



Request for a Telephone Reference from a Pastor

For completing an Application for Admission (Fall 2026 Cohort)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT

To complete your application to Luther Classical College, you will be asked in the online application form to provide the name of your pastor for a telephone reference. Generally, you should ask your current pastor. However, if you have recently changed pastors, you may ask the pastor who served you previously if that person knows you better. If your pastor is a close relative of yours, you and he may decide to list another pastor or an elder if you wish; otherwise, that pastor may serve as your reference even if he is a close relative.

You may be assured that LCC will take every reasonable step to maintain confidentiality.

You may share the following preview with your pastor if you wish, or simply read it so that you have an understanding of what will be discussed in that telephone call.

PREVIEW OF THE TELEPHONE CALL

Thank you for taking the time to speak by phone concerning an applicant to Luther Classical College. LCC educates Lutherans in the classical, Lutheran tradition and prepares them for godly vocations within family, church, and society, fostering Christian culture through study of the best of our Western heritage. The college offers both B.A. and A.A. programs in which students learn the truth of the Christian faith as professed in the Lutheran Confessions; are encouraged in genuine Lutheran culture; and are prepared for life in the home, the church, and the community—cherishing the Western corpus of literature, philosophy, music, art, scientific discovery, and Christian theology, and preserving the use of classical languages. You may read “The Religious Affiliation of Luther Classical College” (included in the the Academic Catalog, www.lutherclassical.org/academic-catalog) to learn more about our theological commitments.

Your telephone conversation will assist us in ensuring that all students at LCC are confessional Lutherans who will joyously attend weekly divine services (at a local Lutheran congregation) and daily chapel services (under the supervision of the college’s dean of chapel); eagerly receive theological instruction; and, actively desire that their instruction across all disciplines be conducted in a manner consistent with Holy Scripture as expounded in the Book of Concord and reflected in the traditional liturgy and hymnody of our congregations.

Please address each of the following themes in your telephone conversation:

- *Your Relationship to the Applicant:* How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- *The Applicant’s Church Membership:* For how long has the applicant been a communicant member in good standing of your congregation? Comment, similarly, about prior membership(s) at other congregation(s), if known to you. Given that two LCMS congregations and one WELS congregation

(each practicing closed communion) are located in Casper, what recommendations do you have for this applicant to receive the Lord's Supper while attending Luther Classical College?

- *The Applicant's Theological Confession:* Does your congregation believe, teach, and confess what LCC professes in its "Theological Confession"? Or, if your congregation is not fully in alignment with LCC, do you nonetheless have reason to expect this applicant will be a good fit at LCC? Please explain. Is the applicant prepared to uphold the teachings of LCC's "Theological Confession" in both word and action?
- *The Applicant's Participation in Congregational Life:* Does the applicant attend the divine service regularly? To what extent has the applicant participated in Bible study, youth group, and similar activities? In what ways has the applicant served the congregation (e.g., choir, musical accompaniment, teaching Sunday school, etc.)?
- *The Applicant's Piety of Life:* Has the applicant demonstrated piety of life and Christian compassion toward his or her family, the congregation, and the larger community? Do you have any reservations about recommending this applicant to LCC? Give specific examples when possible.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Rev. Jacob Benson, Director of Admissions, at admissions@lutherclassical.org or 307 284 1730.

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