

## APPLICATION FOR A DISTRICT MINISTER'S LICENSE

*Church of the Nazarene*

**Instructions:** This application should be provided to the district secretary or the district superintendent at least two weeks prior to your scheduled interview or by the deadline set by your district, if earlier. The District Ministerial Credentials Board or Board of Ministry will use it to consider your request for a district minister's license.

Choose One: <input type="checkbox"/> Minister's License  <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Minister's License	Choose One: <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Track  <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Track  <input type="checkbox"/> Not Pursuing Ordination (530.4)	Date: mm/dd/yyyy
--	--	---------------------

**APPLICANT'S INFORMATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City/State or Province/Postal Code)

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Government ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i.e., Social Security, etc.)

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- For additional children's names and birth dates, please list on a separate piece of paper and include with this application.

**EDUCATION INFORMATION**

List all schools attended and degrees earned.

School	Name	Year Graduated	Degree	Major/Minor
High School				
College/University				
Bible College				
Seminary				
Other				

What part of a validated Course of Study for Ministers have you completed?  ¼  ½  ¾  All

Total number of lifelong learning hours completed this year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Note: Twenty hours of lifelong learning is the minimum expectation each year, according to *Manual 527.6*.)

Are you now enrolled or do you plan to enroll in one of our Nazarene institutions?  Yes  No  
 If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

**RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE**

1. Describe your call into the ministry:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Describe your conversion:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you entirely sanctified?  Yes  No Share your experience:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you had any spiritual lapses since your conversion and sanctification?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH RELATIONS**

5. Record of Church Membership (last five years)

Year	Church	Served as *

*\* SDMI superintendent, church board member, minister of music, NMI president, NYI president, teacher, etc.*

6a. First local minister's license was issued by which local church: Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

6b. Have you ever been district licensed or ordained in the Church of the Nazarene?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list the most recent district that granted you a district license along with the date it was granted  
 or the year of ordination and district on which it took place:

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

6c. First district minister's license was issued by which district: Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Before a new district license is granted, obtain a report and records from the district on which the license lapsed.)*

7a. Record of Licensed Ministry

Year	Licensed by District	Served as *	Place

\*Evangelist, pastor, teacher, student, other. If other, please explain.

7b. If currently assigned as an associate pastor (PSV), is the assignment:  full-time?  part-time?

8. Have you ever been involved in church trouble of any kind?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you in full sympathy and hearty accord with the standards, doctrines, and government of the Church of the Nazarene?  Yes  No

10. Will you wholeheartedly support the Church and its institutions?  Yes  No

11. What experience have you had so far in preaching?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

12a. Do you sense the urgency of Christians being entirely sanctified?  Yes  No

12b. Does your ministry result in the sanctification of believers?  Yes  No

If no to either of the above questions, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

13. How many would you estimate were sanctified under your ministry during the past two years?

\_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

14. Are you in good health?  Yes  No

If no, state particulars:

\_\_\_\_\_

15. Are your spouse and children in good health?  Yes  No

If no, state particulars:

\_\_\_\_\_

16. Are there physical irregularities in your family that would hinder your ministry?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

17. Does your spouse support you in your commitment to fulfill your calling?  Yes  No

If no, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

18. List your financial debts.

Financial Debt	Amount

19. Are you behind on any debt or obligation?       Yes     No      If yes, please explain:

20a. Have you been divorced?       Yes     No

20b. Has your marriage been annulled\*?       Yes     No

\*Note: If the marriage was consummated, the annulment would be treated as a divorce; if it was not consummated, the annulment would not be treated as a possible barrier to ordination.

20c. Was the marriage consummated?       Yes     No

20d. Have you ever had a legal separation?       Yes     No

Details of said divorce/annulment/legal separation of the applicant must be submitted to the Board of General Superintendents for its review, in accordance with *Manual* paragraph 320 and specifications in paragraph 530.1 (#7, #8). “have had any disqualification, which may have been imposed by a district assembly, removed by an explanation in writing by the district superintendent and the District Advisory Board of the district where the disqualification was imposed; and provided further that their marriage relationship does not render them ineligible for a district license; and in case of a previous divorce, the recommendation of the District Board of Ministry District Ministerial Credentials Board along with supporting documents will be given to the Board of General Superintendents, which may remove this as a barrier to pursuing a license.”

20e. Have you already submitted the supporting documents?       Yes     No      If these details have not been submitted, immediate contact should be made with the District Secretary.

21. Has your spouse been divorced, had an annulment, or a legal separation?       Yes     No  
If yes, please identify any of these that are applicable here: \_\_\_\_\_

22. If married, are you now living with your spouse?       Yes     No      If no, what are your reasons?

23a. Have you ever been arrested, convicted or pled “no contest” at any time?       Yes     No

23b. Have you ever been accused of child molestation, exploitation or abuse?       Yes     No

If yes to either of the above questions, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A WORD TO APPLICANTS**

The *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene* is specific in matters pertaining to the licensed ministry of the church. These sections should be read carefully and the necessary requirements met before application is made for a district license. List the paragraph numbers from the *Manual* indicating the portion you have read dealing with the “Call & Qualifications of the Minister” and “The Licensed Minister.”

The General Assembly has outlined the COURSE OF STUDY in the *Manual* and it is detailed in the regional *Sourcebook on Ordination*. This course will be supervised by the District Ministerial Studies Board. Information may be secured by contacting the chairperson of this board, or you may consult with your local pastor.