

Bethel Institute Application Process

Fall 2022

Application

All residents are required to complete an application form in addition to the below documents in order to be considered.

Letter of Evaluation

We ask that a letter of evaluation describing your preparation and readiness for a residency program accompany your application. This is not a letter of recommendation, but it should come from a ministry leader under whom the resident has previously served. In terms of importance to the selection process, this is of value but not the highest priority. This letter is intended to be supportive in nature, but it also provides the residency selection process a more accurate picture of a student's ability.

Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are required. One of these must be from a ministry leader under whom the resident has previously served.

Personal Essay

We ask each applicant to write a personal essay which should orient us to who you are (1st paragraph), your calling to ministry (2nd paragraph), and how you arrived at your decision to pursue a residency program and why ours in particular (3rd paragraph). The 4th and final paragraph should share your ministry dreams, long-term goals, or how/where you see yourself in 5 years.

Timing of Application Process

The Bethel Institute will receive applications at any time, but the selection process is typically done in April/May of each year. This means applications need to be submitted before the spring if possible. Late applications may still be considered, but priority will be given to timely applicants. Residents will be notified of selection by May 16th with a desired start date of August 1st.

To Apply and Seek Clarity

Applications, along with letters of evaluation/recommendation and personal essay are due no later than May 1, 2022 for the 2022-2024 resident program. All applications, materials, and corresponding questions can be directed to the Teaching and Equipping Director, Drew Walsh, at dwalsh@bethel.ch.