

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

D.Min. Application for Admission [edit](#)

New D.Min. cohorts begin coursework each July. The application due date for July matriculation is April 20. This application process helps us ensure that you and the others in your cohort benefit from a top-quality D.Min. experience.

Applicants for doctoral study at MTSO must have earned an M.Div. or its educational equivalent from an accredited institution with a cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). They must also have a minimum of three years of professional ministry experience and current engagement in formal ministry.

If you have any questions concerning your application for admission or about MTSO, please don't hesitate to contact us at admissions@mtso.edu or 800-333-6876 or D.Min. Director Dr. Jeffrey Jaynes at jjaynes@mtso.edu or 740-362-3446. We look forward to assisting you throughout this journey and hope to welcome you to the MTSO community in the near future.

NOTE:

1. Your application answers are automatically saved when you fill them in.
2. You will be emailed a link to access your application whenever you want to work on it.
3. When you're ready for us to review your application, scroll to the bottom of the page and click Submit Application.

Section 1: Personal Information

Prefix / Title Required

Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr., Rev., etc.

Preferred First Name Required

Suffix

If applicable, please enter Jr., Sr., II, III, IV, etc.

Former / Maiden Name

Date of Birth Required

Gender Required

On legal documents, my gender is listed as

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Gender Identity

I describe my gender identity as

Preferred Pronouns

My preferred pronouns are

Citizenship Required

Of what country are you a citizen?

United States of America

Social Security Number

Lawful Permanent Resident Registration Number

Only applicable if you are not a citizen of the United States. Lawful permanent residents are also known as legal permanent residents or green card holders.

Racial/Ethnic Background Required

We request racial/ethnic information to aid in our statistical reporting to governmental and accrediting agencies. It will not be used to assess your qualifications for admission. MTSO does not discriminate in the administration of its employment, educational, and admissions policies.

Hispanic or Latino?

Yes No

Select one or more of the following races:

American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
White

First / Primary Language

Denomination Required

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UMC Annual Conference

Only applicable for United Methodist students.

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Stage of UMC Candidacy Process

Only applicable for United Methodist students.

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Are you considering ordination?

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Home Congregation Required

What is the name of your primary congregation / church?

Congregation Location Required

City, State or City, State, Country

Marital Status Required

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Employer Required

Occupation Required

Refusals and Dismissals Required

Have you ever been refused admission or dismissed by another theological school or seminary?

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Crimes of Abuse or Violence Required

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of child abuse or a crime of violence?

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Felonies Required

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a felony?

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Explain Circumstances

If you answered yes to any of the above three questions, please submit an explanation of the circumstances:

How did you first hear about MTSO?

Did someone refer you to MTSO?

If you were referred by an individual (e.g., your pastor or an MTSO student, graduate, or faculty member), please let us know who referred you.

Select your preferred D.Min. specialization. Required

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Section 2: References, Transcripts, and additional Documentation

Academic Reference Required

Enter the email address for an undergraduate or graduate instructor from whom you took at least one course within the past 10 years. They will receive an emailed link to our online reference form. (If you have been out of school for more than 10 years, you may

instead list a ministerial colleague or other professional leader who can comment on your fitness for doctoral study.)

Professional Reference Required

Enter the email address for a denominational judicatory official (e.g., a bishop, district superintendent, regional minister, executive presbyter, ministry supervisor, or chair of deacon board, etc.) familiar with your work habits and vocational responsibilities. They will receive an emailed link to our online reference form.

Clergy / Personal Reference Required

Enter the email address for someone with leadership responsibility in a ministry setting who can attest to the personal qualities that will contribute to your success in the program to which you are applying. They will receive an emailed link to our online reference form.

Request official transcripts from every institution of higher education from which you received a degree or from which you intend to transfer graduate credit. Official transcripts must be sent directly from the institution to the MTSO Office of Admission.

Institution 1: College or University Required

Name of institution where you completed your undergraduate degree. Please avoid abbreviations. For example, Bowling Green State University rather than BGSU.

Institution 1: Degree and Major Required

For example, B.A. English or B.S. Computer Science.

Institution 1: Graduation or Last Attended Date Required

Institution 1: GPA Required

Institution 1: Unofficial Transcript .pdf

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Institution 2: College, University, or Seminary

Name of institution where you completed an additional undergraduate or graduate degree. Please avoid abbreviations. For example, Bowling Green State University rather than BGSU.

Institution 2: Degree and Major

For example, M.Div. or M.A. New Testament.

Institution 2: Graduation or Last Attended Date

Institution 2: GPA

Institution 2: Unofficial Transcript .pdf

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Institution 3: College, University, or Seminary

Name of institution where you completed additional undergraduate or graduate coursework. Please avoid abbreviations. For example, Bowling Green State University rather than BGSU.

Institution 3: Degree and Major

For example, M.Div. or M.A. New Testament.

Institution 3: Graduation or Last Attended Date

Institution 3: GPA

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Autobiographical Statement Required

Upload your autobiographical statement here (as a .pdf if possible). We want to know more about you and your thoughts about doctoral-level theological study. Submit a statement of between 1,000 and 1,250 words that traces your professional growth through

continuing education since graduation from theological school. Identify areas of professional strength as well as challenges in ministry.

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Goals for Program Required

Upload your goals statement here (as a .pdf if possible). Submit a statement of between 1,000 and 1,250 words that addresses these questions: What are your goals for study in your preferred area of D.Min. specialization? What changes do you hope for in your practice of ministry and in your ministry setting?

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Resume or Curriculum Vita Required

Upload your resume or curriculum vita listing your work history, honors, etc. here (as a .pdf if possible).

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MTSO strives to provide a safe, welcoming, and positive environment for all students. Approval for admission is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background check. Click below to download the Background Check Authorization.

[MTSO Background Check Authorization.pdf](#)

Background Check Authorization Required

Upload your completed Background Check Authorization.

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Applicant Signature Required

I have completed this admission application to the best of my knowledge. I hereby apply to be admitted as a student of Methodist Theological School in Ohio. By entering my full name and date and clicking the “Submit” button below, I affirm that I have completed this application completely and honestly. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of information may result in denial or rescinding of admissions to Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

An admissions counselor will be in touch with you within one week. If you have questions concerning this application, please contact us at admissions@mtso.edu or 800-333-6876 or D.Min. Director Dr. Jeffrey Jaynes at jjaynes@mtso.edu or 740-362-3446.