



PONTIFICAL GEORGIAN COLLEGE

Seminary of the United Roman-Ruthenian Church

Application for Admission

I. Applicant Information

Full Legal Name: *(As it appears on government-issued identification)*

Preferred Name (if different):

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth (City, State/Province, Country):

Citizenship(s):

Current Address:

Postal Address (if different):

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Marital Status:

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Divorced (additional documentation required)

If married:

Date of marriage:

Is spouse supportive of your application to seminary? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has spouse provided a written statement of support? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Current Parish / Mission: (*Name, city, and ecclesiastical jurisdiction*)

II. Ecclesiastical Background & Intent

A. In a separate document, please provide a clear and truthful account of your ecclesiastical life and formation to date.

B. Baptism

Date of Baptism:

Place of Baptism:

Church / Jurisdiction:

Rite (if applicable):

C. Chrismation / Confirmation

Date of Chrismation:

Place:

Church / Jurisdiction:

D. Current Canonical Status

E. Are you currently under the canonical authority of a bishop or equivalent hierarch?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please identify the hierarch and jurisdiction.

F. Previous or Current Ministry

G. Have you served in any ecclesiastical ministry (reader, acolyte, catechist, cantor, etc.)?

H. Have you previously pursued seminary formation or theological studies?

I. Have you ever been tonsured or ordained in any church body? (If yes, provide details.)

J. Ecclesiastical Intent

Please describe in a separate document the following (1–2 pages recommended):

- i. Your understanding of the United Roman-Ruthenian Church
- ii. Why you seek formation specifically within this Church
- iii. Whether you are seeking formation toward Holy Orders, lay ministry, or theological education

III. Educational Background

Please list all post-secondary education, beginning with the most recent. Attach a copy of unofficial transcripts (see below). Attach additional pages if needed.

Institution Name:

Location:

Dates Attended:

Degree or Certification Earned (if any):

Field of Study:

Institution Name:

Location:

Dates Attended:

Degree or Certification Earned (if any):

Field of Study:

Institution Name:

Location:

Dates Attended:

Degree or Certification Earned (if any):

Field of Study:

Please also indicate:

Any formal theological education

Language study (Latin, Greek, Slavonic, Hebrew, etc.)

Certifications or professional training relevant to ministry

Transcripts:

- ☐ Official transcripts enclosed
- ☐ Official transcripts will be sent separately

IV. Program of Study Sought

Please indicate the program for which you are applying:

- ☐ Licentiate of Sacred Theology (Major Seminary Program)
 - ☐ Preparatory / Foundational Studies (Minor Seminary Program)
 - ☐ Continuing Theological Formation
 - ☐ Special Pastoral or Academic Track (please specify)
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Anticipated Goal of Study:

- ☐ Ordination to the Minor Orders
- ☐ Ordination to the Diaconate
- ☐ Ordination to the Priesthood
- ☐ Service in a specific pastoral or teaching role
- ☐ Academic or theological enrichment

Please describe your vocational goal as you currently understand it, recognizing that formation is a process of discernment undertaken with the Church. Attach this with your application.
(1 page recommended)

V. References

Please provide at least three references, preferably including ecclesiastical references where applicable. (Required) References should include at least one person able to speak to your character, discipline, and maturity. Also, applicants should ensure that references understand the seriousness of seminary formation and the expectations of clerical life.

Reference 1: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference 2: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference 3: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

VI. Statement of Intent & Readiness for Competency-Based Formation

Please submit a written statement (2–4 pages) addressing the following:

- Your sense of vocation and how it has developed over time
- Your understanding of Apostolic, Orthodox, and Catholic faith and life
- Your willingness to submit to the teaching authority, discipline, and pastoral formation of the Church
- Your readiness for a competency-based formation model, including:

Self-discipline and independent study

Accountability to formation directors

Acceptance that advancement is based on demonstrated mastery, not time alone

Your openness to ongoing discernment, correction, and spiritual growth

Applicants should write candidly, prayerfully, and without exaggeration. This statement is a key element of vocational discernment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

By signing below, the Applicant acknowledges, understands, and agrees to the following terms and conditions governing participation in the programs of Pontifical Georgian College (“the College”), the seminary of the United Roman-Ruthenian Church (“the Church”).

1. Ecclesiastical Nature of the Institution

The Applicant acknowledges that Pontifical Georgian College is an ecclesiastical seminary operating under the authority and endorsement of the United Roman-Ruthenian Church, and exists solely for religious, clerical, theological, and ecclesiastical formation within the life of the Church.

The College is not a civil university, does not hold, does not seek, and does not claim accreditation by any governmental, regional, or secular accrediting agency, nor by any ecclesiastical accrediting body outside the Church. All programs, courses, certificates, and degrees offered by the College are ecclesiastical in nature and purpose only.

2. No Civil or Secular Purpose

The Applicant understands and agrees that:

- Instruction, coursework, degrees, certificates, or other recognitions issued by the College are not intended for secular, civil, governmental, or professional credentialing purposes.
- The College makes no representation or warranty that any course of study will be accepted, recognized, or transferable by any external institution, employer, licensing authority, or academic body.
- The Applicant bears sole responsibility for determining whether participation meets their personal, ecclesiastical, or vocational goals.

3. Competency-Based and Independent Formation

The Applicant acknowledges that the College operates primarily as a competency-based and self-directed program of formation, requiring substantial independent study, disciplined reading, writing, reflection, and self-motivation.

The College does not guarantee instructional format, pacing, faculty availability, mentoring style, or mode of delivery, and reserves the right to modify curricula, requirements, assessments, or instructional methods at its discretion.

4. No Guarantee of Completion, Degree, or Outcome

The Applicant expressly understands and agrees that:

- Admission does not guarantee completion of any course or program.
- Completion of coursework does not guarantee the conferral of any degree, certificate, or academic honor.
- The College reserves sole discretion to determine satisfactory completion, competency, or readiness for advancement.

5. Ordination and Ecclesiastical Office

The Applicant understands and agrees that:

- Completion of any seminary program does not guarantee ordination, licensing, incardination, appointment, or assignment to any clerical office.
- Ordination and ecclesiastical ministry are governed exclusively by the Canon Law, discipline, and pastoral judgment of the United Roman-Ruthenian Church, exercised by the competent ecclesiastical authority.
- Seminary formation and ordination are distinct processes, and participation in one does not entitle the Applicant to the other.

6. Fees, Donations, and Refund Policy

The Applicant acknowledges that all course fees, tuition, or related payments are considered voluntary donations to the Church, made in support of its religious and educational mission. Such donations are non-refundable, regardless of withdrawal, dismissal, non-completion, or dissatisfaction. In rare and extraordinary circumstances, the Church may, at its sole and absolute discretion, elect to refund a donation, in whole or in part. The Applicant acknowledges that no refund is promised or implied.

7. Participation as Privilege

The Applicant acknowledges that participation in the College is a privilege, not a right.

The College reserves the right to admit, deny, suspend, dismiss, or discontinue any Applicant or student at any time, for reasons including but not limited to academic, pastoral, disciplinary, doctrinal, or ecclesiastical

considerations, as determined by the Church. Operations of the College are governed entirely by the Canon Law and other directives of the government of the United Roman-Ruthenian Church under the principal authority of the Supreme Pontiff thereof.

8. Assumption of Risk and Hold Harmless

The Applicant voluntarily assumes all risks associated with participation in the College's programs, including but not limited to emotional, spiritual, academic, and personal challenges inherent in theological formation.

The Applicant agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the United Roman-Ruthenian Church, Pontifical Georgian College, their clergy, officers, faculty, agents, and representatives from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, or damages arising from participation, except in cases of willful misconduct.

9. No Reliance on External Statements

The Applicant agrees that no verbal statements, informal communications, online materials, or third-party representations shall be deemed binding unless expressly incorporated into this written agreement.

This document constitutes the entire agreement governing participation in the College and supersedes all prior understandings.

10. Governing Authority

This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the Canon Law, statutes, and internal governance of the United Roman-Ruthenian Church, without reference to secular conflict-of-law principles.

Acknowledgment and Signature

I affirm that the information provided in this application is truthful and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that admission to the Pontifical Georgian College does not guarantee ordination, academic degree, or ecclesiastical appointment, and that all formation is subject to the discernment and authority of the Church.

I have read, understood, and voluntarily agree to all terms above. I affirm that my application is made freely, without coercion, and with full understanding of the ecclesiastical nature of Pontifical Georgian College.

Applicant Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____