

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE APPLYING

WHEN TO APPLY:

FIRE School of Ministry accepts students twice per year, at the start of the Fall and Spring semesters. Prospective students should apply as early as possible to allow time for the processing of the application.

REQUIREMENTS:

Character: Students will be expected to live in accordance with godly principles as stated in the FIRE School of Ministry Student Commitment to Excellence.

Academic: Applicants must have completed high school (Diploma or GED).

Home Schooled Academic: Applicants must have an OFFICIAL transcript from a home school agency or college, or a GED certificate. (For home schoolers not affiliated with a nationally organized home school agency, FIRE reserves the right to determine the acceptable requirements for each home school applicant.)

Age: Applicants who wish to enroll in the Fall 2011 semester must be at least 18 years of age by October 31, 2011. Applicants who wish to enroll in the Spring 2012 semester must be at least 18 years of age by February 28, 2012.

Fee: A nonrefundable \$35 application fee must be sent with your application. Send a check or money order attached to your application forms to our Admissions Office.

HOW TO APPLY: WE MUST RECEIVE THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND RECOMMENDATIONS. FAXES AND COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

1) APPLICATION

All questions on the application forms must be completed. If a question does not apply, write N/A (not applicable). Applications must be signed and dated. Failure to do so will cause a delay in the processing of your application. If you have attended more than 3 colleges or other schools, please list the information on a separate sheet of paper.

2) TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

Using the enclosed Transcript Request form, request transcripts directly from the high school from which you graduated and each college that you have attended. Transcripts that do not come directly from the school will NOT be acceptable. If more than one copy of the Transcript Request form is needed, please make copies of the one enclosed, or your college and/or school can provide you with one. Applications cannot be processed until we have received high school and all college transcripts.

GED certificates must be a certified copy sent directly from the institution in which you took your exam.

PLEASE NOTE: All transcripts and GED certificates received become the property of *FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY* and will NOT be removed or copied from the applicant's file.

3) RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Using the enclosed forms, provide FIRE with two Personal Recommendations. Each recommendation must be completed by a mature Christian adult (at least 24 years or older) that has known the applicant at least one year and is not a relative. The recommendations will be kept in confidence. Once completed, recommendations must be mailed directly to our Admissions Office by the individual filling out the recommendation form, not the applicant. We must receive the original Personal Recommendations.

b. Pastoral Recommendations must be completed by the Pastor from the home church where you regularly attend. In the event that the home church pastor is a relative, please include a second Pastoral Recommendation from a pastoral staff member. Once completed, recommendations should be mailed directly to our Admissions Office.

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4) **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Complete this form in your own words. Your statements will be held in confidence.

5) **PHOTOGRAPH**

Attach a recent photo of yourself. Scanned or computer generated photos must be photo quality, and recognizable. Your photo must fit in the box on the left hand corner of the application form. Please cut photo to size and attach.

Applicants to FIRE School of Ministry should send the completed Application, Statement of Purpose, and the Application Fee to our Admissions Office:

***FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
ATTN: ADMISSIONS OFFICE
P.O. Box 5108
CONCORD, NC 28027***

AFTER YOU APPLY:

When the Admissions Office has received ALL completed forms, including recommendations, transcripts, and fees; your application will enter the Evaluation Process and will be reviewed by the FIRE School of Ministry Evaluation Panel. Applicants will receive written notification of acceptance or denial within 6-8 weeks after their application enters the Evaluation Process. It is strongly suggested that the applicant make sure the Pastoral and Personal Recommendations have been submitted. Applicants to FIRE will not enter the Evaluation Process until all of the above forms have been received.

If you have questions regarding the status of your application (recommendations, transcripts, etc.), please contact our Admissions Office. Information regarding acceptance or denial will not be given over the phone.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please notify the Admissions Office if your marital status will change between the time you fill out your application and the time you register for classes.

**AFFIX
PHOTO HERE**

No Scanned or
computer generated
Photographs unless the
image is photo quality and
recognizable.

Cut photo to size of this box
And attach with 2 staples.

**APPLICATION
FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**

TO THE APPLICANT:

The purpose of FIRE is to take firmly committed believers who feel a call to full-time ministry service and prepare them to serve the Lord in this capacity. We are a school with a very intense schedule and high moral standards and policies. We do not recommend students coming here who may have difficulty adjusting or submitting. We are not a school designed to assist as a rehabilitative service for those who need extra help personally/emotionally. Please evaluate yourself before applying.

OFFICE USE ONLY: APPLICATION FEE REC'D _____

DATE ____/____/____

PLEASE CHECK ONE: FULL TIME/CREDIT FULL TIME /AUDIT PART TIME/CREDIT PART TIME/AUDIT

HAVE YOU EVER APPLIED TO FIRE BEFORE?	YES	NO		
IF YES, WHEN?	<input type="checkbox"/> WINTER (JAN.)	<input type="checkbox"/> SPRING (MAY)	<input type="checkbox"/> FALL (SEPT.)	YEAR _____
HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED FIRE?	YES	NO	IF YES, PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING :	
	<input type="checkbox"/> DISMISSED	<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETED 1 OR 2 TRIMESTERS	

TYPE OR PRINT ALL ITEMS

FAILURE TO DO SO WILL CAUSE A DELAY IN THE PROCESSING OF THIS APPLICATION

PERSONAL

Full Legal Name _____
First Middle Last Maiden

Nickname _____ Social Security Number ____/____/____

Present Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Country _____ How long have you resided at this address? ____ Year(s) ____ Month(s)

Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Sex Male Female Birth Date ____/____/____
Month Day Year Age _____

Place of birth _____ Country of your citizenship _____

How long have you resided in the United States? ____ Year(s) ____ Month(s) Race _____

Do you speak the English language fluently? Yes No What is your native language? _____

MARITAL STATUS

Circle One: Single Married Separated Remarried Divorced Widowed

Please explain about previous marriage(s) and give dates (if applicable) : _____

How long have you been married (if applicable) ? _____

Will your marital status change between now and the time you register at FIRE? Yes No

Future Spouse's Name (if applicable) _____ Is he/she an applicant or current student at FIRE? Yes No

MARITAL STATUS (CONTINUED)

According to the FIRE Student Handbook and Catalog, any spouse of a FIRE student is required to reside with their spouse.
Attendance will not be permitted otherwise.

Spouse's Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____ Age ____
Month Day Year

Work Phone (____) _____ Place of Employment _____

Will your spouse be residing with you during the FULL duration of your school term? Yes No

Is your spouse an applicant or current student of FIRE? Yes No

If yes, which one: Applicant Current Student

Please list all your children's name(s) and age(s):

Living with you: _____

Not Living with you: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT #1

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Relation to you _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT #2

Contact #2 address & phone number must be different than Contact #1

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Relation to you _____

PARENTS:

Father's Name: _____ Living? Yes ___ No ___ Phone (____) _____

Mother's Name: _____ Living? Yes ___ No ___ Phone (____) _____

EDUCATION

Last High School Attended _____ Phone (____) _____

GED? Y N Graduated? Y N Date of Graduation or GED ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Dates attended _____ FAX (____) _____

(1) College/Other _____ Dates attended _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

(2) College/Other _____ Dates attended _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

(3) College/Other _____ Dates attended _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Highest Degree Attained _____ Circle One: Attained at which college: (1) (2) (3)

PLEASE NOTE: All transcripts received become the property of FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY and will NOT be removed or copied from the applicants file. Please sign below in acknowledgement of this statement.

Signature Required

Date

SPIRITUAL (CONTINUED)

Have you ever been incarcerated? Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

_____ Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: ____/____/____

Have you ever been involved in the occult, witchcraft or cults? Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

_____ Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: ____/____/____

State any Christian service that you have done in the past 2 years: _____

HEALTH

Describe any disease, disorder, or disability that requires special attention: _____

Have you had any emotional problems in the past 2 years or recurring emotional problems? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

_____ Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: ____/____/____

Have you ever been medicated for mental illness? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

_____ Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: ____/____/____

Have you ever been institutionalized? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

_____ Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: ____/____/____

Are you presently taking any medications? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Place of employment _____ Position _____ Phone (____) _____

How long employed there? ____ Year(s) ____ Month(s) May we contact you at your work number if needed? Y N

FINANCES

How do you plan to pay for your educational expenses? _____

AGREEMENT

By signing below, I hereby certify that I have read the FIRE School of Ministry Student Commitment to Excellence. FIRE reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student who is considered to be out of harmony with the spirit of this commitment.

Signature Required

Date

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION ON THIS FORM

2. Briefly explain why you would like to attend FIRE School of Ministry.

3. Do you feel called to full-time ministry? Yes No

4. To what aspect of ministry service do you feel called (e.g., Pastor, Foreign Missions, Children's Minister, Worship Leader, etc.)?

5. Do you have any unresolved problem areas that may need further counseling assistance? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

6. Are you ready to pursue ministry training in the FIRE School of Ministry environment which calls for serious commitment of time and energy and holds its students to high moral and spiritual standards?

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION # 1

FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please complete the section below.

Applicants are required to have a total of two Personal Recommendation forms completed in order to apply to FIRE. This form **MUST** be completed by a mature Christian adult (at least 24 years of age) that has known the applicant for at least 1 year and is not a relative.

Note: This section must be completed by the applicant in its entirety

Date _____ / _____ / _____ Social Security Number _____ / _____ / _____

Applicant's Name _____
First Middle Last Maiden

Name you go by (If different than above) _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

TO THE PERSON COMPLETING THIS RECOMMENDATION: The above named applicant is applying for admission to *FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY*. Serious consideration will be given to your comments. This recommendation will be kept in confidence. Thank you for your assistance. Once completed, **DO NOT** mail or return recommendation to applicant. Please send directly to:

**FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
 ATTN: ADMISSIONS OFFICE
 PO BOX 5108
 CONCORD, NC 28027**

TYPE OR PRINT ALL ITEMS

1) How long have you known the applicant? _____ Relationship to applicant? _____

2) How well do you know applicant? By name/sight Casually Fairly Well Very Close

3) Describe the applicant by checking the following points:

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNKNOWN
Character	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cooperativeness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Common Sense	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Health, vigor	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tact	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional Stability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Compassion	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Participation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Social Ability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Response to Authority	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seriousness of Purpose	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4) Which Characteristics best describe the applicant? (Please Circle)

Warmhearted Loving Teachable Tolerant Unstable Rebellious Immature
 On Fire for Jesus Respectful Mature Enthusiastic Passive Critical Belligerent

5) To the best of your knowledge, what Christian service has the applicant been involved in? (Nursery, Youth Leader, etc.)

EXPLAIN _____

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION # 1
TYPE OR PRINT ALL ITEMS

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6) To your knowledge does the applicant use: (Circle the applicable answer)

Illegal Drugs? Yes No

Alcohol? Yes No

Tobacco? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

7) To your knowledge has the applicant been involved in sexual immorality, alcohol, or illegal drug use within the past 2 years?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

8) What do you consider the applicant's strengths? _____

9) What do you consider the applicant's weaknesses? _____

10) Do you have any reservations about this individual? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

11) Do you feel this individual is called to full-time ministry? Yes No Not Sure

Comments: _____

Please Read:

We are a school with a very intense schedule and we have demanding policies. We do not recommend students coming here who may have difficulty adjusting. We are not a school designed to assist as a rehabilitative service for those who need extra help personally/emotionally. We are not staffed for dealing with a lot of personal/emotional issues. With this in mind, do you feel that this student is ready to be thrust into ministry training with the purpose of going into full-time ministry? Please evaluate below and comment if necessary.

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

_____ **I RECOMMEND** _____ **I RECOMMEND WITH RESERVATION** _____ **I DO NOT RECOMMEND**

Please Comment: _____

Please print name _____ Your age _____

(Individuals completing this form, must be 24 years or older)

Address (Optional) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone(_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION # 2

FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please complete the section below.

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Applicant's Name _____
First Middle Last Maiden

Name you go by (If different than above) _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

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Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cooperativeness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Common Sense	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Health, vigor	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tact	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional Stability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Compassion	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Participation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Social Ability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Response to Authority	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seriousness of Purpose	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4) Which Characteristics best describe the applicant? (Please Circle)

Warmhearted	Loving	Teachable	Tolerant	Unstable	Rebellious	Immature
On Fire for Jesus	Respectful	Mature	Enthusiastic	Passive	Critical	Belligerent

5) To the best of your knowledge, what Christian service has the applicant been involved in? (Nursery, Youth Leader, etc.)

EXPLAIN _____

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION #2

TYPE OR PRINT ALL ITEMS

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6) To your knowledge does the applicant use: (Circle the applicable answer)

Illegal Drugs? Yes No

Alcohol? Yes No

Tobacco? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

7) To your knowledge has the applicant been involved in sexual immorality, alcohol, or illegal drug use within the past 2 years?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

8) What do you consider the applicant's strengths? _____

9) What do you consider the applicant's weaknesses? _____

10) Do you have any reservations about this individual? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

11) Do you feel this individual is called to full-time ministry? Yes No Not Sure

Comments: _____

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PLEASE CHECK ONE:

I RECOMMEND I RECOMMEND WITH RESERVATION I DO NOT RECOMMEND

Please Comment: _____

Please print name _____ Your age _____

(Individuals completing this form, must be 24 years or older)

Address (Optional) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone(_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION
TYPE OR PRINT ALL ITEMS
FAILURE TO DO SO WILL CAUSE A DELAY IN THE PROCESSING OF THIS APPLICATION

7) To your knowledge, does the applicant use: (Circle the applicable answer)

Illegal Drugs? Yes No

Alcohol? Yes No

Tobacco? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

8) To your knowledge has the applicant been involved in sexual immorality, alcohol, or illegal drug use within the past 2 years?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

9) What do you consider the applicant's strengths?

10) What do you consider the applicant's weaknesses?

11) To your knowledge are there any unresolved problem areas or is he/she one who is ready to pursue ministry?

12) Are there any past occurrences in the applicant's life that may hinder him/her from making a firm commitment to our demanding schedule? (Please keep in mind that we are not a rehabilitation center for troubled individuals, but rather an intense school for ministry preparation.) Please comment:

13) Do you feel this individual is called to full-time ministry? Yes No Not Sure

Comments: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

I RECOMMEND I RECOMMEND WITH RESERVATION I DO NOT RECOMMEND

PLEASE PRINT!

Name of Church _____ Denomination _____

Name of Pastor completing this Recommendation _____

Pastoral Position _____ How long have you pastored this church? _____

Church address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please complete all requested information below. Using this form please request transcripts from the high school of your graduation and ALL colleges/other attended. Your school/college, etc., will send the Official Transcripts directly to FIRE.

REGISTRAR:

Name of High School/College/Other

Address of High School/College/Other

City

State

Zip Code

Name _____

First

Middle

Last

Maiden

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Date of Graduation ____/____/____ Date of Last Attendance ____/____/____

Social Security Number ____/____/____

Applicant's current address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____ FAX (____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

PLEASE FORWARD AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF MY ACADEMIC WORK :

_____ COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT

_____ HIGH SCHOOL RECORD (SHOWING DATE OF GRADUATION)

_____ GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT TEST SCORES (GED)

Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

PLEASE SEND TRANSCRIPTS TO:

**FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
ATTN: ADMISSIONS OFFICE
P.O. BOX 5108
CONCORD, NC 28027**

FINANCIAL AID POLICIES

Although we do not offer federally funded programs, FIRE School of Ministry offers limited scholarships to those that can prove a financial need and meet the criteria of the Financial Aid Application. All enrollees are guaranteed fair and equal treatment in the awarding of financial aid.

Scholarships are to pay for partial to full tuition only and do not include funds for books, fees, or housing expenses. These will be the responsibility of the applicant. The amount awarded will be dependent on the financial need of the applicant and the availability of scholarship funds.

Financial aid packets are for accepted applicants only. It is the responsibility of the applicant to return all admission application forms to FIRE School of Ministry in a timely manner.

Financial Aid Deadline

- FIRE strongly recommends that applications for admission be submitted by May 1st.
- The Financial Aid Application must be postmarked by June 30th.

FIRE School of Ministry recommends the May 1st date to ensure your admission application is processed in time for you to apply for financial aid. We will continue to accept admission applications after May 1st; however, you may not be eligible for financial aid for the Fall Semester. Students who miss the deadline for the Fall semester will have the opportunity to apply for financial aid for the Spring semester.

Important Information

Financial aid is not automatically renewed from year to year. The Financial Aid Application must be submitted each year, and must be renewed each semester.

To Order

Please complete the information needed below, cut and return with your completed admission application to our offices. Upon acceptance into FIRE School of Ministry, you will automatically receive the requested financial aid packet.

FINANCIAL AID PACKET REQUEST

Date: ____/____/____

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

Email Address _____ Fax (____) _____



Student Policies

FIRE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

DISCIPLINED LIVING

FIRE School of Ministry is a God-focused spiritual training center where students commit themselves to serious discipline and radical consecration. At FIRE, we believe in the importance of living in obedience to the standards of the Word, recognizing that every believer is called to go against the grain of today's decadent society by following Jesus in biblical holiness. This is the ultimate counter-cultural lifestyle. There is nothing more revolutionary than being like Jesus!

As you read the standards that are set out here - standards by which you will live as a FIRE student - take hold of them as part of your high calling in the Lord. You are being equipped for the work of ministry! You are being trained to be a world-changer. Embrace these standards just as a soldier embraces the disciplines of army life, and you will be a vessel of honor when you graduate, ready to advance the Kingdom of God.

STUDENT COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

FIRE students should possess a commitment to excellence in every area of life, possessing a level of maturity that enables God to entrust them with the calling to which He has appointed them. Each FIRE student is expected to commit to pursue a standard of excellence by doing the following:

- Daily spend time in God's presence through prayer, the Word of God, worship, and devotion
- Pursue academic excellence and integrity
- Cultivate positive social relationships
- Act in ways that promote peace and edify the body of Christ
- Exercise good campus citizenship and stewardship
- Respect the rights and property of others
- Conduct oneself in moral, ethical, and spiritual purity according to God's Word
- Abide by established campus standards, including dress code and attendance policies, and help others to abide by these same standards

FIRE School of Ministry reserves the right to dismiss or discipline a student any time such action is deemed necessary to uphold the school's spiritual, academic, and moral standards.

CURFEW

As part of a disciplined, focused lifestyle, and in light of the demands of students' schedules, all single students aged 25 years old or younger are expected to comply with FIRE School of Ministry's curfew standards. Students must be in their residences by 12:00 am on all nights. Any extension of curfew must be requested at least twenty-four hours in advance from the Student Life Department. Curfew rules do not apply during school breaks.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

All students must have a church home and attend weekly services. Spiritual nurturing, fellowship, guidance, and local church family support are vital to spiritual life. FIRE Church welcomes students into their church family. There are also many local churches that warmly welcome FIRE School of Ministry students. Attendance is required at the following weekly FIRE services:

Full-time Students

Thursday evening FIRE service
The Gathering (chapel)
Sunday (FIRE Service or the local church of your choice)

Part-time Students

At least one FIRE service or the gathering per week

HEALTH CARE / INSURANCE

Each student is fully responsible for his/her own medical expenses and for those of family members. FIRE School of Ministry cannot assume any financial responsibility for health services rendered to FIRE students and their family members. In the case of an emergency, students should dial "911" for emergency assistance.

FIRE School of Ministry assumes no responsibility for insuring personal items belonging to students or students' families. Additionally, FIRE School of Ministry assumes no liability for any loss of personal property on campus. Students may choose to secure personal property insurance for losses from fire, theft, or liability. Students' personal property, including musical instruments and vehicles, are the sole responsibility of the owner. Students are required to purchase student accident insurance provided at registration.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Students with vehicles are required to register their vehicle with FIRE School of Ministry. Each student is responsible for adhering to state regulations and to school policies.

DRESS CODE

FIRE School of Ministry regards personal holiness more important than dress and appearance. Nevertheless, as ambassadors of Christ, students should assure that clothing and appearance reflect modesty, neatness, cleanliness, appropriateness, and gender distinction, whether on or off campus. FIRE School of Ministry staff reserve the right to speak privately with any student that they feel is dressed in a way that is not pleasing to the Lord or does not conform to our standards of excellence.

General Guidelines:

- Clothing for classes and services may be moderately casual but should avoid an overall appearance that is extremely casual or sloppy
- T-shirts with obscene messages, sweatpants, hats and shorts are not permitted
- Tattoo application is not permitted (this does not apply to tattoos obtained before acceptance to FIRE School of Ministry)
- No Extreme Body Piercing
- **NOTE: FSM Leadership has the right to require students to adhere to alternate dress code standards while on ministry trips, if deemed necessary.**

MIXED GENDER GATHERINGS

Mixed gender gatherings among students are permitted only with groups of five or more. We expect that at each gathering, the standard of holiness is evident in all conduct and conversation. Any inappropriate conduct or conversation will be subject to disciplinary action by our Student Life Department. Mixed gender swimming is not permitted.

RELATIONSHIPS

During their first trimester at FIRE, students are required to refrain from any "pairing off," dating, or male-female relationships on or off campus. This formative time should be seen by students as an opportunity to dedicate themselves to learning and growing in God. Adherence to this policy will help new students avoid distractions.

Student conduct should bring honor to God, enhance individual spiritual growth, and present a clear testimony to the world. It should not distract, offend, or create an uncomfortable atmosphere for others.

No physical displays of romantic affection, including holding hands, hugging, etc., will be permitted on campus or at FIRE gatherings. Students exhibiting a lack of self-control or inappropriate displays of affection will be subject to disciplinary action. Off campus, male/ female relationships should be blameless, demonstrating propriety and wisdom. For example, a male and a female together in an isolated or intimate location, such as a parked vehicle, is not permitted.

MARRIAGE POLICIES

Each couple is encouraged to receive pre-marital counseling from their home church or the Student Life Department. Students may not get married during a trimester in which they are enrolled in classes on campus. Students who do so will be dismissed from school. Engaged students should plan to get married during one of the school breaks, between trimesters. Long-distance marriages are not permitted; married couples must reside together in the area.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Once enrolled, each student should carefully read the policies and rules outlined in the Student Handbook. If a student's attitude, conduct, speech, or behavior conveys failure to comply with FIRE School of Ministry's standards, the following disciplinary procedures will apply:

- The student will be required to meet with the Student Life Department to discuss accountability.
- Failure to respond to correction will result in the student being placed on probation or possibly dismissed.
- A lack of improvement during the probationary period may result in immediate dismissal.
- FIRE School of Ministry reserves the right to dismiss any student who is unprepared to comply with FIRE discipline policies. Please consult the Dismissal section for additional information.
- A student may submit a written appeal for any nonacademic dismissal to Student Life within twenty-four hours of dismissal. The appeal must include written, detailed documentation verifying the student's circumstances. Student Life will process all appeals and determine re-enrollment requirements, if applicable.