

# Nicolet Bible Institute

## Application

**Nicolet Bible Institute**  
**N6120 Sawyer Lake Rd**  
**White Lake, WI 54491**

- A completed and signed application form
- A recent picture of yourself (wallet-sized photo)
- A \$25 application fee
- A pastoral reference
- Character reference - Male
- Character reference - Female
- Your completed essay
- High School Transcripts

# COMMUNITY COVENANT

## FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

Nicolet Bible Institute and Silver Birch Ranch are communities of caring Christians dedicated to helping one another grow toward Christian maturity. We are part of the larger Christian community. We represent an institution committed to the local church in its evangelism efforts, leadership development, the general training of Christian workers, and the spreading of the Word of God.

Our community and witness require mutual understanding. Our voluntary association involves mutual submission and consideration. The Scriptures encourage us to conduct ourselves in a way that is free from both lawlessness and legalism. Rules are not in themselves a test of spirituality. A spiritual person will submit to God's Word and to God's established authority. He/she will live in love and self-control in the community in which God allows him/her to live and serve.

The Bible clearly states some precepts and principles as absolutes in moral and ethical behavior. In other areas where legitimate differences of opinion exist, the Bible provides guidelines for behavior. As members of this Christian community, we each commit ourselves to live Christ-honoring lives. Being on staff or a student/intern at NBI/SBR presupposes that each person has committed his/her life to Jesus Christ for salvation and for Christian service. A lifestyle in accordance with biblical principles is essential to demonstrate that commitment to fellow workers, staff, and the outside world. Scripture clearly indicates "that whatsoever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17).

## BIBLICAL ABSOLUTES

Included in biblical absolutes are certain commands or requirements of the Bible about moral living. Because we desire that the life of Christ be manifested in the NBI community, it is expected that every direct command of God for the believer will be obeyed. To love other Christians, do good to all men, to be filled with the Holy Spirit, obey the Word of God, and trust God for personal needs are some of the positive commands of Scripture (Gal. 5:16-23; Eph. 5:18-21; Col. 3:3, 5-17; I Thess. 5:12-22).

The Bible also forbids practices such as stealing, drunkenness, gossip, coarse joking, gluttony, dishonesty, occult involvement, murder, profanity, premarital sex, adultery, and homosexual behavior. In addition, attitudes such as lust, thanklessness, pride, hatred, rebelliousness, and jealousy are equally displeasing to God and harmful to man.

These biblical precepts are to govern our lives on campus and away, manifesting the life of Christ in our conduct and attitudes, expressing joy and abundant living. Jesus Christ said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

## COMMUNITY STANDARDS

We are committed to maintaining a lifestyle based on biblical principles. These principles are general truths taken from the Scriptures that guide us in our thoughts and actions. We have established some moderate standards to govern the lifestyle of our community. While we realize that these may not totally reflect the personal preferences of each member of the community, they enable our community to function in harmony and under the Lordship of Christ.

We prohibit gambling, the use of non-medicinal drugs, sexually-suggestive dancing, tobacco in any form, alcoholic beverages, sexually suggestive or explicit materials, and similar practices which are not consistent with biblical standards. We should apply the principles of modesty and appropriateness to the way we dress. We will respect each other's person and space – stop means stop. Abuse in any form (physical, sexual, or emotional) will not be a part of this community.

We expect community members to regularly attend worship services of an evangelical local church. In all things, we desire to live balanced Christian lives, avoiding that which is offensive, divisive, or legalistic, not flaunting our liberty in Christ.

## INDIVIDUAL DISCRETION

Each believer, though free to follow a biblically-informed conscience in some practices, must in love and consideration adopt behavior to benefit others and the community. The application of some biblical principles governing Christians living in a community is an administrative prerogative at NBI/SBR, and others are left for individual application.

For instance, while the principle stands that we all need fellowship with God in Bible study and prayer, the specific time, place, and method for personal devotions are an individual choice. Staff and students have the responsibility to apply these principles to their own lives such as choosing a church to attend or developing friendships.

The entertainment industry often promotes values and products that are contrary to Scripture. Profanity, excessive violence, illicit sex, inappropriate lifestyles, and other forms of aberrant behavior not only dominate entertainment themes, but are portrayed as desirable.

On the other hand, God's Word instructs believers to be committed to whatever is "true, honorable, right, pure, lovely and of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things" (Philippians 4:8). Therefore, all members of the NBI/SBR community should avoid any form of entertainment or activity which does not promote values consistent with biblical principles of righteousness and personal purity.

We expect personal behavior to be manifested in a consistent Christian testimony to further the effective witness of this Christian community. Each individual is responsible to exercise discretion in choices of reading materials, visual entertainment, music, concerts, and places of entertainment. There is never justification for violating these standards for the sake of exposure to a particular form of media, even in the pursuit of "relevance." All individuals should be guided by the overriding principles that the freedom of the Christian goes hand in hand with individual responsibility to Christ and fellow believers. "For you were called to freedom, brothers; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another" (Gal. 5:13).

# NBI APPLICATION FORM 2010 - 2011

## BASIC INFORMATION (Please print clearly.)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (circle): M F

Common Name Used \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Mailing Address

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

My mailing address will change before I attend. Please use the address below as of this date \_\_\_\_\_

### Permanent Address

Same as above

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Information

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

With whom do you reside? (Circle one) Mother Father Both Other \_\_\_\_\_

### CHURCH INFORMATION

I regularly attend church. If not, please explain on a separate page.

I am a member of a church. If so, what church? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church you presently attend (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Church's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Indicate the high school from which you have graduated or expect to graduate:

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**List all educational institutions you have attended after high school:**

School \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Years attended \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Years attended \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Due to student conduct expectations, the following questions must be answered completely.**

Have you ever made use of any of the following in the past two years:

alcoholic beverages \_\_\_\_\_

tobacco (in any form) \_\_\_\_\_

non-prescription or habit-forming drugs \_\_\_\_\_

pornography \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been treated for alcohol or substance abuse? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been involved in any occult practices (ie. tarot cards, fortune telling, seances, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

I have sufficient funds to pay for each semester in advance? Circle one: Yes No

I would like to receive information on alternative payment plans. Circle one: Yes No

**Important: Ability to pay is not a pre-requisite for admission. Please contact the NBI business office at 715.484.2322 x230 for any financial questions.**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION/ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**Please respond to the following questions. Please type answers on a separate sheet.**

1. Do you consider yourself a Christian?

What does it mean to be a Christian?

How does what you believe influence how you live?

Share an example of a person, event, or experience that has helped shape your walk with God.

2. Why do you want to attend Nicolet Bible Institute? What are your specific goals?

**Read through the enclosed Community Covenant in its entirety. Your signature is requested below, indicating that you are willing to live in accordance with these commitments while enrolled as a student at Nicolet Bible Institute.**

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

**I have read the Community Covenant commitments and agree to adopt the Nicolet Bible Institute lifestyle as my own while enrolled.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# PASTORAL REFERENCE

## APPLICANT DATA (Applicant should complete this section and read the waiver notice.)

**This form is to be completed by your church pastor, youth pastor, or someone who knows your spiritual development. (This reference form should not be completed by a relative.)**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Street address

City

State

Zip

**Applicant's waiver of right of access to confidential statement:** I hereby voluntarily waive my right to access any information contained on this reference form and agree that this statement shall remain confidential.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Request for Reference

The student named above, having applied for admission to Nicolet Bible Institute, is required to have this form on file before admission can be considered. Your prompt attention will be appreciated. If this form is not adequate for your remarks, please feel free to provide your appraisal in any form you choose. Completed reference may be mailed, faxed, or sent as an e-mail attachment.

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Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church or organization \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street address

City

State

Zip

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How well you do know the applicant?

Very well, close relationship

Fairly well, many personal contacts

Casually, few personal contacts

Just by name and sight

To the best of your knowledge, has the applicant made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ?

Yes

No

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on the applicant's abilities, talents, leadership skills, personal traits, and achievements.

What evidences of spiritual life and growth have you observed in the applicant's life? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the applicant's home life and relationship to parents and siblings. \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on the applicant's readiness for college. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any reservations about the applicant working with children? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Comment briefly about the applicant's relational skills with peers (ie. cooperative, domineering, ill at ease, caring, leader, follower, etc.). \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the applicant's attitude toward authority (ie. cooperative, indifferent, rebellious, teachable, etc.). \_\_\_\_\_

Comment about the applicant's emotional state (mood swings, excitable, even-tempered, etc.). \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate special concerns or areas in which you feel the applicant may need the most help/guidance. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following. Do you recommend that we accept this applicant?

No       Unsure       With reservation       Yes       Highly

**Thank you for helping us with this recommendation.  
Please do not return this form to the applicant.  
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# CHARACTER REFERENCE MALE

## APPLICANT DATA (Applicant should complete this section and read the waiver notice.)

**Select two Christian adult friends, who are not family members and who have known you for a year or more, to complete your character reference forms. (One male and one female.)**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. How well do you know the applicant ?

( ) Very well, close relationship

( ) Fairly well, many personal contacts

( ) Casually, few personal contacts

( ) Just by name and sight

3. To the best of your knowledge, has the applicant made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ?

( ) Yes

( ) No

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are the applicant's strengths and special abilities? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Do you know of any areas where the applicant might need special attention? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Please rate the applicant: 1 = POOR      2 = BELOW AVERAGE      3 = AVERAGE      4 = ABOVE AVERAGE      5 = EXCELLENT

Displays Initiative/Motivation	_____	Maintains Emotional Stability	_____
Demonstrates Leadership Qualities	_____	Exhibits Moral Character/Conduct	_____
Expresses Concern for Others	_____	Attitude Toward Authority	_____

7. Nicolet Bible Institute seeks students who model a vital Christian faith and desire instruction with a biblical worldview. To your knowledge, would the attitude, beliefs, and present conduct of this applicant coincide with this goal?    ( ) Yes      ( ) No      If no, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Please add any additional information that will help us better understand the applicant's potential for success at Nicolet Bible Institute. \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Do you recommend that we accept this applicant?  
( ) No      ( ) Unsure      ( ) With reservation      ( ) Yes      ( ) Highly

Comments on recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Street address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How well do you know the applicant ?

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( ) Yes

( ) No

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

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