

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO APPLICANTS FOR THE SCHOOL FOR KINGDOM EVANGELIZERS

Dear Applicant:

It is evident by your applying for the School for Kingdom Evangelizers (SKE) that you have made fine spiritual progress and are desirous of further theocratic training so as to be better equipped to carry out your sacred service. You are to be commended for your self-sacrificing spirit.—Ps. 110:3.

There is an urgent need for qualified spiritual men and women to share in the increasing efforts to expand Kingdom interests. The purpose of the SKE is to train hardworking pioneers and those in special full-time service who the branch office determines have the potential to fill specific organizational needs.

Not all who apply for or who meet the minimum requirements for this specialized school will be invited. Before applying for the SKE, please prayerfully consider your personal circumstances. It is expected that those who apply are willing and ready to accept any assignment or any form of service that may be given them. (Isa. 6:8) Those appointed as temporary special pioneers will receive a one-year assignment that may be extended on an annual basis up to a maximum of three years.

You should ask yourself if you are willing to leave your comfort zone in order to reach out for greater privileges of service. (1 Cor. 9:23) The training you will receive at the school is not a goal in itself but is to prepare you for whatever assignment of service you are given. In any event, if you are invited, you should make necessary plans to arrive in your assignment as soon as it can be arranged after graduation.

The school will be in session for eight weeks. During that time, funds will be spent in your behalf to care for your physical needs. This will give you a wonderful opportunity to use the time to concentrate fully on the material presented at school, which will benefit you and the congregations you will associate with in the future.

Here are a few basic qualifications that you must meet in order to apply for the school:

1. You must be able to read, write, and speak English or Spanish fluently.
2. You must be between 23 and 65 years old. If married, both mates must be in this age range.
3. You must have served the last two years in the full-time service. If married, you must have served the last two years *together* in the full-time service.
4. If single, you must be legally and Scripturally free from any prior marriage. If you are pursuing a courtship, you should not fill out the application.
5. If you are a brother, you must be serving as either an elder or a ministerial servant and have been serving as such for the last two years.
6. You must not have been judicially reprovved during the past three years, and five years must have elapsed since reinstatement from a disfellowshipped state. You

must not have viewed any type of pornography *within the past two years*.— Prayerfully consider the letter to those applying for theocratic schools, Bethel service, or other forms of special full-time service (A-63).

7. You must be in reasonably good health so that you can maintain your active schedule as a pioneer. While attending the school, neither the household in which you will be staying nor the school will be responsible for providing special foods or health-care maintenance.
8. You must be free from Scriptural family responsibilities that would limit your availability to take up a new assignment within the branch territory. If you have minor children, do not apply.
9. You must be willing to be used anywhere within the branch territory at the direction of the branch office. If you are assigned to continue serving as a regular pioneer, you must be able to provide for yourself and not expect financial, medical, or other assistance from the organization after graduation. Applicants who are over 40 years of age and who are not currently serving in special full-time service should be prepared to continue their work as regular pioneers after graduation.

Graduates of the Bible School for Single Brothers (BSSB) who marry and wish to apply for the SKE may do so. The same will be true for a single brother or sister who graduates the SKE and later marries a nongraduate. Circuit overseers, Gilead graduates, graduates of the Bible School for Christian Couples, and graduates of the Ministerial Training School or BSSB who are still single should not apply for the SKE.

Please keep in mind that submitting an application does not guarantee that you will be invited to attend a future class of the SKE. Since only a limited number of persons can be invited, please do not be greatly disappointed if an invitation is not extended at this time. (Prov. 13:12) In the meantime, we urge you to keep focused on your current privileges of service and to consider other opportunities that may be offered to you. If after considering the points outlined in this letter you determine that you cannot apply for the SKE, continue working hard in the ministry, confident that you will reap a large reward.—Gal. 6:9; Col. 3:23.

May Jehovah bless you with his spirit as you endeavor to make your advancement manifest by being fully absorbed in God's Word and in doing his will.—1 Tim. 4:14-16.

Your brothers,

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