Foursquare Endorsement and Affiliation for
Colleges, Seminaries, and Institutions of Higher Learning
Fact Sheet

Questions and answers for those considering applying...

1. What does Foursquare endorsement or affiliation of an educational institution mean?
   It means The Foursquare Church officially recognizes the value of a relationship with a non-Foursquare school that helps fulfill the need for training Foursquare leaders and provides a means for that relationship to continue..

2. What kind of relationship is established through endorsement or affiliation?
   Denominational endorsement is designated for those institutions that operate under the corporation of The Foursquare Church directly or through a subsidiary corporation. Affiliate institutions exist independently from the denomination and provide programs that specifically serve in the training of Foursquare ministers. Both relationships involve instruction approved by the denomination that provides a path to denominational credentialing.

3. What is the value of this type relationship with The Foursquare Church?
   Endorsed and affiliate schools will be recommended by the denomination to ministry students as preferred training opportunities for those seeking credentials and vocational assignments in The Foursquare Church.

4. What is the difference between endorsement and affiliation?
   The primary difference is the corporate relationship with The Foursquare Church. Endorsed schools exist and are maintained within the denominational environment with a primary focus on meeting the leadership needs of The Foursquare Church. Affiliate schools are involved in interdenominational mission and choose to serve The Foursquare Church in training its ministers.
5. **What corporate status is necessary for endorsement and how is it determined?**  
   The operation of the school must be under a properly constituted corporation of The Foursquare Church. This is usually established through a subsidiary corporation. Evaluation involves review of the articles of incorporation and the bylaws of the school, which must be approved by The Foursquare Church. The Foursquare legal department, which represents the church in this determination, is available for consultation with those schools considering this opportunity.

6. **How are endorsement and affiliation different from institute certification?**  
The Foursquare Church has a non-academic program for certifying church-sponsored Bible institutes and schools of ministry. Endorsement and affiliation are available for approved college-level and graduate programs only.

7. **Who is eligible to apply?**  
   Any school can apply. Schools are encouraged to request a pre-application consultation with the Foursquare educational office for orientation before actually applying.

8. **What expenses are involved in the approval process?**  
   There is no charge for the application process or for annual renewal.

9. **Will a site visit be required and how will it be financed and conducted?**  
   Site visits are normally required for endorsement status and possibly required for affiliate status at the discretion of the evaluating committee. When required, the site visit expense is normally shared equally by the school and Foursquare.

10. **Once confirmed, will the relationship need to be periodically renewed? What kind of reporting will be required?**  
    Endorsed status need not be renewed each year if the school maintains its quality as an educational institution and role in the denomination. Affiliate status needs to be renewed each year through a brief report that confirms that the school is maintaining the agreed to standards and intention to continue in the affiliate relationship.
11. Does a school need to be accredited in order to apply?
Accreditation is not required. The school needs to be legally operating and offering college-level instruction which is recognized by other accredited colleges. (Accredited by agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council on Higher Education in America)

12. What if a school decides not to continue the relationship?
The school can terminate the relationship at any time through written communication issued by the proper official.

13. Will this relationship make schools eligible for funding from The Foursquare Church?
There is no ongoing provision for financial support established for endorsed or affiliate schools at this time.

14. Will graduates of endorsed and affiliate schools be eligible for Foursquare ministry credentials?
The graduate of an endorsed and affiliate school will be recognized as having approved pre-service theological training to become a credentialed Foursquare minister. Authority for evaluating this training and approving the individual licensing rests with the regional Foursquare district supervisor.

15. How does endorsement and affiliation compare to the relationship of Life Pacific College as the historic and primary educational institution of The Foursquare Church?
Life Pacific College has a unique place in the history of The Foursquare Church as its first and foremost theological training institution, and it continues to serve in that role. Endorsed and affiliate schools that have joined in partnership with Foursquare are encouraged to develop relationships with Life Pacific as they seek to understand and serve the needs of the denomination.