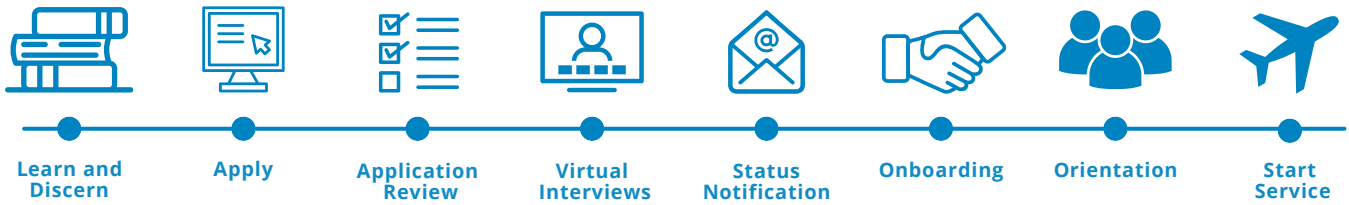




Application Checklist

Selection Process



Discern

- ☐ Are you sensing a call to serve? We invite you to use this [guide](#) as you reflect on your own and seek advice.
- ☐ Discover the significance of the [core values](#) of the program.
- ☐ Meet current fellows and hear their stories on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).
- ☐ Learn more about the structure and beliefs of [The United Methodist Church](#).

Verify

- ☐ Are you qualified to apply for the program?
 - **Age**: be between the ages of 20–30 in 2026 (the year service begins).
 - **Education**: have a bachelor's degree or equivalent life or work experience.
 - **Language**: be able to communicate in English with conversational proficiency. (English is used during interviews, orientation and at some placement sites.)
 - **Commitment**: be able to commit to 2 years of service living in solidarity with a community in a new context and to live out the core values of the Global Mission Fellows program.

Gather and Apply

Collect the following documents and information for the application.

- ☐ **Government ID**: all those applying for the international track must have a valid, unexpired passport. NOTE: you can submit the application without a passport attached, but proof of a valid passport must be submitted by February 28, 2026 for the application to remain active.
- ☐ **Transcripts**: scan or request a copy of your school transcripts; in addition, you can also submit any other diplomas or other professional certifications that may support your professional qualifications. NOTE: you can submit the application without this document attached, but it must be submitted by January 31, 2026.
- ☐ **CV/Resume**: update your CV/resume; we encourage you to take the time to make it as robust and professional as possible (guide and template are available upon request).
- ☐ **References**: you will need three references for your application, so collect their names and preferred email addresses. You will need one pastoral, one professional, and one academic reference.
- ☐ **Church Information**: details of your church affiliation must be included in the application. Please gather:
 - The church address, phone number, and website where you are a member or regular attender.
 - **Methodist applicants**: gather your Annual Conference information for the church where you are a member, as well as the name of your bishop (request this information from your pastor).
 - **Non-Methodist applicants**: gather the name and email address of your denomination leader.
- ☐ **Essays**: these written responses help our staff get to know you on a deeper level; we strongly recommend you reflect on the questions before adding your responses in the application form.



If you would like additional guidance in submitting your references, CV/resume, transcripts or church information, email missionaryinfo@umcmmission.org to request specialized guides.