

# **FOURSQUARE CHAPLAINS INTERNATIONAL**



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CHAPLAINS**

## **MILITARY CHAPLAINS AND CHAPLAIN CANDIDATES QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS & BENEFITS**

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## **Foursquare Chaplaincy Qualifications/Requirements/Benefits for Military Chaplains**

1. Foursquare Chaplains International is comprised of ministers of the Foursquare Gospel (or ministers in training) whose Chaplain ministry is often outside the local Foursquare Church. Foursquare Chaplain-pastors and ministers serve with either the military chaplaincy or civilian institutional/occupational chaplaincy.

The military chaplain divisions within Foursquare Chaplains International are grouped as follows: Air Force Chaplains Division, Army Chaplains Division, Navy (including Marines and Coast Guard) Chaplains Division, and Civil Air Patrol Chaplains Division. Air Force and Army Divisions include the Active, Reserve and National Guard components and the Navy Division includes the Active and Reserve components. These areas of chaplaincy serve as a guideline to the types of chaplaincy venues available.

### **2. Military Chaplaincy**

a. Qualifications for ecclesiastical endorsement as a Foursquare Active Duty, Reserve or National Guard military chaplain:

1. Meet all the Department of Defense educational requirements: a Bachelor's Degree (not less than 120 semester hours) and a Master's of Divinity (MDiv) or M.A. in Theology, no less than 72 semester hours. Chaplain aspirants should consult with the Foursquare Military Endorsing Agent *before* applying to or choosing a seminary.
2. Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy requires either an MDiv or M.A. in Theology of at least 72 hours or equivalent, or five years of pastoral experience).
3. Meet specific requirements of a particular military service chaplaincy (age, physical exam, height/weight requirements, U.S. citizenship). Chaplain candidates should be within DoD height/weight standards.
4. Foursquare license and ordination.
5. Complete Foursquare Chaplains Application for Military Chaplain Ecclesiastical Endorsement
6. Two years' pastoral experience in a Foursquare Church, post seminary graduation (as a senior pastor or associate pastor, with documentation of at least 20 hours per week supervised Professional Work Experience (PWE) in the local Foursquare Church).
7. Interview with both the appropriate Chaplaincy Coordinator and Military Endorser with subsequent approval by the Director.

b. Qualifications for ecclesiastical approval as a Foursquare military chaplain candidate:

1. Meet requirements of a particular military service chaplain candidate (age, physical exam, height/weight requirements, U.S. citizenship).
2. Accepted for full-time study at a seminary recognized as accredited by the Department of Defense. Please consult the FCI Military Endorsing Agent

- before* choosing or applying to a seminary. The Master's degree must be a theological Master's and no less than 72 semester hours.
3. Applying for and completing the requirements for Foursquare licensing (letter of Ecclesiastical Approval may be cancelled if licensing process is not initiated within 90 days).
  4. Ministerial appointment in a local Foursquare church ministry position (once licensing process is complete).
  5. Complete the Foursquare Chaplains Application for Military Chaplain Candidate Ecclesiastical Approval (available FCI administrator)
  6. Biography statement, written in first person (at least 500 words – two pages, double-spaced) including details of conversion, baptism in the Holy Spirit, call to ministry, and all ministry experience.
  7. Recent picture (a headshot of professional quality).
  8. Philosophy of ministry paper.
  9. "Why I want to be a chaplain" paper.
  10. Interview with the Chaplaincy Coordinator and FCI Military Endorser, with subsequent approval by the Director.

c. Requirements for Ecclesiastically Endorsed Chaplains

1. Regular participation in annual Foursquare chaplain training and activities.
2. Regular participation in Foursquare International Conventions.
3. Participation in a local Foursquare Church when possible.
4. Involvement in the geographical Foursquare district or division where they serve.
5. Accountability to their Chaplaincy Coordinator, Endorser, and Director.
6. Submission of quarterly Chaplain Ministry Reports (CMR) and keeping HUB profile up to date.
7. Participation in the Foursquare Chaplains Tithe Fund (tithe is on income from chaplaincy positions). Only on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Endorser, tithe from chaplaincy position may be divided between FCI and the local church which the chaplain attends.
8. Fulfilling the Foursquare Bylaws in doctrine, lifestyle and relationship with the greater body of Foursquare.

d. Requirements for Ecclesiastically Approved Chaplain Candidates

1. Participation in annual Foursquare chaplain training and activities.
2. Participation in Foursquare International Convention, as seminary schedules allow.
3. Regular attendance and participation in a local Foursquare Church.
4. Involvement in the geographical Foursquare district or division where they serve.
5. Accountability to their local Foursquare pastor, geographical divisional superintendent or district supervisor. Additionally, accountability to their Chaplaincy Coordinator, Endorser and Director.
6. Submission of quarterly Chaplain Ministry Reports (CMR), and keeping HUB profile up to date.

7. Participation in the Foursquare Chaplains Tithe Fund (tithe is on income from chaplaincy positions). With the approval of the Endorser, tithe from chaplaincy positions may be divided (up to 50% of tithe) between FCI and the local church which the chaplain attends.
8. Fulfilling the Foursquare Bylaws in doctrine, lifestyle and relationship with the greater body of the Foursquare family.

e. Benefits for Ecclesiastically Endorsed Chaplains

1. Training, consultation, venues, covering, accountability, fellowship.
2. Ecclesiastical endorsement from The Foursquare Church to the Department of Defense.
3. Portion of Foursquare International Convention expenses (registration, hotel & transportation) paid based on a percentage of amount given to the Foursquare Chaplains Tithe Fund.
4. Registration paid to annual Foursquare Chaplains Conference if tithing into Foursquare Chaplains Tithe Fund (see #3 above).
5. Rightful standing in the Foursquare Church, with representation on the Foursquare Cabinet, Executive Council, and License and Ethics Committees.

f. Benefits of Ecclesiastically Approved Chaplain Candidates

1. Training, mentoring, consultation, training venues, covering, accountability, fellowship.
2. Ecclesiastical approval from The Foursquare Church to the Department of Defense.
3. Portion of Foursquare International Convention expenses (registration, hotel & transportation) paid based on a percentage of amount given to the Foursquare Chaplains Tithe Fund.
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