

Elmira Discipleship Ministries

Discipleship Training School

2019-2020

9 Month Student Application



[A ministry of Elmira Discipleship Ministries, for the Church]

INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill each response out completely and legibly. Use this application form and attach any additional sheets to the application as necessary. This application may take you a couple of hours to complete.

2019-2020 application deadline: **September 1**

Applications must be mailed to:

Elmira Discipleship Ministries
2018-19 Application
PO Box 510
Elmira, NY 14902

You are applying for the 2018-2019 Ministry Year. These dates include:

Start Date: September 9th, 2019

Orientation Week: September 9th-11th, 2019 (Evening Sessions)

Commissioning Ceremony: May 30th, 2020

Graduation Project: LYC June 2020

Conference Spring Date TBD

Full student calendar, with conference dates, mandatory outreaches (Such as Bootiful Night), holiday breaks etc, will be sent out upon acceptance to the school.

PLEASE READ BEFORE CONTINUING APPLICATION

We are so excited that you are interested in the Elmira Discipleship Training School and we look forward to talking to you more about being a part of the ministry. By filling out this application honestly and completely you are helping us identify a true picture of your current reality. Our dream is to see you step further into God's vision for your life!

All the information given in this application is confidential and will only be read by the Elmira Discipleship Ministries staff directly involved in the application process.

With information on your personal background, education, and finances, we will be able to ascertain a better understanding of your current situation in life and more about your personal history. College degrees, previous employment, and other training is not a requirement to be in our ministry program and admittance is not granted on the basis of a student's resume. We ask these questions simply to get to know you better!

Your moral and medical history will not alone preclude you from admittance to the program. Our goal in obtaining this information is to learn how to best shepherd you through this process and your potential time in the Elmira Discipleship Training School.

Our desire is to admit ministry-students who are at a place where joining us will be helpful to them in becoming all that God says they are in Christ. We pray about and consider the admission of all applicants to the Elmira Discipleship Training School.

The Elmira Discipleship Ministries will hold “interviews” starting in May, 2019. Face to face interviews are scheduled after we receive applications in the order that we received them and typically last 60 – 90 minutes.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Fill out online form
2. Turn in: application, and references
3. EDM staff member contacts listed references
4. Application is reviewed by EDM Staff and in some cases (but not all), an interview may be requested
5. Within 3 weeks a notice of acceptance or non-acceptance will be given to applicant.
6. Upon acceptance students will receive further dates and requirements.

COMPLETED APPLICATION INCLUDES (What applicant is mailing in):

- One page essay
- Pastor Reference (1)
- Friend Reference (1)

Provide a self addressed stamped envelope for your references, so they can mail the reference form directly to Elmira Discipleship Ministries.

ONE PAGE ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain why you want to be a part of the Elmira Discipleship Training School. **Essays should be no more than one page, single-spaced, and typed.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full legal name: _____ Preferred name: _____

Birth date: ____/____/____ Gender: _____

Current Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____ E-Mail: _____

Marital Status: (fill out all that apply)

Single Married Divorced Engaged

Wife/Husbands name _____ Are they also applying _____

Fiancé(e)'s name _____ Are they also applying _____

Single-are you dating? **Yes/No** If yes, name _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition for the 9 months is \$1350 (\$150 per month). This pays for your various outreaches, and ministry training.

Not included in the tuition cost are required books a conference, and mandatory participation in the Ministries' Love Your City Missions trip in June 2020.

Tuition can be paid in one of the following ways:

1. Total up front
2. Monthly* (after down payment)

Several books are required to be in your possession by the start of school. Cost of books will be roughly \$70. A list will be sent to you upon acceptance.

A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is due (upon your acceptance) by September 1 as first month's tuition.

(If you would like to send out support letters to family and friends, we can help you create a support letter upon request)

(Responses below do **NOT** disqualify you from the school)

Do you tithe (10%) regularly to the local church? **Yes/ No**

Do you regularly give offerings over and above a tithe? **Yes/ No**

JOB AGREEMENT

How many hours do you currently work weekly? _____
What is your typical schedule?

(M)_____ (Tu)_____ (W)_____ (Th)_____ (F)_____ (Sa)_____ (S)_____

What are typical shift times?

For those currently employed or searching for a new job:

(Initial)_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to ask for time-off for required events pertaining to my commitment in the Elmira Discipleship Ministries Training School. These include but are not limited to ***Tuesday evenings weekly, one Wednesday evening a month and one Saturday morning of every month***, along with conferences (Dates/Times TBD) and special outreaches (including but not limited to, Bootiful Night, fundraiser, and Love Your City.)

A note regarding job scheduling:

The Elmira Discipleship Ministries staff will be diligent and clear about required dates and events during which students will not be able to work.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Are your parents Christians? **Yes/ No**

If you have children, are they Christians? **Yes/No**

Are they currently involved in a church? **Yes/ No**

Describe the health of your current relationship with your parents, family members, or spouse. How do they feel about the Elmira Discipleship Training School and you applying for it?

Briefly describe your family background (what was your family life growing up?) :

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

(Ministry students will be required to stay involved at their local church/find one in Elmira if not currently attending)

At what age did you accept Christ and become born again? _____

Briefly describe how you began your relationship with Jesus:

Current Church membership: _____ When did you become a member?
____/____/____

Have you ever been involved in the occult, new age practices, or a cult (Mormons, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)? **Yes/ No**

If so, explain:

Have you been water baptized? **Yes/ No**

Do you believe in the Holy Trinity?

(God is one “being” with three distinct personalities: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) **Yes/ No**

If you could summarize how a person comes to know God and becomes a follower of Jesus, how would you describe that?

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

**We recognize that a person’s past can be a very tender subject due to the painful experiences that many have had. On the following questionnaires please be extremely honest in order for us to assess how we can most effectively help you.*

*A past or present problem in an area **does not** necessarily exclude you from the school. The information that you share with us will be treated confidentially and will be seen only by those directly involved in your application decision. We may not know you yet, but WE LOVE YOU!*

Name: _____

How many days were you absent from work (or school) due to illness in the last year? _____

Will you have medical insurance during the ministry year? **Yes/ No**
(Not a requirement to be in the ministry)

Are you currently taking any medication or under a doctor’s care? **Yes/ No**
If so, indicate medication, purpose and any limitations it may cause:

Do you have any handicaps or health conditions that require special care? **Yes/ No**
If so, please explain: _____

Do you have any chronic illnesses or allergies? (Including Pet Allergies) **Yes/ No**
If so, what are they: _____

Have you ever had a period of illness that doctors had difficulty diagnosing? **Yes/ No**
If so, please explain: _____

Have you used narcotics, hallucinogens or drugs not prescribed by a physician in the past 5 years? **Yes/ No**
If so, what kind and when? _____

Do you now drink alcoholic beverages? **Yes/ No** If so, how frequently? _____

Do you now use tobacco products? **Yes/ No** If so, how frequently? _____

What are your thoughts in general on consuming alcohol and tobacco products?

Are you willing and open to submitting your tobacco/alcohol use to the Holy Spirit and community if a change in your consumption level is required to be in our program? **Yes/ No**

Have you been treated for a drug or alcohol problem in the past 5 years? **Yes/ No**
If yes, please explain: _____

Do you now or in the past struggle with addiction to porn? **Yes/No**
If yes, please explain: _____

Do you now or in the past struggle with addiction or compulsive behavior towards: social media, TV watching, internet use, gaming, or general phone use? **Yes/No**
If yes, please explain: _____

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In social situations or in doing something new, do you ever feel anxiety or fear? **Yes/No**
If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever experienced physical symptoms of anxiety including panic attacks, shortness of breath, unexplainable migraine headaches? **Yes/ No**

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever experienced suicidal thoughts or engaged in self-mutilation (cutting, scratching, etc...)? **Yes/No**

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever had a mental health diagnosis? **Yes/No**

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been diagnosed with a learning disability? **Yes/ No**

If yes, what modifications were made to your coursework?

Would you be willing to see a counselor during the course of your time in the school if deemed necessary by the Elmira Discipleship Ministries Staff **Yes/No**

Define what self-awareness means to you:

Describe what is necessary for a person to learn something new?

Self Awareness: Please rate the following on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being “I don’t struggle with this at all” and 5 being “I struggle with this on a frequent basis”. (*Example: Depression* ___ 3 ___. Example meaning: By putting down 3 you are indicating that you sometimes struggle with depression.) Please be honest in this section. This is designed so we can walk with you and disciple you in process. Not judge you.

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| Comparison ___ | Self Justification ___ | Lust/Pornography ___ |
| Insecurity/Self Worth ___ | Control ___ | Masturbation ___ |
| Materialism ___ | Manipulation ___ | Depression ___ |
| Envy/Jealousy ___ | Coarse Joking ___ | Hatred ___ |
| Anger ___ | Lying ___ | Gluttony ___ |
| Anxiety ___ | Codependence ___ | Passivity ___ |
| Rebellion ___ | Idolatry ___ | Same-sex Attraction ___ |
| Greed ___ | Pride ___ | Other _____ |
| Fear ___ | Unforgiveness ___ | |

Do you have any additional comments or clarification about anything on this questionnaire?
(Attach additional sheet if needed)

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

(To get to know you better)

How would you rate yourself between “I have a hard time following through” to “I’m always a go-getter”? (With projects, assignments, commitments, etc.)

Do you own a car or have transportation? (Some public transport is available in Elmira)

Will you need help finding housing should you be accepted in the School? **Yes/No**

If yes have you ever lived on your own (not with a relative)?

Have you ever had any legal issues? Been arrested or charged with anything more than a traffic ticket? **Yes/No** (If Yes, please explain)

How did you hear about the Elmira Discipleship Training School?

What is the most significant thing you have had a hard time giving up even though you felt it would be good for your spiritual growth to give it up? How are you doing with that currently?

Congratulations!

You've made it through the application! We know it's a lot to process, but we are serious about you, and should you come to the Elmira Discipleship Training School, it is our desire is to serve you well. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Katie Bernier katie@elmdm.com. To make sure we receive your application and review it in a timely manner, please send Katie an email once you have applied.

Pastor/Leader Reference

(a person in direct authority over you in a ministry/spiritual environment)

I, _____, have applied to be a student in the Elmira Discipleship Ministries Discipleship Training School.

I have referenced you to the Elmira Discipleship Ministries staff for information concerning my character and fitness for this school. The EDM staff would appreciate your honest, straightforward answers, evaluating both my assets and liabilities. EDM's standards are high because of the special demands of this school and the positions of spiritual leadership in which people are placed. Thus, the school needs accurate information about me in a variety of areas in order to make a fair appraisal of my qualifications. Your PROMPT COOPERATION in filling out this form will be greatly appreciated. Be assured that your reply will be held in strict confidence and that I will not see this form after you complete it.

Reference Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ - _____ - _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what relationship? _____

How well would you say you know the applicant? (Circle one)

Very Well Well Average Not Very Well Almost Not at All

Please discuss the following areas, based on your knowledge of the applicant. If further space is needed, please attach additional sheets.

1. Is there any indication that the applicant's decision to do the discipleship school has been significantly influenced by:

- a. A desire to escape personal, family or vocational situations? **Yes/ No**
- b. An unrealistic appraisal of what is involved in Christian service? **Yes/ No**

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Does the applicant have the ability to make decisions and follow through on them? **Yes/ No**
If no, please explain: _____

3. How does the applicant respond to authority?

4. Can the applicant take responsibility and demonstrate leadership? Give examples:

5. Comment on the applicant's:
Sensitivity to the needs, feelings and attitudes of others:

Ability to work with others:

6. What is the applicant's attitude toward other groups, races or nationalities?

7. To your knowledge, how does the applicant respond under difficult circumstances?

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9. To your knowledge, has the applicant ever used narcotics, hallucinogens or drugs not prescribed by a physician? If yes, please explain on another page. **Yes/ No**

10. Do you have any reservations concerning the financial integrity and/or the indebtedness of the applicant? If yes, please explain on another page. **Yes/ No**

11. Have you ever had reason to question the applicant's morals? If yes, please explain on another page. **Yes/ No**

12. What outstanding abilities or talents does the applicant have?

13. What, in your opinion, are the 3 areas of growth most needed by the applicant through this discipleship program?

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Occupation: _____

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