trouble of any kind? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

9. Are you in full sympathy and hearty accord with the standards, doctrines, and government of the Church of the Nazarene? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Will you wholeheartedly support the Church and its institutions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

11. What experience have you had thus far in preaching?

12. Do you sense the urgency of Christians being entirely sanctified? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your ministry result in the sanctification of believers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no to either of the above questions, please explain:

13. How many would you estimate were sanctified under your ministry during the past two years?

PERSONAL INFORMATION

14. Are you in good health? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, state particulars:

15. Are your spouse and children in good health? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, state particulars:

16. Are there physical irregularities in your family that would hinder your ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

17. Does your spouse support you in your commitment to fulfill your calling? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain:

18. List your financial debts.

Financial Debt	Amount

19. Are you behind on any debt or obligation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain: _____

20. Have you been divorced? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Details of said divorce of the applicant must be submitted to the presiding General Superintendent in jurisdiction for their review, in accordance with *Manual* paragraphs 320 & 530.1 (#7, #8).

Are you willing to do so? ☐ Yes ☐ No If these have not been submitted, immediate contact should be made with the District Secretary about it.

21. Has your spouse been divorced? ☐ Yes ☐ No

22. If married, are you now living with your spouse? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, what are your reasons? _____

23. Have you ever been arrested, convicted or plead “no contest” at any time? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been accused of child molestation, exploitation or abuse? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes to either of the above questions, please explain:

Applicant’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

A WORD TO APPLICANTS

The *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene is specific in matters pertaining to the licensed ministry of the church. These sections should be read carefully and the necessary requirements met before application is made for a district license. List the paragraph numbers from the *Manual* indicating the portion you have read dealing with the “Call & Qualifications of the Minister” and “The Licensed Minister.”

The General Assembly has outlined the COURSE OF STUDY in the *Manual* and is detailed in the regional Sourcebook on Ordination. This course will be supervised by the District Ministerial Studies Board. Information may be secured by contacting the chairman of the district board, or you may consult with your local pastor.