

CENTER FOR RELIGION AND  
ADVANCED SPIRITUAL STUDIES  
SEMINARY DIVISION

*Admission Application to the Master's Degree  
Program of the Seminary*

*This application is used for applying to all of the  
Program options.*

*A complete application must include:*

- 1. A \$150 non-refundable application fee payable to CRASS.*
- 2. The application itself (Part A through G)*
- 3. An essay for which instructions appear in this application.*
- 4. Two references for which there are forms included in this package.*
- 5. Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate study, whether or not you received a degree.*

*Using this self-managed application, please assemble  
all of the applicable items above (1 through 5) and  
mail them in a document-sized (9"x12") envelope  
(not included) to:*

*Office of Admissions,  
Seminary Division  
C.R.A.S.S.  
229 East 85th St. #1347  
New York, NY 10028  
(212) 828-0464*

**Only transcripts or references delivered as a package described above will be accepted.** Official transcripts and references must be submitted in sealed envelopes and the complete package (application fee, application, essay, references and transcripts in sealed envelopes) in a 9"x12" envelope. **Incomplete applications are not processed.**

An interview may be required as part of the admissions process. Out-of-state applicants may be asked to arrange a personal interview in their locales. Submission of an application for admission does not guarantee an interview nor does an interview guarantee admission.

NOTE: All records and documents submitted become the property of the Center For Religion And Advanced Spiritual Studies Seminary Division. Applicants are urged to retain copies of all documents submitted.  
C.R.A.S.S. does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, handicap, national or ethnic origin, marital status, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.  
No academic credit is given for life experience or for previous work experience.

**PART A - Personal Data**

Mr./ Ms./ Mrs./ Dr./Rev./Preferred Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: MI: First Name:

Former/ Maiden:	SS#
	____/____/____

☐ Male ☐ Female

**Permanent Mailing Address -**  
Street

City State Zip Code

**Present Mailing Address - until when?**  
Street

City State Zip Code

**PART A - Continued**

Place of Birth: Date of Birth:

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mo. day year

Phone: Home  
( )

Phone: Work  
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Phone: Mobile  
( )

E-mail Address:

Citizen of US? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Permanent Resident? (include copy of card)  
☐ Yes ☐ No

If no to both, citizen of?

Program to which you are applying: (See detailed program descriptions and admission requirements before selecting one program from the list below)

- ☐ M.A. in Spiritual Studies  
☐ M.S. in the Science of Spirit  
☐ M.Div.

**PART B - Educational Background**

Undergraduate College or University\* and Graduate or Professional Studies

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART B - Continued**Dates Attended / Major

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1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Degree / Date Conferred / GPA

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1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic achievements and awards: prizes, distinctions, honors received; publications, research projects, etc.

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If official transcripts are in any name other than last name in this application, please indicate name(s) here: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid: Are you interested in applying for financial aid? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously applied for admission to C.R.A.S.S.? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, for what year? \_\_\_\_\_

For which Program? \_\_\_\_\_  
Decision? \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Applicants who have been awarded a Degree or have completed Coursework at C.R.A.S.S. do not need to request a transcript from C.R.A.S.S. This includes Undergraduate, Graduate and non-degree Courses.*

**PART C - Employment History**

Attach a brief resume outlining your employment history, beginning with the most recent or current experience; please be sure to include military service. Relevant voluntary, summer, and part-time experience should also be included. Please be sure to include the name and address of your employer; the name of your Executive Director or Supervisor; number of hours per week; whether the employment was paid or volunteer; the dates of your employment as well as a detailed job description.

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**PART D: References - Two references are required.** Each reference needs to be either academic or work-related; relatives or friends are not acceptable references.

**Name**                      **Organization Name & Address**  
Reference #1

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Reference #2

\_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship Title/ Position**  
Reference #1

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Reference #2

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**PART E: Autobiographical Statement** - This autobiographical statement is important in helping the Seminary understand your reasons for applying. Please submit this statement with your full name and Social Security number on each page. Submit a statement on your background and interests, using the following points as a guide: (limit 5 pages - double spaced)

1. How did you become interested in this area? What experiences - personal, educational, and religious/spiritual - led to or confirmed this interest? Upon what values did you base this decision? If you have considered other Seminaries before choosing this One discuss your reasons for your choice.

2. What are the reasons for your decision to obtain this Graduate Education at this time? What are your expectations of this Graduate Education? What area(s) of difficulty do you anticipate? Why?
3. Discuss those personal qualities and abilities that support your desire to attend the Seminary and that you think will be useful to you in studying.
4. Why do you believe you can greatly profit from the "experiential plus scholarship" model used at the Seminary?

**PART F: Academic Writing Sample** -Please include an academic writing sample (up to 5 double-spaced pages) that illustrates your ability to analyze and/or develop an argument on a particular subject of your choice. (A senior thesis or term paper is acceptable)

**PART G: Statements of Agreement**

- I understand that, if admitted and registered pursuant to this application, my continuance as a matriculated Student at the Seminary is subject to the Guidelines of the Center For Religion And Advanced Spiritual Studies *Seminary Division* and that all work submitted while matriculated becomes the property of the Seminary as well as any works based upon my Learning and/or Understanding Gained from Participation in the Seminary.

- I understand that, if admitted pursuant to this application, all work relating to Classes, Workshops, Seminars, Satsangs, RETREATS, Programs and Offerings - and other work not expressly mentioned - becomes the property of the Center For Religion And Advanced Spiritual Studies, Seminary Division.

- I hereby authorize the release of medical and/or personnel records under conditions established by the Seminary.

- I hereby certify that the statements made in this application are true and complete.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF APPLICATION

**Completion of application:** The applicant assumes full responsibility for the completion of the application. ***Incomplete applications are not considered for admission.***