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EMBARK Internship Application Packet

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Gateway House of Prayer's EMBARK Internship. We are excited about your desire to take the EMBARK Internship. Below is a checklist of items that must be completed and returned to Gateway or the welcome center at Ephrata Community Church by **January 29th** (early bird rate by January 16th) before we will approve your internship application:

- Application
- Pastoral Recommendation
- Personal Testimony (on your own paper, please type or hand print)
- Sign your application to verify that you have read and are in agreement with:
 - Gateway's Mission, Values, and Statement of Faith (*online at gatewayprayer.com*)
 - EMBARK Internship Commitments (see page 6)
 - EMBARK Training Outline (see page 6 and 7)

Complete the application and your personal testimony.

Contact your pastor/overseer and ask them to complete the Pastoral Recommendation.

Place your application in the "in box" at Gateway House of Prayer next to the office door,

or turn it into the welcome center at ECC,

or you may mail it to "Gateway EMBARK Internship", 70 Clay School Road, Ephrata, PA 17522.

Pay the required internship fee (see page 5).

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. We will contact you regarding your acceptance into the EMBARK Internship via email. If you have any questions, please contact the Gateway staff at admin@gatewayprayer.com. We look forward to meeting you!

All for Christ,

Bonita Keener

Director, Gateway House of Prayer



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Application Date ____/____/____

Application

All information shared is completely confidential and will only be seen by Gateway Leadership. If you have any questions about this application, please call 717-721-1975 or email: admin@gatewayprayer.com. Please be honest in your responses. We are not looking for perfect people for the EMBARK Internship. We are seeking to train and equip those who are in pursuit of holiness in the midst of their weaknesses, who can assess their hearts and lives honestly. Please resist the temptation to "adjust" your responses to what you think we want to hear. Thanks!

General Information:

Last Name:			Please attach a recent photograph of yourself here. (This helps us to identify your face with your name. It may be any size. It does not need to fit this box.)
First Name:	Preferred Name:		
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone:	Email:		

Birth Date: ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Gender: Male Female

Place of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced

Name of spouse or fiancé: _____

Education:

Highest level of education completed:
___High School Diploma ___Associate's ___Bachelor's ___Master's ___Other (Please list) _____

Please list any other training, internships, or schools you have attended:



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Spiritual Life:

Home Congregation: _____ Pastor's Name: _____

Church Phone: _____

Are you a member? Yes No How long have you attended there? _____

How long have you been a Christian? _____

What spiritual gifts do you see at work in your life? (Evangelism, serving, teaching, prophetic ministry, etc.)

Comment on your devotional life. Are you meeting your expectations for your personal spiritual life?



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What would you consider to be your strengths?

What would you consider to be your weaknesses?

What aspect of the EMBARK Internship interests you the most?

What led you to apply for EMBARK?

Do you have any comments/concerns regarding the EMBARK Internship's requirements, schedule, curriculum, etc.?

Personal Testimony On a separate sheet of paper, type or write a brief spiritual autobiography.

Please include:

- Your conversion experience
- Your present walk with God
- Past or present life-controlling issues, whether mental, emotional, or relational
- Plans or goals you have for the future, include your life vision and ministry goals
- Expectations for your time in the Embark Internship and a summary of what you hope to learn



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Payment Options

Embark Internship Fee: \$500/Adult
 Youth Rate: \$300/Individual (Juniors and Seniors)
 Early Bird Rate: \$50 discount if paid by January 16th

To submit your application and fee:

Application: Place your application in the "in box" at Gateway House of Prayer next to the office door, or turn it into the welcome center at ECC, or you may mail it to "Gateway EMBARK Internship", 70 Clay School Road, Ephrata, PA 17522.

Fee: Pay* by check or online (credit/debit card) before February 1st, 2021.

*If paying fee by check: Make payable to ECC/Gateway with "EMBARK" and the applicant's name written on the memo line.

Check may be attached to the application or mailed to "Gateway, EMBARK Internship"
 70 Clay School Road, Ephrata, PA 17522.

Acknowledgement of Agreement

- I have read, understand and I am willing to submit to the commitments of the Embark Internship.*
- I have read and I am in general agreement with the Statement of Faith.*
- I have read, agree with, and will abide by Gateway's Mission and Value statements found on Gateway's website: gatewayprayer.com.*
- I have read, agree with, and will abide by the EMBARK Internship's Training Outline.*
- I commit to paying the \$500/adult, or \$300/youth EMBARK Internship fee. (\$450/adult, or \$250/youth early bird fee due by January 16th). Non-discounted payment in full must be received prior to February 1st, 2021.*

Name	Date
X	

EMBARK Internship Commitments

Personal Devotion

Those accepted into EMBARK are expected to live a “priestly lifestyle.” This simply means that you are committed to a consistent pursuit of the knowledge and experience of God through studying and meditating on the Scriptures, worship, and a sincere and devoted prayer life. We are called to minister to the Lord through worship and praise.

Christian Leadership Lifestyle

As Christians, we are called to be leaders in our families, churches, communities, and the marketplace. As EMBARK Internship students, it is important that you live a life worthy of the call of God as defined by scriptural standards. Although no one is expected to be perfect, it is expected that you will pursue God’s will even in weakness while growing in obedience to Him and increasing in godly character, known as the fruit of the Spirit. Be the leader you would want to follow.

Honoring Leadership

EMBARK expects you to submit to the Gateway staff and leadership of the EMBARK internship in matters pertaining to the practical workings of the internship. This is of utmost importance as you are given opportunities to minister alongside seasoned leaders during ministry in various settings.

Church Membership

Students are strongly encouraged to belong to and support a congregation, being practically connected by serving the members of that local congregation. This includes any gathering of believers in Christ where there is definitive leadership who serve as elders, pastors, or overseers that give direction and oversight to the congregation. We do not recognize gatherings without defined leadership/eldership as a local church, although we affirm Jesus can be and is present in such gatherings.

Financial Commitments

Tuition for the EMBARK Internship is \$500/adult or \$300/youth (\$50 discount if paid in full by January 16th).

EMBARK Training Outline

These are the core components of the EMBARK experience. Please read over and understand what you are committing to during this season of consecration. We tell all of our interns, “You will get out of it what you put into it.”

Ten hours per week in the Prayer Room

A fundamental aspect of this internship is the emphasis on your time with God and its effect on all of your life. This is the most important part of the Embark Internship, and our expectation is that the Holy Spirit will meet your seeking heart and teach you. You will study, meditate, worship, pray, listen to God, and put into practice other various spiritual disciplines you will be taught.

You are required to sign up for one two-hour watch that you will commit to serve on each week. The remaining eight hours required each week can be completed in a way that fits your schedule.

Home Group and Prayer Training

Monday nights from 7 pm – 9 pm, you will alternate between home groups and prayer training.

- Home group: Home groups help build community and provide foundational relationships with others in the internship.
- Prayer training (at Gateway): You will grow in your understanding and practice of spiritual disciplines such as intercession.

Equipping Class

Thursday nights from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.: Through teaching and impartation, you will receive instruction in various topics helpful for you to encounter God, ground you in the Scriptures and establish a kingdom lifestyle.

Journaling

You will be required to submit a journal entry for different requirements throughout the internship, including a weekly overview of your prayer room time, weekly one day fast, life challenges, and the 7 day fast.

Fasting

From Food: Fasting food 1 day each week, as well as a 7-day fast are powerful elements required in this internship. We recognize that this can cause concern because fasting might be a brand new concept, or because of health concerns. If you happen to have caution or concern about fasting food, please know that we are happy to work with you to come up with an effective plan.

From Media: For the entire internship, you will commit to a media fast. This means fasting television, movies, secular music, gaming consoles, mindless web surfing, social media, novels, etc. Media/internet is permitted when necessary for your study, work, email, and purchases. When in doubt, please ask one of the EMBARK staff.

Life Challenges

Life challenges are practical assignments intended to develop the different elements that make up the normal Christian walk. A new life challenge will be assigned each week.

Mentoring

All interns will be assigned a mentor for the internship. This is a valued and beneficial piece unique to the way we train. You will have monthly meetings with your mentor (February - May), each meeting lasting an hour. In February, you'll have an additional meeting, for a total of 2 that month, for the purpose of introduction and getting acquainted.

Pastor Exit Interview

Because of our value for regional teamwork and partnering with other churches, we do request that you meet with your home church pastor to discuss what God has done in your life through this internship.

Orientation Day

Orientation is being held on **Saturday, January 30th, 9:30 am - Noon** in the ECC Café with lunch served. It is very important that you participate in this event.



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Pastoral Recommendation

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:		
<p>To the Applicant: By allowing your pastor/overseer to submit a character reference on your behalf, you agree to waive the right to see this completed character reference. If you would like to know your pastor's/overseer's opinions of your character, we encourage you to discuss it with them.</p> <p>To encourage my pastor/overseer's unhindered honesty, I agree to waive my right to see this character reference.</p> <p>X _____ Date: _____ Sign Here (Applicant Signature)</p> <p>I am applying for the Gateway House of Prayer EMBARK Internship</p>			

To the Pastor/Overseer:

This application is to be completed by the applicant's primary pastor / overseer. If the applicant's parent is the pastor, an elder or other church leader may act as the pastoral reference. Please return this form to the GATEWAY OFFICE, 70 Clay School Rd, Ephrata, PA, 17522. If you have any questions, you may email: admin@gatewayprayer.com or call: 717-721-1975 and ask for administration. You may learn more about the Gateway House of Prayer or the EMBARK Internship online at www.gatewayprayer.com.

Thank you for your involvement in this important phase of the applicant's life. Your honest opinions are carefully considered for the applicant's placement in this internship. We recognize no one has a flawless history in God outside of Jesus Christ, and that all applicants have made mistakes in their journey. We are not looking for perfection. We are looking for character, patterns, and habits. We will keep your responses confidential and encourage the applicant to talk with you if they have questions about your opinions of them. Your timely response is appreciated, as the applicant cannot be accepted until this application form is received. Thank you for your time!

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PASTOR / OVERSEER:			
Your Name:		Your Position:	
Church Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Church Phone:		Home or Mobile Phone:	
Email:			

How long have you known the applicant? Years _____ Months _____

How well do you know the applicant? Very Well Fairly Well Casually By name / sight only



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How long has he / she attended your congregation? Years _____ Months _____

Please assess the applicant on the following:	Weak	Fair	Good	Very Good
Character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spiritual Gifts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement in your Congregation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership Abilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teachability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attitude Toward Authority.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments on any of the above:

If the applicant is married: How would you describe the relationship of husband and wife?

Excellent Good Fair Poor No Observation Not Applicable

If the applicant has children: How would you describe the relationship with their children?

Excellent Good Fair Poor No Observation Not Applicable

Please give any relevant details about the family background of the applicant.

What would be your level of recommendation for this applicant to take the EMBARK Internship?

Highly Recommend Recommend Recommend with reservations* Do not recommend*

*Please explain any concerns:

Please give any other helpful comments:

<i>Pastor/Overseer's Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
X	



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