



vineyardleadershipinstitute

Application for Admission (US Distance)

Desired Start Date _____

Quarter _____ Year _____

Check here if you are signing up for the Pastor Track. This is for existing pastors only. It is the same program as our general 2 year program but it takes 4 years to do.

Name of hosting church/site _____

City _____ State _____

Personal Information

1. Full Name _____
First Middle Last

2. Date of Birth ____/____/____ Gender (please check) Male Female
Month Day Year

3. Please check where appropriate (this information is optional)

- Black, non-Hispanic
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- White, non-Hispanic
- Other _____

4. Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

5. E-mail (required) _____

6. Home phone () _____ Cell phone () _____

7. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? Yes No

8. Are there any legal actions or judgments pending against you currently?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

9. Marital Status:

Single

Widowed

Married*/ Date of Marriage _____ Spouse's Name _____

Divorced **/ Date of Divorce _____

* If married, is your spouse fully supporting your decision to participate in this school's training program? Yes No

Please Explain:

** If divorced, please explain circumstances in relationship to Biblical truth: _____

10. Number of children at home: _____ Ages of children: _____

11. When did you become a Christian (approx. age if you are not sure)? _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

12. What is the name, address, and phone number of your local church?

Name _____ Phone number () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

13. Are you on staff at your local church? Yes No

If yes, position _____

14. Are you currently involved in a church affiliated small group?

Yes No

If so, briefly describe the group and give the leader's name _____

15. How did you hear about VLI?

Brochure/catalogue

Conference

Friend

Pastor

Church service

Web

Other _____

Education and Experience Information

16. Are you a high school graduate or do you have your GED equivalent:
 Yes No Date graduated: _____
17. Post High School Education or College(s) Attended Dates Attended Major or Degree

18. In your educational experiences, have you completed course work in biblical, theological, or other areas of ministry at a university level? Yes No
19. Employment History (put most recent job first)
 Employer Position Dates

20. What experience do you have in leading and serving? _____

21. At present, what are your ministry objectives? (List 1, 2, & 3 in order of preference)
 Church Planting High School Ministry Pastoral Ministry
 College Ministry Homeless Ministry Prison Ministry
 Compassion Ministry Lay Christian Service Worship Ministry
 Counseling Marriage & Family Young Adult Ministry
 Elderly Ministry Men's/Women's Ministry Young Children Ministry
 Elementary Ministry Middle School Ministry Other _____
 Evangelism Missionary Other _____
22. What are your areas of gifting (please check all that apply)
 Administration Giving Prophecy
 Counseling Healing Serving
 Discernment Hospitality Teaching
 Encouragement Leading Worship
 Evangelism Mercy Other _____
 Faith Pastor Other _____

23. Please answer the following two topics on a separate piece of paper (up to 150 words each):

1. Give an account of your conversion to Christ or the nature of your Christian experience.
2. Discuss what you know about God's calling in your life, your vision of the future, and how VLI would assist in that.

24. Please read the statement of faith and values following the last page of the reference form... Do you agree with the statement? Yes No

If no, explain: _____

The above information I have included on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any fabrication is grounds for dismissal. I also understand that my academic and financial records, in regard to VLI, may be made available to my pastor and/or site coordinator.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

\$50.00 non refundable application fee required

Reference Form

Instructions: Complete section I and then have your pastor, youth pastor, ministry leader, or small group leader, who knows your testimony and who has observed your spiritual growth, complete section II. This should be someone who knows you, but is not a family member.

I. To be completed by applicant (please type or print)

Applicant's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number () _____ Start Date _____

Applicant's email address _____

Waiver of right of access to confidential statement: I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily waive any right to inspect the content of this recommendation.

Applicant's signature _____

II. To be completed by the pastor/youth pastor/ministry leader/small group leader. (Please type or print).

VLI requires the applicant to have the maturity, character, and integrity of a leader in the ministry of the kingdom of God. VLI is looking for the called and committed leader to be further trained as the leader God has called him or her to be. As an applicant the student above is required to submit a recommendation from either his/her pastor, youth pastor, ministry leader, or small group leader. Your comments are important to us. Therefore, please provide your honest, complete and careful evaluation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the VLI representative at 614.259.5417.

Please return this completed form promptly to:

Attn: VLI Accountant
Vineyard Columbus
6000 Cooper Road
Westerville, Ohio 43081

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. How well do you know the applicant (please check one of the following):

Close personal relationship Fairly well Casually By name only

3. Does the applicant profess to be saved/ born again?

Yes No I don't know

4. Do you observe evidence to support this profession?

Yes No I don't know

5. Is the applicant living a consistent Christian life?
 Yes No I don't know
 What evidence have you observed? _____

6. What spiritual gifts are evident in the applicant's life? _____

7. Describe the type of ministry you have observed the applicant performing. _____

8. Describe the applicant's pattern of service in ministry. He/She serves in ministry:
 Regularly (weekly) Occasionally (2x/month or so)
 Sporadically (1x/month or less)
9. Describe briefly the applicant's home situation: _____

10. Are you aware if the applicant has been investigated for or accused of sexual or physical abuse?
 Yes No I don't know
 If yes, please explain: _____

11. Are you aware of the applicant being charged or convicted of any criminal offense?
 Yes No I don't know
 If yes, please explain: _____

12. Through your observation of the applicant or through your hearing of his/her testimony, is it evident that the applicant has experience outstanding change and growth when he/she committed his/her life to Christ?
 Yes No I don't know
 If yes, please explain: _____

13. Is the applicant's reputation above reproach and consistent with biblical teaching?
 Yes No I don't know
 If yes, please explain: _____

14. If the applicant is single, how would you describe his/her dating practices?
 Consistent with Biblical teaching Have not observed Questionable
 Definite problem, please explain: _____

15. If married, how would you describe the applicant's relationship with his/her spouse?
 Healthy and Mature Reasonable but with unresolved issues
 Definite problem, please explain: _____
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16. How would you describe the applicant's attitude toward authority?
 Consistent with Biblical teaching Have not observed Questionable
Please explain: _____
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17. In social relationships with peers, the applicant is:
 Sought out Accepted Tolerated
Comments: _____
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18. In handling finances, would you say the applicant's practices are?
 Consistent with Biblical teaching Have not observed Questionable
Please explain: _____
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19. Which of the following present the greatest challenge to the applicant: The applicant's spirituality, cooperativeness, honesty, tactfulness, good judgment, willingness to do hard work?
Please explain: _____
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Recommendation concerning acceptance:

VLI requires the applicant to have the maturity, character, and integrity of a kingdom leader. VLI is looking for the called and committed leader for the kingdom to be further trained as the leader God has called him or her to be. If you were the Director of Vineyard Leadership Institute with the mandate to train students for full-time Christian leadership, knowing what you do about the applicant, would you think it wise to accept this student?

- Yes, enthusiastically Yes, with reservations No

I would like to discuss this recommendation by phone (optional)

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____ No
Cell Phone: () _____

Name (Please type or print) _____

Church _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for your time. We value your help in partnering with us to train and raise up leaders of integrity for the kingdom of God.

The staff at Vineyard Leadership Institute

Our Statement of Faith

We believe in the one triune God who exists in three persons . . . the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt.28:19) who created and rules the heavens and earth and who works to redeem mankind and all creation.

We believe in the full humanity and deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His substitutionary atonement, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory (John 1:1-18; 1 Cor. 15:3-6; 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 1:11; 1Thes. 5:16-17).

We believe in the Holy spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, who regenerates, sanctifies, guides, and empowers through His gifts all believers(1Cor.12:4-11;Gal .5:16-23; Tit.3:5)

We believe that the Bible is the inspired, infallible and wholly authoritative word of God and that it is our standard guide for faith and practice (2Tim. 3:16-17).

We believe that all men and women are sinners and can only be justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as a free gift of God (Eph. 2:1-10).

We believe in water baptism and an open communion table for all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:19-20; 1Cor. 11:23-26).

We believe in the embodied and visible return of Jesus Christ to earth and the resurrection of all men and women to a final judgment: eternal blessing for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked (Matt. 25:31-46).

Our Statement of Values

Every house is built upon a foundation. Vineyard is built upon the foundation of our theology, how we think about God, and our values, the kinds of ideas and attitudes that reflect who we are as we seek to be like Jesus.

We value responsiveness to divine initiation. We want to discern indications that God is initiating and blessing certain decisions, actions, and ministries before we commit to do them (Jn. 5:19, 30). We discern these through the inseparable ministry of the Word and the Spirit. This includes seeking righteousness in completely truthful, consistent, and open relationships with God, with others, and with ourselves as defined by the Spirit-wielded Word.

We value reality. We want every expression of ours- whether speech, music, architecture, or manner- to be authentic, non-hyped, natural, and reality-based.

We value relationships. We want our relationships to be primary, not instrumental: for individuals to be valued and to experience being loved in every transaction of ministry. Moreover, our faith and ministry must take place in the context of meaningful community.