



Anabaptist Mennonite  
Biblical Seminary

# reference request

## ADMISSIONS

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Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary serves the church as a learning community with an Anabaptist vision, educating followers of Jesus Christ to be leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world.

Applicants to AMBS are required to have references in support of their goals for seminary study and/or their sense of call to ministry. We ask for three references, one from each of the following: a pastor, a professor or academic adviser, and a layperson. We do not accept references from a spouse or relative.

## ● instructions to the person writing the recommendation

The person named below is applying for study at AMBS. People accepted into study at AMBS must give evidence of their sense of call to ministry or desire to serve the church and must have the support of a congregation or several people who know them well. Please respond to the following questions indicating whether or not you support this person's intention to pursue ministry or a vocation that serves God and the church.

CONFIDENTIALITY: It is the policy of AMBS that reference forms are kept confidential, are not made available to the applicant, and are destroyed once we have made a decision about admission. We appreciate your full honesty, including your disclosure of any causes for concern regarding this applicant's admission to AMBS.

## ● applicant information

Reference on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

who is applying for admission to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

## ● information about the person writing the recommendation

Name of person writing recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Box number or Rural Route City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Length of acquaintance \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you know the applicant?  casually  well  very well

Check the context(s) in which you know the applicant:

- as a student in  one or  more than one college or graduate school course
- as a student engaged in research or independent study under my direction
- as an employee under my supervision
- as a member/attender of the church where I am in leadership
- as a colleague in ministry leadership
- other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

(over, please)

## ● areas of character and competence

Please check the appropriate box

below average    average    above average    unknown  
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### Academic ability

How would you evaluate the applicant's ability to ...

think critically?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
express ideas clearly in writing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
communicate clearly and effectively?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
think creatively?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
be taught by others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Work ethic/achievement

How would you evaluate the applicant's ...

motivation/perseverance toward goals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ability to make decisions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Interpersonal relationships

How would you evaluate the applicant's ability to ...

accept diversity and respect others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
work in a team?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
give and receive constructive criticism?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
respond to the needs of others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Professionalism

How would you evaluate the applicant's ability to ...

demonstrate leadership qualities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
be dependable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
demonstrate integrity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
show tact and act appropriately?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Spiritual maturity/church involvement

How would you evaluate the applicant's ...

involvement in the life of the church?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian commitment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Emotional well-being

How would you evaluate the applicant's ability to ...

handle stress?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
manage anger and control himself or herself?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
practice good self-care?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
adapt to new contexts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Financial responsibility

How would you evaluate the applicant's ability to ...

show responsibility in money management?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
select and use resources to solve financial challenges?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please comment with any insights/concerns you have regarding this applicant's qualifications in the section on page 2.

Evaluate the applicant's potential for leadership and identify particular gifts based on your observations.

A chief need for personal development or improvement for this applicant is:

What do you believe to be the applicant's reasons for applying to AMBS?

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Signature

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Date

Please complete this form and return it to AMBS in one of the following ways:

- email: [admissions@ambs.edu](mailto:admissions@ambs.edu)
- postal mail: AMBS Admissions, 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46517
- fax: 574.295.0092, attention Admissions

Thank you for a prompt response.