



Class of 2018 Fellowship Application

Phase I - Please submit the following information by the designated deadline:

Introductory Information • 8 Short Answers • 7 Essay Questions • Resume • \$35.00 Fee

Phase II - If you are invited to interview in person, please submit these documents:

Official College/University Transcripts • 3 Reference Forms • 3 Reference Letters • Writing Sample

Send materials in PDF format to: recruiting@trinityfellowsacademy.org.

Applying for:

- Regular Decision (Phase I due Dec 1; notified by Jan 1 of interview on Feb 3–5)
- Rolling Admission (Phase I due after invitation to apply; Phase II due after phone interview)

All applicants should expect at least one phone interview, and sometimes more, along with one in-person interview. In most cases, the in-person interview takes place at our annual 'Recruiting Weekend', on Feb 3–5. If fellowships remain available after the 'Regular Decision' deadline, we accept applications on a rolling basis. We therefore strongly encourage applicants to apply as early as possible. In certain circumstances, offers may be extended before Feb 3–5.

Introductory Information

Full Name		Gender	
Mailing Address		City	State Zip
Permanent Address (if different from above)		City	State Zip
Phone	E-mail	Date of Birth	Age on 9/1/17

How did you learn about the Academy? _____

Name of College or University / Year Completed	Major(s) / Minor(s)	GPA
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Graduate School / Year Completed / Degree _____

Anticipated Area of Research at the Academy	Current Church Affiliation
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Short Answer Questions (answer each in 100 words or less)

- 1) Appreciating that a year at the Academy is one of discernment and transition, describe your intended next steps beyond the Academy both more immediately and 5-10 years down the road. What are some overall life goals?
- 2) Briefly describe your strengths and weaknesses as a leader.
- 3) Please list or explain extracurricular involvement not included in your resume. Specifically include skills and interests such as musical talents, language proficiency, culinary skills, or serious hobbies.
- 4) If you have studied or worked abroad, tell where, how long, and briefly describe the program.
- 5) Are there any ways or reasons that you cannot be, or are unwilling to be, vulnerable and open with others?
- 6) What special circumstances, if any, may interfere with your ability to fully participate in the program? What special requests, if any, should we make in order to ensure your success as a Fellow?
- 7) We expect all Fellows to subscribe to the TFA Statement of Faith, which is referenced on the next page of the application. Please state your agreement, or if there are any parts with which you disagree, please explain.
- 8) Please list any acquaintances with whom you would not be comfortable participating in this program—either as a realistic possibility (i.e. he or she may be applying) or as an illustration of your lifestyle principles.

Essay Questions (answer each in a 300–400 word essay)

- 1) Give an account of your Christian journey and explain how your faith shapes your personal life, relationships, and professional goals.
- 2) Describe the cultural issue, career field, area of study, or community you believe God is calling you to impact. What kind of change do you hope to see? How is this vision shaped by your personal story?
- 3) Based on the various components of the program, how would you make the most of nine months at Trinity Fellows Academy to pursue this vision? How do you hope to grow or be challenged?
- 4) Please provide a miniature proposal for your research project. (Keep in mind that you will not be bound to this topic upon arrival at TFA.) This should include one paragraph describing the sort of topic you would like to explore in depth and a second paragraph outlining why you think this topic matters to our culture today, and to your own vocational discernment.
- 5) Please describe a past experience in which you dealt with an interpersonal conflict, in which you were directly involved. Include a summary of your part in working toward resolution, forgiveness, and a restored relationship.
- 6) What is the greatest trial, disappointment, or struggle that you have faced in your life, and how did you respond?
- 7) Please answer one of the following:
 - a) Per Essay 3, what three books characterize your main interests and have most affected your thinking about those interests?
 - b) Name three leaders who have impacted your thinking and life the most? Explain how.

Trinity Fellows Academy Statement of Faith

Trinity Fellows Academy's Christian identity shapes and directs the organization's entire mission and daily life. Assumptions grounded in faith guide our beliefs about what is important and possible; they inform our curricular and program priorities, and provide a framework for integrating spiritual formation, academic scholarship, community life, exploration of life calling, and vocational and cultural engagement.

We acknowledge and live under the authority of God's supreme and sufficient Word, the Bible, as the basis for our beliefs. These beliefs are summarized in the ancient creeds of the Church – the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed. We come from various denominational backgrounds and are united by our faith in Christ as brothers and sisters called to a time, place, and mission through the Academy.

Note: All offers of a Fellowship are contingent upon acceptable results of a background check, reference check, pre-program drug screenings and a fitness for duty/health examination.

Certification

I hereby declare that all the information I have supplied is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Signature

Date

Academic Reference Form

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Applicant Assessment

Written Statement:

Please attach a written statement concerning your personal assessment of the applicant's qualifications and abilities. In your statement, please answer the following two questions: What qualities set this person apart from his or her peers? Where do you feel this candidate has room for growth?

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Leadership

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Intellectual Aptitude

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Relationship in Community

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- _____ Cooperates and gets along well with peers; works well in a team
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Work Ethic

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Biblical Understanding and Theology

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- _____ Demonstrates understanding of Biblical themes and doctrines
- _____ Has committed Scriptures to memory
- _____ Understands the various books in the Bible, their origin and history
- _____ Is a trusted Bible teacher within and outside of the local church
- _____ Is committed to the life and ministry of the local church

Please give examples illustrative of your responses to the above:

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