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# Application Process

Thank you for your interest in the **Desperation Leadership Academy**. If you have any questions about the application process or the Academy, please contact our Admissions Office at 1-888-672-4089 or e-mail us at [DLA@newlifechurch.org](mailto:DLA@newlifechurch.org). Information is also available at [www.desperationleadership.com](http://www.desperationleadership.com).

Our application process focuses on understanding the individual and is designed to select those applicants who will thrive in **DLA**. Our admission staff work closely with each applicant throughout the application and enrollment process. We carefully and prayerfully consider each application while making our decision.

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

For your application to be complete, you must submit ALL of the following:

- Application form
  - Two short essays
  - Video Bio
  - Disclosure and Background Check Authorization Form
  - Two Recommendations (Pastoral & Academic)
- High school transcripts (Fax copy to 719.548.9000)
- \$50 application fee (check payable to New Life Church)
- Two recent, different photos (will not be returned)

## COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

1. Please print legibly in ink or type the application form. Be sure to complete each page of the application.
2. Enclose the \$50 non-refundable application fee. Check or money order is preferred. Your application for admission will not be evaluated until the application fee is received.
3. Request copies of your transcripts from your high school and/or any colleges attended. If you are currently enrolled, please request a final transcript to be mailed upon graduation or completion of coursework. Applicants who have completed fewer than 30 semester hours of college coursework must also submit high school transcripts.
4. Request two recommendations using the forms included in this application. One must be completed by a pastor or youth worker and one must be completed by your high school/college counselor, a teacher or a professor. Recommendations should be mailed directly to the Admission Office. **DLA** does not accept recommendations from family members.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students are required to have transcripts evaluated by World Education Services. ([www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)) Students whose first language is not English must submit TOEFL scores. Additionally, international students who plan on acquiring a car upon arrival in the United States must give themselves enough time to buy and insure it. We suggest at least two weeks prior to the start of the program.

## SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

**DLA** is a seven-month program from January to August. We accept applications year round. The application deadline is November 15th, however, **DLA** has a maximum capacity each year. Therefore, the sooner we receive your application, the more likely you will be accepted. You shall be notified of the result of your application 2 weeks after your interview. An Interview will be setup once the entirety of your application has been received.

The full tuition amount of \$5500 is required to be paid at orientation in January. Specific dates will be communicated depending on the year of intended entrance into **DLA**



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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**The Desperation Leadership Academy** is seeking a core of college age students who are authentic Christians, who know Christ's love and who will be examples for the next generation. With that in mind, please answer the following questions as carefully and honestly as possible.

I plan to enter **DLA**: January \_\_\_\_\_  
YEAR

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  Male  Female  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH/DAY/YEAR

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE/COUNTRY ZIP

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

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Do you receive text messages?  Yes  No

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE/COUNTRY ZIP

Are you a U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No If no, what is your current U.S. immigration status? \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Providing information about race/ethnicity is voluntary. The information is not used in a discriminatory manner.  
Select one (optional):

- |   |  |                                       |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino(a)/Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American   | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander                  |                                       |

Name of Church/Christian Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE/COUNTRY ZIP

Name of Senior Pastor, Youth Pastor & Youth Leader \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been involved in this church? \_\_\_\_\_

If less than one year, what church were you involved in previously? \_\_\_\_\_

Age/year when you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior \_\_\_\_\_ Water baptized \_\_\_\_\_

Which gifts of the Holy Spirit do you operate in:

- |   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Discerning between spirits | <input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement | <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giving         | <input type="checkbox"/> Healing                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Intercession  | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy          | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge      | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tongues       | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpreting Tongues |

Please list any ministry experiences/positions you have held both inside and outside the Church. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended?:

- |   |   |                          |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desperation Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> DLA snapshot         | T-Shirt Size _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DSI                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Night of Desperation | Workout Short Size _____ |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> theFurnace           |                          |



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## FINANCIAL

How will you pay for your tuition? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you see any reason why you would not have the required tuition fees by the required dates?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain why and how you plan to make your tuition payment. \_\_\_\_\_

List the total amount of current debts, loans, or payments owed. \_\_\_\_\_

Will these be paid off by the time you enter **DLA**?  Yes  No

If not, how do you plan to make these payments? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own a vehicle? (required upon entrance)  Yes  No

Is your vehicle in good working condition?  Yes  No

Do you currently have automobile insurance for your vehicle? (required upon entrance)  Yes  No

Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

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

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_ Agent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed?  Full-time  Part-time Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you worked there? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe your job responsibilities. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your past and current employment, include military service and periods of unemployment.

Supervisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Position	Start Date	End Date

## LIFESTYLE

Do you or have you ever smoked?  Yes  No (If yes, explain.) \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status (check one): Single Engaged Married Divorced

a. Have you been committed to biblical morality in your lifestyle and relationships? (check one) Yes No  
If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Have you had any addictions? (check one) Yes No  
If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Is there anything else about your history and lifestyle we should know? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or have you ever consumed alcoholic beverages?  Yes  No (If yes, explain.) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or have you ever used any illegal drugs?  Yes  No (If yes, explain.) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?  Yes  No (If yes, please attach an explanation to this application.) \_\_\_\_\_



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## EDUCATION

Check all that apply regarding your current educational status:

- Not a student    or     Full-time     Senior-High School     Freshman-College     Sophomore-College  
 Part-time     Junior-College     Senior-College

Please list, in chronological order, all high schools, colleges or professional schools that you are attending or have attended.

Institution	City, State, Zip	Dates of Attendance (mo/yr)
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____

Date of High School Graduation (mo/yr) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of College Graduation (mo/yr) \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_ College GPA \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_

Are you under academic or disciplinary suspension, probation or similar action at any institution?  Yes  No (If yes, please attach an explanation to this application.)

If you have not yet attended college, do you plan to earn an undergraduate degree?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

What is your intended major? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges or universities to which you are currently applying (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any school, church or community activities you have been involved in. You may attach a resume or separate list.

## ACTIVITIES

Activity

Offices Held/Awards Received

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



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## FAMILY BACKGROUND

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  Living  Deceased  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Father's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE/COUNTRY ZIP

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  Living  Deceased  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Mother's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE/COUNTRY ZIP

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

I live with (check all that apply)     My Mother     My Father     A Stepparent  
 A Guardian     On my own     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If you live with a guardian, stepparent or other, please complete their information below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE/COUNTRY ZIP

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact in case of an emergency:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Briefly describe your family environment. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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How does your family feel about you entering DLA? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_



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SPIRITUAL  
PERSPECTIVES

How did you hear about DLA? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why are you applying to be a part of this Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is the call on your life, and what is your current strategy to accomplish God's call? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your life verse? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What leadership experience have you had in church? In what role or capacity? For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever started a prayer meeting or a Christian club, discipleship group? If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a worship leader? Do you desire to lead in worship? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you see yourself serving in full-time ministry? If yes, in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How do you daily live a selfless life? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What qualities do you think are necessary for a spiritual leader to have? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you are accepted into DLA, are you willing to make a seven-month commitment?  Yes  No

Please check any activities that you are interested in participating with at DLA. Please also rate each one in the space next to it in order of importance from 1 to 7. With 1 being the most desired:

\_\_\_ Pastoral    \_\_\_ High School Ministry    \_\_\_ Junior High Ministry    \_\_\_ Prayer  
\_\_\_ Event Coordinating    \_\_\_ Administration    \_\_\_ Conference

# Personality and Skills

How would you describe yourself to someone you've never met? (extrovert /introvert, other character traits)

WE HAVE A NO DATING POLICY FOR INTERNS.

Do you have a boyfriend / girlfriend?

Do you feel you will be able to honor these rules entirely?

If no, please explain:

What type of leader do you operate the most effectively under?

What are your strengths in the work place?

Please check any of these if you have any experience in these areas and your skill level:

Video editing \_\_\_\_

Photography \_\_\_\_

Graphic design \_\_\_\_

Web design \_\_\_\_

Public speaking \_\_\_\_

Microsoft office (Word, Excel, Power Point) \_\_\_\_

Finance, money, and number crunching \_\_\_\_

Event planning/coordinating \_\_\_\_

What other skills do you have that you think would be beneficial for us to know?

Rate yourself from 1-5, 5 being excellent, 1 being poor:

Communication \_\_\_\_

Work ethic \_\_\_\_

Administration \_\_\_\_

Detail orientated...you like systems \_\_\_\_

Creativity \_\_\_\_

Multi tasking \_\_\_\_

Flexibility \_\_\_\_

"Teachability" \_\_\_\_

Consistency \_\_\_\_

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# Essay Questions & Video Bio

DLA is seeking a core of college age students who are authentic Christians, who know Christ's love and who will be examples for the next generation. You essays help the admissions staff become better acquainted with you.

Please respond to the questions as you would to a senior-level English class or college-level composition assignment. Please treat this like a test with no editorial help from any one else, typed and double-spaced. Please pick one of the two essays to be hand-written, double-spaced, and one-sided on lined paper.

## QUESTIONS

1. In 200 to 500 words, please compare your life mission to the heart and mission of Desperation?
2. In 200 to 500 words, please give your testimony and describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. What does it mean to you to be a follower of Christ?

## Video Bio

Time to have a little fun! Create a 5-7 minute biographical video showing us who you are, what your life is about, personality, hobbies, what you're most passionate about, etc. We really want to get to know you through this video, so feel free to be as creative as you like. Please send your video in DVD format, if possible. We prefer you to upload your video to YouTube or Google Video and send the link to [DLA@newlifechurch.org](mailto:DLA@newlifechurch.org).

Below is an example of what your video may look like:

- 30 second intro about you (i.e. name, where you're from, etc.)
- 2 minutes about your family, pets, room, work, vehicle, hobbies, passions, etc.
- 1 minute about a significant encounter with Jesus
- 1 1/2 minutes about one of your favorite experiences (i.e. embarrassing, crazy, adventurous, etc.). Basically whatever you would like, to help us get to know you better!



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# New Life Church

## DISCLOSURE AND BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION FORM

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(OFFICE USE  
ONLY)  
DEPARTMENT  
REQUESTING

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that New Life Church will seek and obtain investigative reports about me as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). These investigative reports may include, but are not limited to criminal history records (from local, state and federal agencies), sexual offender's lists, wants and warrants records, and motor vehicle records. I hereby authorize, without any reservation, the full release of these records from such agencies and hereby release such agencies from any liability resulting from disclosure of this information. In addition, I release and discharge New Life Church from any expenses, losses, damages, and liabilities for the investigative process. Upon request, New Life Church will supply a copy of my reports and my rights under the FCRA. Requests may be directed to: New Life Church, Attention HR Department, 11025 Voyager Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80921 or by contacting New Life Church at 1-719-594-6602.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

PRINT Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year Married \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT All Aliases (Last Name Only) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Date Moved to Colorado \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*If you have lived in Colorado for LESS THAN 3 YEARS, please complete the information on Page 8.**

### CURRENT LOCAL ADDRESS:

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number (Is this a cell phone?  Yes  No)

Submitted By:  
New Life Church  
11025 Voyager Parkway  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

**If you have lived in Colorado for LESS THAN 3 YEARS, please fill in the following, beginning with the most recent STATE you lived in before moving to Colorado and ending with the STATE you lived in 10 years ago.**

Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Your Last Name during this time \_\_\_\_\_

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Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Your Last Name during this time \_\_\_\_\_

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Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Your Last Name during this time \_\_\_\_\_

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Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Your Last Name during this time \_\_\_\_\_

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Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Your Last Name during this time \_\_\_\_\_

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Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Your Last Name during this time \_\_\_\_\_

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Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Your Last Name during this time \_\_\_\_\_

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# Statement of Agreement

## REFUNDS

Refunds may be given when you are granted an approved withdrawal from the program. To get proper approval, you must be in joint agreement with the Director. Expulsion because of disciplinary problems will not be considered grounds for a refund. In order to secure proper approval, both you and the director must complete an official withdrawal form at the time of your departure from the program.

Tuition fees, less \$1,500 for administrative costs (including DLA brand items, books, gym membership, leadership materials, and event fees) will be refunded on a prorated basis up to 30 days from the start date. After 30 days, no refund of tuition will be granted.

\* For example: if you withdraw 12 days into DLA, your refund will be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tuition paid: } & \$5500 - \$1500 = \$4000 \\ \text{Refund} & = \$4000 / 30 \text{ (days)} = \$133.33 \times 18 \text{ (days)} \\ & = \$2400 \end{aligned}$$

## THE CODE

I authorize the Desperation Leadership Academy and its agents to verify any information related to my application. I also authorize individuals, schools, employers, and law enforcement or government officials to freely release any information concerning my background, and hereby release any and all of them from any liability for doing so. I understand that my signature represents my agreement with and support of DLA's vision and purpose. I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to provide accurate and complete information will result in denial of admission.

I understand the refund policy stated above and that the Desperation staff reserves the right to discipline or, as a final action, dismiss me from the program with no financial reimbursement. I understand that refunds may be given if I am granted an approved withdrawal from the program.

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

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_