



## Application Supporting Document Explanation

### Recommender Information

All applicants must provide the opportunity for three individuals to recommend them for the GMF program. There are three distinct types of references which must be submitted.

1. 1 Pastoral Reference, acceptable submissions can come from:
  - A current pastor
  - A former pastor
  - A bishop
  - A district superintendent
  - A youth pastor/campus minister
  - A worship leader
  - A deacon
  - An elder
2. 1 Professional Reference, acceptable submissions can come from:
  - An immediate work supervisor
  - An employer
  - A volunteer work supervisor
3. 1 Academic Reference, acceptable submissions can come from:
  - A college professor
  - An academic advisor
  - A high school/secondary school teacher
  - If an academic reference is not available, a second professional reference may be substituted.

Please note: No family members or friends who have no professional connection to an applicant may submit a recommendation.

### Official Transcript Information

A transcript from your highest educational institution must be submitted. It should be the most complete version available.

- Download a digital version of your transcript (the most complete version available), save the document and upload it as an attachment to your application (detailed instructions are given on the application).
- You can also request that an official copy of your transcript be sent directly to our office, if your academic institution makes this service available. Send all official documents to [missionaryinfo@umcmmission.org](mailto:missionaryinfo@umcmmission.org).