



# International Fellowship of Chaplains

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## **APPLICATION for CHAPLAIN ORDINATION - Optional**

Pages 6-7 must be submitted with copy of current I.F.O.C. Chaplain ID or complete APPLICATION for CHAPLAIN LICENSE. The I.F.O.C. accepts applications for Ordination through one of the following five pathways. Please check the pathway (1-5) you are applying under and attach the required documentation.

✓ *Check off the document list (Pathway 1,2,3,4 or 5) below as you prepare your application.*

### 1st. Pathway

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ I am submitting detailed recommendation from the Pastor of my local church. (This does NOT include a retired or home group pastor.)  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment of Character for Ordination document (page 7)

### 2nd. Pathway

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ I am an ordained minister in good standing with my church.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ I have attached a copy of my Ordination Certificate.  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment of Character for Ordination Character document. (page 7)

### 3rd. Pathway

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ I am an ordained minister in good standing through an established ministerial organization.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ I have attached a copy of my Ordination Certificate.  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment of Character for Ordination document. (page 7)

### 4th. Pathway

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ I currently hold a Master of Divinity degree from an accredited seminary.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ I have attached a copy of my degree certificate.  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment of Character for Ordination from the Executive Officer of the accredited seminary. (page 7)  
D. \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment of Character for Ordination document from current place of employment as a minister. (page 7)

Should pathways 1-4 not be an option for ordination, the Licensed I.F.O.C. Chaplains can apply thru Pathway 5 after 12 months.

### 5th. Pathway

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ I am a Licensed I.F.O.C. Chaplain.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ I have been Licensed for 12 months.  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ I have attached my completed Assessment of Character for Ordination document from my Pastor. (page 7)  
D. \_\_\_\_\_ My Pastor has direct oversight and interaction with me.  
E. \_\_\_\_\_ I have attached written documentation of community involvement as an I.F.O.C. chaplain that attests to the candidate's commitment to chaplaincy ministry.  
F. \_\_\_\_\_ I have attached Certificates of Completion showing evidence of 14 contact hours of advanced training from the following list demonstrating commitment to the work and spirit of chaplain ministry (check the Certificates attached with application):

i	_____ I.F.O.C. Weddings and Funerals	4 contact hours
ii	_____ I.F.O.C. Annual Conference package	8 contact hours
iii	_____ I.F.O.C. Corps Leadership Course	6 contact hours
iv	_____ ICISF Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support	14 contact hours
v	_____ ICISF Group Crisis Intervention	14 contact hours
vi	_____ ICISF Spiritual and Psychological First Aid	14 contact hours
vii	_____ Red Cross Psychological First Aid	4 contact hours
viii	_____ ICISF Grief Following Trauma	14 contact hours

I have a genuine calling of the Lord to Chaplain ministry & hereby submit my application for Ordination.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign Name

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Date

***Allow 8 weeks for processing & receipt of Chaplain Ordination application***



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## ASSESSMENT of CHARACTER for ORDINATION

**To be completed for all candidates by Senior Pastor or Ecclesiastical Overseer**

**Instructions:** Please return to the Ordination Candidate to send with their application for credentials. *(do not send to I.F.O.C.)*

Ordination Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Overseer Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Overseer Signature and phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Organization Name and phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate how often do you directly interact with the candidate.

Weekly  Monthly  Quarterly  Seldom  Never

Which best describes the candidate's response to the authority of your direct oversight? Describe.

Submits easily  Submits reluctantly  Problematic.  Poorly

Which best describes the candidate's level of reliability and commitment?

On time.  Frequently late or no shows  Prepared  Unprepared  Disinterested

Which best describes the candidate's ability to resolve conflicts within the organization?

Resolves with wisdom.  Uses Biblical approach  Accusatory  Judgmental

Describe the fruit shown in the life of the candidate (such as benevolence towards others, examples of display of mercy and grace in their conversations with others and their involvement with helping others)

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Describe how the candidate demonstrates a genuine calling on his/her life for chaplain ministry.

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In a few sentences, describe your view of the candidate's character and reputation within your organization.

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Do you recommend the candidate for Chaplaincy Ordination with The International Fellowship of Chaplains?

Yes  No If No, please explain on the reverse side