



A.E.G.A. Credential Application

ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL GOSPEL ASSEMBLIES

MEMBERSHIP-Ministerial Credentials

Our credentials enable you to be recognized as a God called *pastor, evangelist, youth pastor, children's pastor, missionary, counselor, chaplain, minister of music, worship leader, or teacher.*

All applications are carefully considered, and applicants receive a copy of the AEGA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS for review prior to their telephone interview.

BEGINNING MINISTERIAL STATUS

CHRISTIAN WORKER – Granted to a person who feels called of God to work for Him in some area of ministry, such as Sunday school teacher, musician, street or jail service worker, or house to house visitation, etc. May stay at this level and not upgrade.

FIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHRISTIAN WORKER – (1) *Have a call of God for service;* (2) *At least 18 years of age;* (3) *Living a consistent Christian life;* (4) *Actively involved in a local church;* and, (5) *Pays a \$50 application fee & a \$50 yearly renewal fee. Monthly offerings are optional, but appreciated to cover administration cost.*

MINISTERIAL APPRENTICE – Granted to one who feels called of God to work toward upgrading to a Licensed or Ordained Minister. This credential places the individual under a local pastor's authority for a period of not less than twelve (12) months, but no more than twenty-four (24) months to learn about ministry and accountability.

FIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINISTERIAL APPRENTICE – (1) *Have a call of God for service;* (2) *Be at least 20 years of age;* (3) *Living a consistent Christian life;* (4) *Experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) with the evidence of speaking in tongues (1 Cor. 12:4-10,28);* (5) *Pays a \$75.00 application fee & a \$50.00 yearly renewal fee. Monthly offerings are optional, but appreciated to cover administration cost.*

PROFESSIONAL MINISTERIAL STATUS

LICENSED MINISTER – Granted to a person who is considered a part-time or full-time minister. Having a license authorizes one to preach, perform holy matrimony, baptize, exhort, confirm, and practice any biblical and religious activity pertaining to the office of Minister of the Gospel in accordance with respective ordinances of residence.

FOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE – (1) *Must be at least 21 years of age;* (2) *Living a consistent Christian life;* (3) *Has experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) with the evidence of speaking in tongues (1 Cor. 12:4-10,28);* (4) ***“COVENANT MEMBER”*** *Agrees to give one half of your tithes monthly, (minimum of \$50 per month/income verified) OR “ASSOCIATE MEMBER” Pays \$125.00 Application Fee, \$75.00 yearly Renewal Fee and agrees to give monthly offerings (minimum \$25.00 per month) See definition “Covenant and Associate Member in enclosed brochure”*

NOTE: Specialty License available to those who qualify ... *Granted to one called to serve as in a specific field of ministry such as: Worship Leader, Christian Counselor, Chaplain or other specialty field of ministry. The holder does not possess the same authority as the Licensed or Ordained listed above. Must meet requirements 1 and 2 above, but not required to meet number 3. Financial requirement is that of the Associate Member.*

ORDAINED MINISTER – Granted to a person who is considered a part-time or full-time minister. He or she is certified and authorized to preach, perform holy matrimony, baptize, exhort, confirm, and practice any biblical and religious activity pertaining to the office of Ordained Minister in accordance with respective ordinances of residence.

FOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDINATION – (1) *Must be at least 22 years of age;* (2) *Living a consistent Christian life;* (3) *Has experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) with the evidence of speaking in tongues (1 Cor. 12:4-10,28);* (4) ***“COVENANT MEMBER”*** *Agrees to give one half of your tithes monthly, (minimum of \$50 per month/income verified) OR “ASSOCIATE MEMBER” Pays \$125.00 Application Fee, \$100 yearly Renewal Fee and agrees to give monthly offerings (minimum \$25.00 per month) See definition “Covenant and Associate Member in enclosed brochure”*

NOTE: Due to legal and insurance constraints, AEGA is unable to accept applications for membership from incarcerated applicants (prison inmates)



PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS & PROVIDE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

1. Full Name: (last) _____ (first) _____ (middle) _____
2. Residence Address: _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____
Mailing Address: _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____
4. Telephone: Residence (____) _____ Office (____) _____ E-Mail _____
5. Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Are you a US citizen? ____
If no, attach proof of legal status? _____ Social Security #: _____
6. Sex: ____ Marital Status (M/D/W/S): ____ Spouse Name (if married) _____ Number of children ____
Are you divorced (does not disqualify applicant for credentials)? ____ If so, when? ____ How many times divorced: ____
7. Do you understand and agree that any unethical or heretical acts committed by you will automatically expel you from AEGA?
Yes ____ No ____ Do you understand that you must surrender your credentials if expelled? Yes ____ No ____
8. Education: List ALL Schools, Colleges, or Universities attended, and any Degrees earned. ENCLOSE COPIES OF ALL
DIPLOMAS (Attach additional pages if necessary—NOTE: Degree not required for credentials, see #21)

9. At what age were you born again (received Jesus as Lord & Savior)? _____
10. Do you have secular employment? Yes ____ No ____ Employer: _____ How long? ____
Current Position? _____
11. How many jobs have you held in the past ten (10) years? _____ What is your annual income? _____
12. What led you to join the AEGA? _____
13. Do you believe in, and agree to abide by our *Eighteen Fundamental Truths*? (see enclosed Booklet) _____
14. Do you use any form of: Alcohol? ____ Tobacco? ____ (If yes, not eligible for membership)
15. Do you promise not to slander or deliberately harm your brethren? _____
16. Have you ever been dismissed from a position (secular or clerical) or lawfully convicted or legally charged by an individual, group
of individuals, or an organization, for sexual misconduct? o Yes o No (If yes, not eligible for credentials)
17. Have you ever been lawfully convicted or legally charged for any other type of offense other than that mentioned in (#16)
o Yes o No NOTE: *Does not disqualify applicant for credentials—each case individually reviewed*
18. What are your views on same sex marriages/unions _____

19. I do hereby agree to keep my being under subjection from all immoral and illegal acts and habits. I will not take any illegal drugs,
I will not commit illicit sexual acts, including homosexual behavior, I will not engage in any behavior contrary to that of a minis-
ter of the Gospel.
o Yes, I do agree - Initial Here: _____

- 20 Do you have the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:1-4, with initial evidence of speaking in tongues? _____
21. If granted Licensed or Ordained ministerial credentials, you may be required to complete a **Bible Knowledge Questionnaire** comparable for that level. If your score is below a certain percentage, do you agree to complete coursework in your weaker subjects? _____ *(There is a \$35 fee per course to help cover books, shipping, & handling—Note: Covenant members do not pay a fee.) You will receive a “Certificate of Completion” for each course taken. You can receive credits for these courses if you wish to continue your educational through our educational branches Omega Bible Institute & Seminary or Evangel Christian University. HOWEVER, if applicant has adequate experience and ministerial background upon review of the Board of Examiners, an applicant may be approved at the Licensed or Ordained level without taking the Questionnaire.*

MINISTRY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

*Do you presently hold credentials? _____

If yes—When and where were you: Licensed Ordained?

Name the group, fellowship or denomination

*If you have never been credentialed—what is your denominational background: _____

*If you are **pastoring** now, give name and address of your church:

*If **not pastoring**, what is your Current Pastor’s name—address—phone number—& Name of Church attending:

?*What ministry are you currently involved in *(may check more than one if applicable)*

Preaching __ Evangelizing __ Counseling __ Bible Teaching ___ Music ___ Other: _____

COMMENTS: _____

REFERENCES

Provide three (3) letters of reference which affirm and attest to the call of God on your life and Christian character.

One of these should be from a pastor or minister.

None can be related to you or each other by blood or marriage.

**You may fax the letters to: 318-345-0350
or attach as a PDF file and email to: info@aega.org**

NOTE: The credential cannot be processed without the reference letters.

I AM APPLYING FOR:

- CHRISTIAN WORKER**—Please enclosed a \$50.00 Application Fee
- MINISTERIAL APPRENTICE**—Please enclose a \$75.00 Application Fee
- LICENSED MINISTER** *(Check 4 type membership desired)*
 - Covenant Member** (NO application fee required) **Associate Member** (Enclosed a \$100.00 Application Fee)
- ORDAINED MINISTER** *(Check 4 type membership desired)*
 - Covenant Member** (NO application fee required) **Associate Member** (Enclose a \$125.00 Application Fee)

MAIL APPLICATION IN ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO:

AEGA
P O BOX 70
Swartz, LA 71281

SEE DEFINITION OF "Covenant Member & Associate Member on enclosed brochure"

- Would like to apply for the* **SPECIALTY LICENSE**—Please enclose \$100.00 Application Fee

NOTE: All Application Fees are non-refundable for any reason.

PLEASE STATE YOUR DOCTRINAL VIEWS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

SALVATION:

THE TRINITY:

WATER BAPTISM:

HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM:

REPENTANCE:

I hereby declare each of the statements given on the above and foregoing pages to be true and correct; and I pledge to abide by all promises and statements contained herein. I do also hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the AEGA, its officers, representatives, employees, staff, and assigns from all damage, suits, liabilities, or actions intentional or otherwise that may arise as a direct or indirect result of my actions in the capacity of a minister, personal, secular, or otherwise.

DATE _____

X _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

PLEASE ATTACH CURRENT DRIVERS LICENSE OR OTHER PHOTO I.D.

Current Photo Taken Within Past Four Years, Please...

