

Application for Admission

Applicant's Full Name	Preferred Name
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Mailing Address (where correspondence should be sent)

City	State	Zip Code
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Permanent Address (if different from above)

City	State	Zip Code
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Home Phone #	Cell Phone #	E-mail
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Date of Birth	Gender	Marital Status	Social Security #
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Name of College / University	Location	Date of Graduation	Major(s)/Minor(s)
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Church Affiliation/Preference

Credit Card Information (only supply if submitting \$50 application fee by credit card)

Credit card number	Vendor (i.e. Visa, MC)	Expiration Date (MM/YY)
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Security Code (i.e. Visa - 123, Amex - 1234)	Billing Zip Code
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Please explain any physical limitation or special medical requirements, including severe allergies.

If not a full-time student, please give a brief explanation of your current work on a separate sheet of paper.

Short Answer Questions

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide the following information:

- 1) Briefly describe how you found out about Houston Fellows Initiative.
- 2) Describe your involvement in any organization with a faith emphasis and/or the significance of what a local church has meant to you.
- 3) Please provide details of your work and volunteer experience and what kind of work you are interested in doing during this internship.
- 4) Describe your extracurricular involvement in activities, organizations, and programs.
- 5) If you play a musical instrument, describe your skill level with that instrument. Describe other talents or hobbies (i.e. Have you ever led worship for a church or a campus fellowship group? Have you ever played in a band or orchestra or performed in the arts?)
- 6) If you plan to pursue additional education in the future, describe the kind of study you would like to undertake, including the degree(s), the subject matter, and when you intend to apply.
- 7) If you have studied or worked abroad, tell where, how long, and briefly describe the program of study.
- 8) If you have been out of school for at least 6 months, briefly describe what you have been doing in that time.

Essay Questions

On a separate sheet of paper, answer each question in a 300-400 word essay:

- 1) Where do you see yourself in 5 years and how do you see Houston Fellows Initiative (HFI), as you understand it, helping you get there?
- 2) Give a brief history of your faith journey and explain how your faith has affected your personal life and professional goals.
- 3) What are the 3 books (besides the bible) that best characterize your main interests and have affected your thinking and life the most? Explain why.

Statement of Commitment

We in the Houston Fellows Initiative desire to keep God's Word as the standard by which we conduct our lives, and strive to be obedient to that standard. We are convinced that the most effective leader is the servant leader who strives to know God's will and is compelled by His Grace. As believers, we celebrate our life of grace, we affirm that we belong to Christ and we are committed both to serving others and to pursuing a mission.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Statement of Certification

I hereby declare that all the information I have supplied is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree that if enrolled in the Houston Fellows Initiative, I will live in a manner that is supportive of the aims of the community, including the way I treat others, complete my work assignments, and participate in discussions and events. I also agree to obey the rules of Houston Fellows Initiative at all times. I will follow the guidelines of my host family. I understand that I will be responsible for providing \$3,500 for program costs, transportation, and health insurance. I understand that I am responsible for \$3,000 additional program fees if I choose to participate in the optional accredited masters level theology courses to cover the cost of tuition and program materials. By signing below, I also authorize Houston Fellows Initiative to make independent inquiries about me.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Application Details and Instructions

Note: Applications will be accepted throughout Summer 2009; rolling acceptances beginning in April 2009.

There will be rolling acceptances throughout Summer 2009. Phone interviews begin in May and all applicants who apply by May 15th will receive notification by June 15th. To apply, you must have a bachelor's degree and be at least 21 years of age.

Please make sure the following are included in your application:

1. Letter of intent (cover letter)
2. Completed application form (missing application information may result in disapproval of application)
3. Four (4) letters of recommendation with completed form (see below); these forms must be mailed by person of reference
4. Resume (background, education history, work/volunteer experience, etc)
5. Color photo (full-color; jpeg file if digital)
6. College transcript (only for admission to optional accredited academic track)
7. \$50 non-refundable application fee; accepted forms of payment include check or credit card
 - a. Check: please make payable to Houston Fellows Initiative
 - b. Credit card: please fill out the credit card form above

Please mail or e-mail completed application and all requested forms to:

Houston Fellows Initiative

Admissions

1707 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 123

Houston, Texas 77056

Phone: 713.490.9570

E-mail: laura@houstonfellows.com

Reference Form

Each year Houston Fellows Initiative accepts individuals to receive fellowships for its 9 month program. The program consists of a rigorous weekly schedule including work internship, theological study, community and church service, living with a host family and mentoring from a mature Christian leader. Each Fellow will be living life in a learning community, all designed to help Fellows discern their career interests, refine their passions, connect with a faith community, and prepare to impact society. Fellows live, work and serve together with a local congregation located in Houston, Texas. To learn more visit www.houstonfellows.com.

Applicant Name

Deadline for submission

Instructions to Applicant:

Please print your name in the space above. Check one of the following statements below and sign your name before giving it to your referrer.

- I waive any claim to access personal reference forms written on behalf of my application.
- I DO NOT waive claim to access personal reference forms written on behalf of my application.

Applicant Signature

Date

Reference Form Instructions

The person named above has applied for admission to the Houston Fellows Initiative. Your recommendation is a vital part of the application process. Please complete this form and mail it by the deadline listed above to: Houston Fellows Initiative, Admissions, 1707 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 123, Houston, Texas 77056.

Referring Individual

Last Name		First Name	
Position / Title		Business / Organization	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Phone #	Email	Relationship to Applicant	
Signature		Date	

Applicant Assessment

According to the scale below, please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

- 5 Outstanding (top 5%); statement is **completely and consistently** descriptive of the candidate
- 4 Excellent (top 15%); statement is **almost always** descriptive of the candidate
- 3 Good (top third); statement is **usually** descriptive of the candidate
- 2 Average (middle third); statement is **occasionally** descriptive of the candidate
- 1 Poor (bottom third); statement is **not** descriptive of the candidate
- 0 Don't know the applicant well enough to make an accurate assessment of this statement

Leadership

_____ Demonstrates honesty and integrity of character

_____ Inspires confidence and trust in others

We expect Houston Fellows Initiative Fellows to desire to become leaders within their chosen career field. They will also have opportunities to interact with a number of distinguished leaders and professionals. Please comment on the applicant's leadership potential and the degree to which they demonstrate professionalism.

Relationships in Community

_____ Cooperates and gets along well with peers; team player

_____ Edifies and uplifts others

Fellows are expected to live, work, eat, study, and worship alongside peers from various backgrounds and Christian traditions. Please comment on the applicant's ability to relate to people of differing backgrounds and personalities.

Work Ethic

_____ Completes tasks on time with attention to detail

_____ Honors rules and carries out assignments without complaint

Fellows are expected to complete a diverse range of academic and work assignments. Please comment on the ability of the applicant to work industriously. Is he/she able to take initiative and follow thoroughly on projects, or is continual oversight necessary?

Attitude

_____ Maintains positive attitude even in undesirable situations

_____ Demonstrates humility and a desire to serve others

Fellows are expected to serve in a number of different roles. Please comment on the ability of the applicant to respect authority. Is he/she able to receive and benefit from constructive criticism?

Summary

Overall, how does this person's ability and leadership potential compare to their peers?

Outstanding Excellent Good Average Poor

What qualities set this person apart from his/her peers?

Where do you feel this candidate has room for growth?

Please attach this form to a letter of recommendation to provide any other information concerning the applicant's qualifications and abilities.