

**AUTHORIZED RULING ELDER / COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER
APPLICATION FORM
The Presbytery of Shenandoah**

PART 1: (to be completed by the applicant)

*Please complete the following application so that we might gain a sense of who you are
and of your call.*

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Office): _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Name of Church: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Pastor: _____

Clerk of Session: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (E-Mail): _____

Length of Active Membership in this church: _____ years _____ months

Ordained offices held: _____ (deacon) _____ (elder)

Date received into membership: _____ Date of baptism: _____

Have you held membership in other Presbyterian churches? Please list name, address, and dates of membership.

Total length of active service in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its antecedents.

Have you held membership in other denominations? Please list names and dates of membership. (Use the back of this page as necessary).

List your service to the local church and other governing bodies

WORK/MILITARY HISTORY (List current or most recent position first)

<u>Dates (From/To)</u>	<u>Employer (Name/City/State)</u>	<u>Part Time (PT)</u> <u>Full Time (FT)</u>	<u>Title or</u> <u>type of work</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer these essay questions on separate sheets of paper.

Why are you interested in being trained to be an Authorized Ruling Elder?

What informational experiences have you had which will assist you in being an effective Authorized Ruling Elder?

What aspects of your present church life do you enjoy most?

What aspects of your present church life are most frustrating?

Please let us know what it means to you to be a Presbyterian.

In what areas of your life would you most like to grow?

If accepted, I understand I will be undertaking a commitment of both academic and practical nature. I am also willing to commit myself to continuing education after completing the program. This will be in consultation with the ARE/CRE Committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SESSION AND MODERATOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Please provide the Clerk of Session with the attached form for completion by the Session and Session Moderator.

REFERENCES

Please provide the name, address, phone number and email of each person. One should be from outside the church of membership, two from within the church of membership.

1.

2.

3.

Please note that successful completion of the course of study offered by the Presbytery does not guarantee service, commissioning, or employment as a lay pastor.

For ARE/CRE Committee Use

This applicant fulfills the minimum requirements of the Presbytery of Shenandoah as established by the Committee on Ministry and:

___ Has served one full three-year term on the session

___ Has received recommendation of the session

___ Has received recommendation of the Moderator of the session

___ Has submitted letters of reference, 2 from congregation of membership, 1 from outside that congregation

___ Has minimum education of High School diploma or G.E.D.

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PART 2: (to be completed by the Clerk of Session)

Name of Applicant: _____

The above applicant is an active member of _____ Presbyterian Church.

On _____, 20 ____ the Session met with the above named applicant and examined him/her about becoming an Authorized Ruling Elder/ Commissioned Ruling Elder candidate of Shenandoah Presbytery. The Session voted to recommend this person, with the following comments on his/her sense of call and particular gifts for this work:

Signatures:

Clerk of Session: _____

Moderator of Session: _____

Person commenting if not Clerk or Moderator: _____

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(adapted from "Commissioned Lay Pastors
in the Presbyterian Church" 2002)

See the most recent form at <http://www.shenpres.org/forms.html>.