



EFCA CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES

APPLICATION FOR ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT - MILITARY

This application is for ecclesiastical endorsement for direct appointment as a chaplain, and ecclesiastical approval for the candidate programs of the Army, Navy, or Air Force.

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chaplains@efca.org www.efca.org/chaplains

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Cell: _____ Alternate phone: _____

Email (primary) _____ Email 2: _____

Social Security Number (last 4 digits): _____

Military ☐ Active ☐ Reserve ☐ Chaplain Candidate

Branch:

☐ Army

☐ Air Force

☐ Navy

☐ Army National Guard

☐ Air National Guard

Have you had prior military service? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what branch _____ Dates of service _____

Officer _____ Enlisted _____

- Have you completed the DOD educational requirements?
☐ Yes ☐ Not completed yet
- Have you passed the Armed Forces Physical Exam and met physical fitness standards for your branch?
☐ Yes ☐ Not completed yet
- Have you passed the background check and obtained security clearance: ☐ Yes ☐ Not completed yet
- Do you have any convictions by martial or civilian courts (except minor traffic violations)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you have any record of disciplinary action, financial irresponsibility, domestic violence, or child abuse against you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Birth: _____ Place of Birth _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
(Month/day/year)

Ethnic origin _____ U.S. citizen: Yes ☐ No ☐

Denominational Background _____
(Name of religious body)

Current church attending _____ Location: _____
Is this an EFCA church? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Note: Current membership in an EFCA church is required for endorsement.

You must maintain membership in an EFCA church throughout your chaplain career.

Do you hold a ministerial credential? ☐ Not yet credentialed ☐ Licensed ☐ Ordained

If so, by whom? _____ Date: _____
(Denomination or local church)

EFCA Endorsement requires you to have an EFCA Certificate of Ordination or transfer your ordination to the EFCA.

Marital Status: ☐ Married Date: _____ Name of Spouse _____
☐ Single (never married) ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced

Children:

Name	Male/Female	Year of Birth	Living at home
	M / F		Y / N
	M / F		Y / N
	M / F		Y / N
	M / F		Y / N

Are you presently employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, name of employer: _

Location: _____ Position _____

References (three): Suggested individuals include an evangelical pastor, chaplain, instructor, or mentor.

Send the reference form to the individuals, requesting it to be returned to our office address or chaplains@efca.org.

Name	Email address

➤ **Attach a current resume which includes practical ministry and educational experience. (College and seminary transcripts are to be forwarded to EFCA Chaplain Ministries).**

Commitments:

- I have read the [Statement of Faith of the Evangelical Free Church of America](#) and affirm all statements without mental or theological reservation. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please explain which statements you cannot affirm and why:

- I have read and agree with [Where We Stand in the EFCA: Denials and Affirmations](#). ☐ Yes ☐ No

For a commentary and biblical explanation of these convictions click [here](#).

If No, please explain why:

- Upon acceptance into military active duty, I will:
 - ☐ Maintain the necessary EFCA credential as per EFCA requirements.
 - ☐ Complete semi-annual reports to the Chaplain Endorser.
 - ☐ Submit annual dues as per the EFCA Chaplain Handbook.

➤ **See page 3 of this application for a checklist of required documents to complete this application.**

Signature _____ Date _____

Required documents and forms to complete the Military Chaplain application process:

_____ Attach a current resume which includes educational institutions attended, degrees earned, and practical ministry experience (PME)

_____ Attach a current photo of yourself

_____ Attach your personal testimony and faith journey (1-2 pages, typed)

_____ College and seminary transcripts. Request transcripts for undergraduate and graduate work be sent to the Endorser's office, EFCA Chaplain Ministries, 901 East 78th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55420

_____ Reference forms - 3 total to be returned by the individuals
(Form is following this application packet section in the Handbook)

_____ A check for \$120 payable to "EFCA Chaplains" (non-refundable)

Seminarians who pay this fee and meet all other requirements will receive an Ecclesiastical Approval or Endorsement upon Active/Reserve Duty assignment.

At the time an endorsement is needed please email the Chaplain Endorser (Chaplains@efca.org) with the name and address (email) where the endorsement is to be sent.

Annual dues will be expected after one has been commissioned into the military.

Send the completed original application along with the required documents to:

EFCA Chaplain Ministries
901 East 78th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55420

or PDF to chaplains@efca.org

For questions regarding the application process, contact Rev. Scott Barber (Scott.Barber@efca.org)

Please retain a copy of your application for your files.



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