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**Ecclesiastical Endorsement
 for Graduate Admission**
 GS Form E

IMAGING: GRSFormBandE
 Admit Year/Term:

Required of all applicants. Submit no earlier than one year prior to your expected semester of entry. Do not use the Continuing Student Ecclesiastical Endorsement Form

Requirements and Instructions

If you are a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), you should arrange an interview with the bishop of the ward in which you live and that holds your current Church membership record.

If you are not a member of the LDS church, you may obtain an interview from an ecclesiastical (religious) leader of your choice. Please carefully read the BYU Honor Code (located on the last page of GS Form E) prior to your interview.

The purpose of the interview is to determine a student's continuing commitment to the Honor Code and the Dress and Grooming Standards. In addition, students who are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be asked about their Church service and attendance, and their willingness to uphold Church rules and standards.

Applicant Information

Family or Surname _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

BYU Net ID _____ BYU ID Number _____ Male Female

Current Mailing Address _____

Address Line 2 _____ Semester/Term and year for which you are applying _____

Address Line 3 _____ US Applicant International Applicant

City _____ Postal Code _____ State or Province _____ Country _____ **Current Visa Type:** F-1 J-1 Other (specify) _____

E-mail Address _____ **Religious Affiliation:** LDS Other (specify) _____

Telephone Number _____

Ecclesiastical Information (to be completed by applicant)

Name of Current Bishop, Branch President, or Religious Leader _____ Ward or Branch (where records reside) _____

Mailing Address of Current Bishop, Branch President, or Religious Leader (include city, state or province, postal code, and country) _____

Phone Number of Current Bishop, Branch President, or Religious Leader _____ E-mail Address of Current Bishop, Branch President, or Religious Leader _____

Office Use Only: Date Input _____

Ecclesiastical Endorsement

To Be Completed by Interviewing Ecclesiastical (Religious) Leader

INSTRUCTIONS - Review with the applicant the Honor Code, the Dress and Grooming Standards, and the Expectations for Continuing Enrollment (see <http://honorcode.byu.edu>), then respond to the questions below. The endorsement interview should be a private, detailed interview to ensure the student is worthy to attend a religious sponsored institution and that the student fully understands his or her commitment to live the Brigham Young University Honor Code. If you have little or no knowledge of the student's religious activity for the past several months, please contact the student's prior ecclesiastical leader before endorsing the student.

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints requests that ecclesiastical leaders not recommend students with unresolved moral problems or students who would undermine the faith of other BYU students. Applicants who are currently excommunicated, disfellowshipped, on formal probation, or who have asked to have their name removed from the records of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are not admissible until reinstated to full fellowship. Individuals who need to reform their lives before they can contribute constructively to the BYU environment should not be recommended.

LDS Applicants

Interview should be arranged with the bishop of the ward in which you live and that holds your current Church membership record.

1. Yes No I have possession of the applicant's membership records. (If the response is No, please confer with the applicant's previous bishop before completing this form).
2. Yes No I have thoroughly reviewed all the requirements contained in the Honor Code, the Dress and Grooming Standards, and the Expectations for Continuing Enrollment with the above-named applicant.
3. Yes No Does the applicant live a chaste and virtuous life, including avoidance of pornography, abstinence from sexual relations outside of marriage, and abstinence from homosexual conduct?
4. Yes No Does the applicant live the Word of Wisdom by abstaining from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, coffee, tea, and drug abuse?
5. Yes No The applicant has and will continue to do his or her duty in the Church and abide by the rules and standards of the Church.
6. Yes No For the past year, the applicant has been and continues to abide by the standards in the BYU Honor Code. (If the answer is No, answer the next statement).
 Yes No If a violation of the standards in the Honor Code has occurred, the applicant has demonstrated over a sufficient period of time that the infraction has been completely resolved.

7. Yes Yes, with reservations No* Do you recommend this applicant for admission to BYU?
 (*Please **inform** the applicant of your non-recommendation.)

- Please check this box if the applicant is currently excommunicated, disfellowshipped, on formal probation, or if the applicant has requested that his or her name be removed from the records of the Church. **Note:** Applicants currently under formal Church disciplinary action are not admissible until reinstated to full fellowship.
- If you would like to discuss this ecclesiastical endorsement or have any BYU standard clarified, please check this box and an academic advisor will contact you. You may also call Graduate Studies at (801) 422-4091 and ask to speak to the Assistant Dean.

Non-LDS Applicants

1. Yes No I have thoroughly reviewed all the requirements contained in the Honor Code, the Dress and Grooming Standards, and the Expectations for Continuing Enrollment with the above-named applicant.
 2. Yes No Does the applicant live a chaste and virtuous life, including avoidance of pornography, abstinence from sexual relations outside of marriage, and abstinence from homosexual conduct?
 3. Yes No The applicant will abide by the standards in the BYU Honor Code while enrolled as a student at BYU, including abstinence from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, coffee, tea, and drug abuse?
 4. Yes Yes, with reservations No* Do you recommend this applicant for admission to BYU?
 (*Please **inform** the applicant of your non-recommendation.)
- If you would like to discuss this ecclesiastical endorsement or have any BYU standard clarified, please check this box and we will contact you. You may also call Graduate Studies at (801) 422-4091 and ask to speak to the Assistant Dean.

Signature and Contact Information

Printed Name of Ecclesiastical (Religious) Leader

Address of Ecclesiastical (Religious) Leader

Signature of Ecclesiastical (Religious) Leader

Date

City, State/Province, Country

Ward/Branch or Denomination

Unit Number (For LDS Applicants)

Telephone Number of Ecclesiastical (Religious) Leader

Church Position or Title of Ecclesiastical (Religious) Leader

E-mail Address of Ecclesiastical (Religious) Leader

IMPORTANT - Please seal the completed form in an envelope with your signature across the sealed portion. You may return the sealed envelope to the applicant or send it directly to Graduate Studies, 105 FPH, Provo, UT 84602.

Brigham Young University Honor Code

Brigham Young University exists to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That atmosphere is created and preserved through commitment to conduct that reflects those ideals and principles. Members of the faculty, administration, staff, and student body at BYU are selected and retained from among individuals who voluntarily live the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Observance of such is a specific condition of employment and admission. Those individuals who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are also expected to maintain the same standards of conduct, except church attendance. All who represent BYU are to maintain the highest standards of honor, integrity, morality, and consideration of others in personal behavior. By accepting appointment on the faculty, continuing in employment, or continuing class enrollment, individuals evidence their commitment to observe the Honor Code standards approved by the Board of Trustees "at all times and . . . in all places" (Mosiah 18:9).

"We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men. . . . If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things" (Thirteenth Article of Faith).

As a matter of personal commitment, students, faculty, and staff of Brigham Young University seek to demonstrate in daily living on and off campus those moral virtues encompassed in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and will:

- Be honest
- Observe Dress and Grooming Standards
- Obey the law and all campus policies
- Participate regularly in church services
- Respect others
- Abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee, and substance abuse
- Live a chaste and virtuous life
- Use clean language
- Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the Honor Code

Academic Honesty Policy

BYU students should seek to be totally honest in their dealings with others. They should complete their own work and be evaluated based upon that work. They should avoid academic dishonesty and misconduct in all its forms, including plagiarism, fabrication or falsification, cheating, and other academic misconduct. Students are responsible not only to adhere to the Honor Code requirement to be honest but also to assist other students in fulfilling their commitment to be honest. (Complete version of the Academic Honesty Policy available at <http://honorcode.byu.edu/>.)

Dress and Grooming Standards

The dress and grooming of both men and women should always be modest, neat and clean, consistent with the dignity adherent to representing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and BYU. Modesty and cleanliness are important values that reflect personal dignity and integrity, through which students, staff, and faculty represent the principles and standards of the Church. Members of the BYU community commit themselves to observe these standards which reflect the direction given by the Board of Trustees and the Church publication, *For the Strength of Youth*. The Dress and Grooming Standards are as follows:

Men - A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained. Clothing is inappropriate when it is sleeveless, revealing, or form fitting. Shorts must be knee length or longer. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles or colors, and trimmed above the collar leaving the ear uncovered. Sideburns should not extend below the earlobe or on to the cheek. If worn, moustaches should be neatly trimmed and may not extend beyond or below the corners of the mouth. Men are expected to be clean shaven; beards are not acceptable. Earrings and other body piercing are not acceptable. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas.

Women - A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained. Clothing is inappropriate when it is sleeveless, strapless, backless, or revealing; has slits above the knee; or is form fitting. Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be knee length or longer. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extremes in styles and colors. Excessive ear piercing (more than one per ear) and all other body piercing are not acceptable. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas.

Residential Living Standards

As stated in its Code of Honor, Brigham Young University is committed to providing a learning atmosphere consistent with the principles of the Church. The university is likewise committed to creating such an atmosphere for students residing on and off campus. To achieve this, BYU has established living standards to help students learn some of the high ideals and principles of behavior expected at Brigham Young University. The University requires all students to adhere to the following applicable standards.

Housing - Visitors of the opposite sex are permitted in the lobbies, living rooms, and kitchens but not in the bedroom area. The use of the bathroom area by members of the opposite sex is not appropriate unless emergency or civility dictate otherwise; and then only if the safety, privacy and sensitivity of other residents are not jeopardized. This policy applies to all housing units occupied by single students. (Complete version of the Academic Honesty Policy available at <http://honorcode.byu.edu/>.)

Conduct

All students shall be required to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the BYU Honor Code. Furthermore, all students are required to abstain from possessing, serving, or consuming alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee, or harmful drugs. Involvement with gambling; pornographic, erotic, or indecent material; disorderly, obscene, or indecent conduct or expressions; or with other offensive materials, expressions, or conduct or disruption of the peace that, in the sole discretion and judgment of the university, is inconsistent with the principles of the Church and the BYU Honor Code is not permitted in student housing. All guests of students must comply with the Residential Living Standards while on the premises of university-approved housing. All students are required to know the Dress and Grooming Standards and abide by them. (The standards expressed above apply to students at all times whether on or off campus.)

Expectations for Continuing Enrollment

All students must abide by the Honor Code and Dress and Grooming Standards as long as they are enrolled at BYU, whether on or off campus. All enrolled continuing graduate students are required to obtain a Continuing Student Ecclesiastical Endorsement for each new academic year. Students must have their endorsements completed, submitted, and processed by the Honor Code Office before they can register for fall semester or any semester thereafter.

LDS Students - LDS students shall be endorsed only by the bishop of the ward (1) in which they live and (2) that holds their current Church membership record.

Non-LDS Students - Non-LDS students shall be endorsed by (1) the local ecclesiastical leader if the student is an active member of the congregation, (2) the bishop of the LDS ward in which they currently reside, or (3) the non-denominational BYU chaplain.

Requirements - Whether on or off campus and between semesters, all students are expected to abide by the Honor Code, which also includes: the Academic Honesty Policy, the Dress and Grooming Standards, and the applicable Residential Living Standards. LDS students must fulfill their duty in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, attend Church meetings, and abide by the rules and standards of the Church on and off campus. Students who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are also expected to maintain the same standards of conduct. They are encouraged to participate in services of their preferred religion.