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# Arkansas District

*Assemblies of God*

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SECRETARY**

**OBTAINING A CREDENTIAL WITH OUR FELLOWSHIP**



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# Credentials Classifications

## ***Certified Minister***

This is the entry level credential for those who have not attended an Assemblies of God Bible College or University, or have not completed an approved Assemblies of God internship program.

## ***Licensed Minister***

This level is open to those who have attended an Assemblies of God Bible College or University or an approved Assemblies of God internship program, or who have held certified credentials for one year.

## ***Ordained Minister***

This level is open to those who have held licensed credentials for 2 years or who are currently ordained with a recognized Pentecostal organization. All applicants must be 23 years of age or older.

## ***Credentials Upgrade***

If you are currently certified or licensed with the Assemblies of God and wish to apply for an upgrade of your credentials, please contact us via email ([credentials@araog.org](mailto:credentials@araog.org)) or call the office for an application.

## Procedures for Obtaining a Credential

### ***Preliminary Applicant Information***

A preliminary application information form may be obtained by calling the district office or can be downloaded from the website.

### ***Basic Educational Requirements***

A credential applicant shall complete courses required by the General Council through the Arkansas School of Ministry (ARSOM), Berean University, at an Assemblies of God college/university or their equivalent, at an approved educational institute, or qualify through life experience in compliance with the General Council and District Council Bylaws for the classification of the credential applied for. However, the application process may begin before the educational requirements are fulfilled.

### ***Credential Committee Meeting***

Every applicant is required to meet the Credential Committee for an oral interview. Both the applicant and his/her spouse are encouraged to attend. First time applicants will also be required to attend an additional orientation meeting.

### ***Ministers from other organization***

If a credential applicant currently holds credentials from another recognized Pentecostal organization, the preliminary application information form should be completed.