

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAPLAINCY**

*Information about initial appointment as a chaplain in the Army, Navy, and Air Force*

### **BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE MILITARY**

1. Must be a citizen of the United States by birth or naturalization. (Army: or have entered the U.S. lawfully for permanent residence.)
2. Must be physically qualified for general service based on examination by the military.
3. Must have 120 semester hours credit in a recognized college and 90 semester hours in a recognized theological school.
4. Must be actively engaged in ministry as the principal vocation in life; with experience as a pastor.
5. Must meet current age requirements:\*

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Possible Waivers</b>
<b>Army</b>	Reserve 1st Lt	Under 33	to 36 w/3 yrs officer active duty
<b>Navy</b>	Reserve Lt JG Reserve Lt	under 33½ under 39½	to 36½ to 42½ w/3 yrs active duty
<b>Air Force</b>	Reserve 1st Lt Reserve Capt	under 34 under 40	w/2 yrs full-time pastoral service after seminary

*\*All maximum ages are as of the date appointment is accepted.*

6. Must have denominational approval from the Committee on Chaplains and ecclesiastical endorsement from Education and Clergy Development.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT**

1. Must have degree from recognized college and seminary.
2. Must be an ordained Elder in full connection and good standing in a district of The Wesleyan Church.
3. Must participate in an orientation program and personally be interviewed by the Executive Director of Education Clergy Development or his representative.
4. Must complete at least two years full-time pastoral service.

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### PROCEDURE

1. Check requirements carefully to determine eligibility for endorsement and appointment.
2. If you believe you are eligible, write to Education and Clergy Development
3. At the same time, if you desire Army or Navy chaplaincy write to:

**Chief of Army Chaplains**

Department of the Army  
Washington, D.C. 20315

**Chief of Navy Chaplains**

Department of the Navy  
Washington, D.C. 20370

If you desire Air Force chaplaincy, *after endorsement is granted*, write to:

**Chief of Chaplains Field Extension Office**

Randolph Air Force Base  
Texas 78148