



Application Checklist

Initial Research and Discernment

1. Learn more about the core values of the Program on our [website](#).
2. Research the structure and beliefs of The [United Methodist Church](#).
3. Prayerfully seek discernment on if this program is a good fit for you: [Where are you called?](#) and [Should I apply to be a GMF?](#)
4. Fellows must be able to communicate at a professional English Proficiency. Applicants who are non-native English speakers are encouraged to improve their English language skills if they have limited proficiency prior to the program interviews to ensure that language will not be a barrier for interviews, training, or placement engagement.
5. If you are interested in the International Track, confirm that your passport will be valid three years from now. If you do not have a passport, begin researching the process to apply. **All non-USA applicants and USA applicants desiring to serve internationally must be passport holders.**
6. Three references are required in other for your application to be considered. Ask three people to serve as recommenders (one pastoral, one academic, and one professional). The online application will send the recommenders a form for them to complete, so they do not need to compose an original recommendation letter.
7. Ask your local pastor for your church Annual Conference and bishop name.

Complete Online Application

1. Prepare to compose essay questions ([guidance](#) is provided on our website)
2. Request a copy of your official school transcript; upload a copy to your online application or send the official transcript to: missionaryinfo@umcmmission.org
3. Compose and upload a current, thorough CV/Résumé to your online application (an [example](#) can be found on our website)
4. Gather supporting documentation, such as scanned copies of your passport, copy of government ID, language diplomas, or other applicable certifications.
5. Complete all applications questions and submit by January 7, 2019, 11:59 PM USA Pacific Standard Time

Important Dates

- Early access application deadline [December 3, 2018 11:59 PM USA Pacific Standard Time](#). (Applicants who submit by this date will receive an exclusive program resource)
- Submit the application by [January 7, 2019 11:59 PM USA Pacific Standard Time](#)
- Submit supporting documentation by [January 31, 2019 11:59 PM USA Pacific Standard Time](#)
- Program invitation and rejection notifications will be sent [by late March or early April 2019](#).

Resources

- Do you have questions?? Start with our FAQ sheet located on our [website](#).
- Still have questions?? Email us at missionaryinfo@umcmmission.org.
- Want to chat with a GMF alum? Contact them at mayams@umcmmission.org.
- Want to hear real stories of GMFs serving right now? Check out their blogs in our [Book of Fellows](#).