You do not need to complete this application all at once. You can save your progress and return when you're ready by signing in again. If you have questions about steps in the application, please contact BYU-Pathway Support. For the best experience, we recommend using a computer, rather than a mobile device, to complete the application.

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How to Begin

To begin your application to either BYU-Idaho or Ensign College, go to: degreeapplication.byupathway.org. This is the first page that will appear.

Sign in with your Church Account
BYU-Pathway uses Church accounts to provide access to systems and services.

If you are a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, please be sure to use the account associated with your membership record.

Don't have a Church Account?
No problem! Creating an account is simple, free, and you don't need to be a member of the Church. Just click 'Create an account' on the sign-in screen.
Thank you for your interest in BYU-Pathway Worldwide! Organized to specifically meet the needs of online students, BYU-Pathway provides access to low-cost, spiritually-based online certificates and degrees that are awarded through BYU-Idaho and Ensign College.

We serve students by providing:

- Affordable education in more than 150 countries
- Courses and programs that are offered completely online
- Certificates that build directly into degree programs
- Focused support and advising to help students move through an online degree effectively and efficiently

Note: This application is for online degrees. If you are looking to start your degree by beginning with PathwayConnect, please review this information.

Scroll down and sign in with your Church Account if you have one. If you don’t, you can create one. After you sign in with your Church Account, a new page will appear. Just click on “Begin Application”.
On this page, you allow BYU-Pathway and its partners to see personal information about you so your application can be processed.

Step 1 | Terms and Conditions
Step 2 | Personal Information

If you are a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, if you have signed in with your church account, and if your membership number is already attached to your account, your membership information will already be on this page. You will see this message:

![Personal Information page]

You have signed on with a Church account that indicates you are a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The information above is associated with your membership record.

If this information is incorrect or is not your own, please consult the link below to make the corrections.

[How to link the correct account.] (Link)

If you are a friend of the church, your Personal Information page will look like this. Please choose your religion from the options in the dropdown box.
Scroll down and fill in your name. If your name has changed and you have educational records with the old name, add it under Former Names.

Always use the same name—don’t use different versions of your name, or you may accidentally create duplicate accounts.

Your Preferred Name is what you would like your instructors to call you.

Scroll down and answer each question that has an asterisk (*). If you can receive texts, give your consent for texts.
Questions without an asterisk (*) are optional. You do not have to answer them. Click “Save & Continue”.
Step 3 | Application

Applicant Type

Review all of the applicant types and select the option that best describes your situation. After selecting an applicant type, select the semester you would like to begin attending and your desired major.

Complete the section below to verify your applicant type:

- I understand that by completing this application, I am planning to earn certificates and/or a degree completely online.

If you want to learn about other educational opportunities not provided through BYU-Pathway Worldwide, click this button for more information:

Did you complete (or will you complete) BYU-Pathway Worldwide's PathwayConnect courses?

- Yes (I have completed, or I am in my third and final semester of PathwayConnect)
- No

Choose the semester you would like to begin your program of study:

Semester

Fall 2021 (September – December)

Here you state that you will be an online student. Then select if you are completing, or will complete, PathwayConnect. Lastly, choose what semester you want to apply to start. Then click “Save & Continue”.

Step 4 | Background

Background

Full disclosure of all relevant information is required.

Affiliations

Are you affiliated with any group that currently advocates plural marriage?

- Yes
- No

Violations

Failure to disclose information could result in a denial of your application or dismissal from college.

1. Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty is, or been found responsible for a serious traffic violation or any non-criminal violation? You should include any for which you plead no contest or no defendant, and any conviction you are currently on appeal. However, you need not include any offense if you were arrested but not to the charges were dropped, if charged but found not guilty by a judge or jury, or if there was any stay or appeal of the conviction when it was overruled on appeal.

- Yes
- No

2. Have you ever been Listed on any county, city, state, or federal sex-offender registry?

- Yes
- No

3. Have you ever been convicted or charged with a sex offense?

- Yes
- No

Then answer four questions about your background and click “Save & Continue”.

- Yes
- No

Save & Continue
Step 5 | Educational History

If you went to a college or university in the United States, please follow the instructions to submit your transcript. TIP: Remember to use the same name for everything! If you have transcripts under a different name (such as a maiden name), contact the university and update your name now rather than later. You will be so glad you did!
Step 6 | Account Linking

Enter each U.S. college or university you attended. Be sure to include PathwayConnect.

Transcripts, test scores, and other educational credentials are processed by our partner Brigham Young University (BYU). Therefore, all applicants need a BYU account in order to process your information. If you have a student account with BYU-Pathway Worldwide or BYU-Idaho, that is not the same as an account with BYU.

How do I submit transcripts?

Already have a BYU account?
Please select this option if:
- You have previously applied to Ensign College, BYU, BYU Idaho, or BYU Hawaii (you would not have a BYU account if you applied to BYU-Pathway Worldwide’s PathwayConnect.)
- You have participated in any program at BYU that required registration
- You are a dependent of someone who works or has worked at BYU

Don't have a BYU account?
If you have never before had an account with BYU, click here to automatically create and link a BYU account using the information you've supplied with this application.

Link BYU Account
Create BYU Account

Link your application to your BYU Account. This will help make sure your application, transcripts and ecclesiastical endorsement all come together. When your account is linked to your application, write down your BYU Account Number so you have it handy.
Step 7 | Start Endorsement

Your page may look different, depending upon whether you are a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or a friend of the Church. If you are a member, it may look like this:

You’ll be asked to meet with your bishop, and then a member of your stake presidency. If you are currently serving a mission, you will only need one interview with your mission president or historical site president. You will initiate this process below by clicking “Begin Endorsement”. Please remember that you are responsible to schedule an appointment with your leaders and ensure the recommendation is complete by the application deadline. They will complete their recommendation online using their Church account.

“Begin Endorsement” will take you outside the application in a new tab. To come back to the endorsement later, please go to endorse.byu.edu. If redirected, your application will remain open in a separate tab.

Click “Begin Endorsement” to start your portion of the ecclesiastical endorsement process. You will be asked to sign into your BYU Account.

If you are a friend of the Church, it will look like this:

Start Endorsement

As an institution sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, participating in the online degree programs and certificates that are offered through the Church Educational System requires that students meet certain standards of personal worthiness. All applicants must visit with appropriate church leaders and receive an ecclesiastical endorsement. You are responsible to schedule appointments and ensure the endorsement is complete by the deadline.

When you click “Begin Endorsement” you will be taken to a new tab. Once you finish your endorsement, you will need to return to the application to continue.

First Interview

For the first interview, you may meet with a local Latter-day Saint bishop or your clergy.

Latter-day Saint Bishop

- If you meet with a Latter-day Saint bishop, they will complete the endorsement online.
- To find a local Latter-day Saint bishop, enter your address into the meetinghouse locator webpage.

Your Clergy

- If you meet with your clergy, you will need to print the paper form made available when you begin the process at endorse.byu.edu.
- Be sure to have your clergy complete it and return it by mail or email address located at the bottom of the form.

Click “Begin Endorsement” to start your portion of the ecclesiastical endorsement process. You will be asked to sign into your BYU Account.
A new page will open with the CES Honor Code. Please read it, and if you agree to live by its standards, please select: “I commit to live the honor code and the related policies and standards”.

Church Educational System Honor Code Statement

The Church Educational System institutions exist to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That atmosphere is created and preserved through commitment to conduct that reflects these ideals and principles. Members of the faculty, administration, staff, and student body of BYU, BYU-Hawaii, BYU-Idaho, and Ensign College, are selected and retained from among those who voluntarily live the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Observance of such a specific condition of employment and admission. The individuals who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are also expected to maintain the same standards of conduct, except branch attendance. All who represent BYU, BYU-Hawaii, BYU-Idaho, and Ensign College, are to maintain the highest standards of honor, integrity, morality, and conduct of others in personal behavior. By accepting appointment on the faculty, continuing in employment, or continuing as a student, individuals evidence their commitment to observe the Honor Code standards approved by the Board of Trustees “at all times and in all places” (D&C 130).

By selecting “I commit to live the Honor Code and the related policies and standards” you certify that:

- You have been living the Honor Code and will continue to do so.
- Any previous issue involving the Honor Code has been completely resolved with your authorized ecclesiastical leader.
- You understand the Honor Code and the related policies and standards of each institution to which you are applying, and that your obligations to live all aspects of the Honor Code and the related policies and standards, both on and off campus and between semesters.

Find Ward, Branch, Mission, or other Unit of the Church of Jesus Christ

Search by any of the following:

Unit Name: 
Leader First Name: 
Leader Last Name: 

Note: You can use an * to search for parts of the name that you don't know. For example, YSA* will find all units whose names begin with YSA.

Don't know where your ward is? Click here.

Search Cancel

Then fill out the information to select your Church unit (ward, branch, or mission). To find your ward, branch, or mission you can either:

1. Put in the name of your bishop, branch president, or mission president or
2. Put in the name of the ward, branch, or mission (but leave out the words ward, branch, or mission. So, “the Highland 18th Ward” would be entered as “Highland 18th” and the “Baltimore, Maryland Mission” would only be “Baltimore, Maryland”).
3. Click “Select”.


Application Status

When the “submit” option appears, select it to submit your application materials.

Need additional help?
If you have questions about steps in the application, please contact BYU-Pathway Support. A support agent will be in contact with you.