

Arkansas Assemblies of God

Credential Information

Thanks for your interest in pursuing Ministerial Credentials with the Assemblies of God. Please understand that receiving credentials is a process that is not done overnight. Our credential team will work with you through the process to help in any way we can.

The following items are enclosed or attached:

1. Credential Information Form. **All questions must be answered.**
2. Condensed Doctrinal Statement.

These forms can be filled out and returned by email (credentials@araog.org) or printed and mailed.

Once we receive the completed forms in our office, we will mail the official application packet to you **unless** you or your spouse have a former companion still living. If that is the case, please fill out the Divorce Recognition information also and you will receive the Divorce application packet first.

Here is information you need to know before you return the forms:

1. These forms are **not** the official application packet. That packet will be sent to you once you return these forms.
2. There are 3 levels of credentials: Certified Minister, License, and Ordination. Most applicants will need to start at the Certified Level. There are exceptions if you are a Bible College graduate or have ministerial credentials with another organization.
3. A background check and credit check are part of the required process. If you have past due bills, we strongly recommend that you start working with your creditors now on payment plans before you send the official application packet back to our office. Failure to do so will slow down the process in regard to pursuing credentials.
4. You need to be attending an Assemblies of God church and active in ministry.
5. You must be paying your tithe to the local church. You will need to provide a documented record of that giving for 2 years.
6. The Arkansas District requires that both the applicant and spouse be baptized in the Holy Spirit before the applicant is approved for credentials.

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Little Rock, AR 72209
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Arkansas Assemblies of God Credential Applicant Information Form

Date _____

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth _____

Marital Status: (Please mark)

Single ___ Married ___ Widowed ___ Remarried ___ Divorced ___

Name of Spouse: _____

Date of Birth _____

Do you or your spouse have a former companion living?

Applicant Yes ___ No ___

Spouse Yes ___ No ___

(If so, please refer to Divorce Applicant Form.)

Applicant's salvation date _____

Water baptism date _____

Holy Spirit baptism date _____

Member of what church _____

Spouse's salvation date _____

Water baptism date _____

Holy Spirit baptism date _____

Member of what church _____

Supportive of applicant's ministry _____

Education Background

There are certain educational requirements to be credentialed. If not an ARSOM or Berean student, **please send transcripts with these forms.**

Arkansas School of Ministry (ARSOM) Yes___ No___
Number of courses completed _____

Berean School of Ministry Yes___ No___
Number of courses completed _____

Graduate of an Assemblies of God College or University Yes___ No___
If yes, where _____ when _____

Graduate of a non-Assemblies of God College or University Yes___ No___
If yes, where _____ when _____

Official Chi Alpha Internship Yes___ No___ If so, where _____

Please list any other education you may have done:

Ministry information:

What ministry are you presently involved in? _____

Do you currently have credentials with us or another organization?

Yes___ No___

If so with whom and how long? _____

Have you ever had credentials with the A/G? Yes___ No___

If yes, when and what district _____

Family information:

What is your relationship with your spouse? (if applicable)

Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

What is your relationship with your children? (if applicable)

Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

Church Information:

Name of Church you currently attend: _____

Church City: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

How long have you attended this church? _____

Are you employed by the church? Yes ___ No ___

If so, full-time or part-time? _____

What is your position? _____

Are you in a ministry volunteer position? Yes ___ No ___

What position and for how long? _____

Employment Information:

Are you currently employed: Yes ___ No ___

Where? _____

How many hours per week? _____

Student Information:

Are you a student? Yes ___ No ___

If so, full-time or part-time? _____

Financial Information:

What is your belief regarding tithing?

Belief _____

Are you currently paying 10% of your income to the local church?

Yes ___ No ___

*****Once you are credentialed, you will be required to pay a portion of your tithe to the District and General Councils.**

Have you ever filed Bankruptcy? Yes ___ No ___

Are you aware of credit problems that may come to light on your credit report? _____

Lifestyle/History Information

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes ___ No ___

Have you ever been accused of, investigated for, or engaged in any sexual misconduct involving a minor or adult, including but not limited to child molestation, indecent liberties with a child, sexual harassment, rape, child pornography, sexual contact with a counselee, or sexual or non-sexual violence such as child abuse, assault, battery, murder, or kidnapping?

Yes ___ No ___

In the last seven years (or since your conversion, if less than seven years ago) have you had sexual contact/activity outside of a biblically defined marriage (such as incest, adultery, homosexual activity, etc.) or been engaged in or involved with pornography? Yes ___ No ___

Over the past 24 months, have you struggled with any issues, life controlling habits or pornography that would hinder your ability to meet the leadership qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9?

Yes___No___

******If you answered yes to any of the questions in the Lifestyle/History section, please give explanation and dates of last involvement.***

Please mail application to the address below or email to credentials@araog.org.

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Statement of Faith
Arkansas Assemblies of God

For persons who desire credentials with the Assemblies of God, please read below the 16 Fundamental statements of the Assemblies of God and the statement on biblical marriage. If in agreement, the applicant must initial each one and sign the document. If married the applicant's spouse must sign also.

_____ WE BELIEVE...**The Scriptures are Inspired by God** and declare His design and plan for mankind.

_____ WE BELIEVE...**There is only One True God**—revealed in three persons...Father, Son and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity).

_____ WE BELIEVE...**In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ**. As God's son Jesus was both human and divine.

_____ WE BELIEVE...though originally good, **Man Willingly Fell to Sin**—ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.

_____ WE BELIEVE...**Every Person Can Have Restored Fellowship with God Through 'Salvation'** (trusting Christ, through faith and repentance, to be our personal Savior).

_____ WE BELIEVE...and practice two ordinances—(1) **Water Baptism by Immersion** after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation, and (2) **Holy Communion** (the Lord's Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.

_____ WE BELIEVE...**the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a Special Experience Following Salvation** that empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times.

_____ WE BELIEVE... **The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is 'Speaking in Tongues,'** as experienced on the Day of Pentecost and referenced throughout Acts and the Epistles.

_____ WE BELIEVE...**Sanctification Initially Occurs at Salvation** and is not only a declaration that a believer is holy, but also a progressive lifelong process of separating from evil as believers continually draw closer to God and become more Christ like.

_____ WE BELIEVE...**The Church has a Mission** to seek and save all who are lost in sin.

_____ WE BELIEVE...**A Divinely Called and Scripturally Ordained Leadership Ministry Serves the Church.**

_____ WE BELIEVE...**Divine Healing of the Sick is a Privilege for Christians Today** and is provided for in Christ's atonement.

_____ WE BELIEVE...in **The Blessed Hope—When Jesus Raptures His Church Prior to His Return to Earth** (the second coming).

_____ WE BELIEVE...in **The Millennial Reign of Christ** when Jesus returns with His saints at His second coming and begins His benevolent rule over earth for 1,000 years.

Statement of Faith
Arkansas Assemblies of God (cont)

_____ WE BELIEVE...**A Final Judgment Will Take Place** for those who have rejected Christ. They will be judged for their sin and consigned to eternal punishment in a punishing lake of fire.

_____ WE BELIEVE...and look forward to the perfect **New Heavens and a New Earth** that Christ is preparing for all people, of all time, who have accepted Him.

_____ WE BELIEVE... that marriage was established by God in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:18, 21-25) and confirmed by Jesus Christ to be a permanent relationship between a man and a woman. (Matthew 19:4-6)

Covenant Agreements & Understandings

_____ I (we) understand that once I receive ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God that I will be required to send a portion of my tithe to the Arkansas District Council and to the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

_____ I (we) agree with the Assemblies of God stance of total abstinence from any form of alcoholic beverage and agree to follow.

By signing below I am stating that I am in agreement with the statement of faith of the Arkansas Assemblies of God and the covenant agreements. I am also stating that I will uphold, teach, and train others these same tenets of faith.

Date: _____

Prospective Credential Applicant

Date: _____

Prospective Credential Applicant's Spouse