

GENEVA COLLEGE
at the
CENTER FOR URBAN BIBLICAL MINISTRY

*“A Geneva College Degree,
the CUBM Experience,
the Best of Both Worlds”*

**Application
For
Admission**

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CHECKLIST TO COMPETE ABP APPLICATION PROCESS

ACTION	DATE COMPLETED
_____ Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or call to request a FAFSA form 800-576-3111.	_____
_____ Complete application form	_____
_____ Write Application Essay	_____
_____ Submit application to CUBM with \$100 non-refundable fee	_____
_____ Attach copy of DD214 (Military ONLY)	_____
_____ Request Official academic transcripts (High School College)	_____
_____ Request SAT or ACT scores to be sent to CUBM	_____
_____ Pastoral Recommendation Requested	_____
_____ Interview with CUBM staff accompanied by parent or guardian	_____
_____ Completed Statement of Faith (read, signed and returned)	_____

A Brighter Pittsburgh is a program that offers a unique opportunity to qualified high school seniors and graduates. Through a combination of academic training, career development, mentoring, and activities, ABP gives students the tools they need to succeed in the classroom, in the workplace and in their communities. Featuring small class sizes with highly-qualified instructors and customized guidance in a nurturing environment, ABP makes an individual investment in each student.

“Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you.”—Colossians 3:16

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*** ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR A BRIGHTER PITTSBURGH ***

Please print and clearly mark all responses:

1. Legal Name: _____
Last First MI
 2. Nickname or Preferred Name _____
Last First MI
 3. Permanent Mailing Address: _____
Street

Apartment name and number _____

City County State Zip Code
 5. Telephone: Home (_____) _____ Other (_____) _____ Ext _____
 6. Personal Email Address _____
 7. Citizenship: U.S. Other, please specify _____
 If other, are you a permanent resident of U.S.? Yes No
 8. Date of birth: _____
 9. Sex: Male Female
 10. Social Security Number: _____
 11. Are you married? Yes No
 12. Name of spouse (if married) _____
 13. Maiden Name (if applicable) _____
 14. Church Information:
Church Name _____
Street Address _____
City State Zip Code
Denomination _____
Pastor's Name _____ Phone Number _____
Youth Pastor's Name _____
Are you a member of your church? Yes No
 15. Family Information:
Name of Parents/Guardian _____
Parent's Address (if different from above) _____
List name of relatives who have attended Geneva and the dates they attended.

- My parent(s) is currently employed full-time as a:
- Christian School Employee Missionary Pastor Other full-time Christian worker

Please list younger brothers and sisters in the spaces below:

Name _____ HS grad year _____

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16. Educational Background:

Name of High School: _____

Graduation Date: Mo. _____ Yr. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ High School Code _____

Guidance Counselor's Name _____

17. Ethnicity (optional):

We request this information for reporting purposes only. (Check all that apply)

American Indian/Alaska Native Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White

Hispanic/Latin American Asian Black/African American Biracial

18. How did you first hear of CUBM? _____

19. Volunteer/community service (please be specific) _____

20. Church/youth group activities (please be specific) _____

21. References:

Please provide contact information for one (1) academic reference (teacher, counselor, principal, etc.) and one (1) character reference (pastor, youth pastor, mentor, etc.). Additional references may be included optionally.

Name _____ Title _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Please sign this form by writing your name and writing the date in the spaces provided below. Your signature validates this application and indicates that you have completed the information and that the information is true.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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CENTER FOR URBAN BIBLICAL MINISTRY
PASTORAL REFERENCE FORM

Applicant's Name: _____

The above person is applying for admission to the Center for Urban Biblical Ministry. Part of our admissions process is the requirement that students be active members, leaders or developing leaders in their respective churches. To verify this, we ask each student to have their pastor complete this form.

Please check all of the following that apply:

- The above person regularly attends our church.
- The above person has been a member in good standing of our church for _____ years.
- He/she is a person of strong morals, Christian commitment and character.
- The above person is involved in our church in the capacity of _____

As his or her pastor, I would recommend the above person for enrollment into CUBM without reservation.

Please feel free to add any additional comments or explain any of your answers below:

Signature

Title

Phone

Church name

Church address

Thank you for providing us with this vital information.
Please return this form to: Executive Director, CUBM,
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ENTRANCE APPLICATION ESSAY

Relating to you as a person and fostering your academic success are two of our primary objectives. To aid significantly in meeting these relational and academic objectives, we are requesting you to please write an essay according to the following guidelines. Our desire is also to relate to you as a person and to have an early indication of how we can best enhance your writing skills for both the requirements of the Center for Urban Biblical Ministry program as well as other life activities.

Your essay should be a minimum of 500 (typed, double-spaced) words. Address each of the following areas in the order listed. This essay should provide evidence of your best writing skills.

1. Why are you interested in pursuing a Christian education at CUBM through A Brighter Pittsburgh?
2. What are your goals and how do you see CUBM and A Brighter Pittsburgh helping you achieve them?
3. What distinguishes you for consideration as a student at CUBM in A Brighter Pittsburgh?
4. When you finish your higher education, what do you see yourself doing in life?

Please attach this form to your essay and return it to the address below.

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ MI
_____ Address	_____ City/State	_____ Zip

I certify that this writing is a sample of my own work.

_____ Signature	_____ Date
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REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Last Name First Name MI

Current Address City State Zip

Birth Date Soc. Sec. # Dates Enrolled

Previous Name:

Last Name First Name MI

Mail official transcripts to: CENTER FOR URBAN BIBLICAL MINISTRY
7418 PENN AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15208

A check for \$_____ is attached to cover transcript fees.



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A Brighter Pittsburgh Program

Geneva College at the Center for Urban Biblical Ministry

Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is able to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Geneva College at the Center for Urban Biblical Ministry Community Standards of Conduct

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind...and...love your neighbors as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-39).*

The term “community” refers to a group of people who work interdependently toward a common purpose. The purpose of the Geneva College at the Center for Urban Biblical Ministry (GC/CUBM) community is to glorify Christ in our commitment to learning, respect for each other, and submission to His lordship in all areas of life. It is our desire to:

- Be a community where individuals are committed to learning both inside and outside the classroom, in an effort to discover how to be life-long learners.
- Create an environment in which theory and experience come together.
- Create an environment where unity, reconciliation, understanding, and awareness are actively pursued.
- Intimately know the fullness of Christ individually and corporately, and to see His influence in all that we do.

In all communities, individuals are asked to show consideration for others and the good of the community as a whole. Likewise, each member of the GC/CUBM community is asked to make a commitment to abide by a set of standards designed to protect both the individual and the community. By virtue of enrollment at GC/CUBM, it is expected that each student will accept the responsibilities of community membership and will respect the leadership and regulations that govern it.

Introduction of Community Standards

The GC/CUBM Community Standards are based on biblical principles, prudential policies, preferred operational procedures, and applicable federal, state, and local laws. They are intended to promote both a healthy community and the personal character development of community members. Students are therefore expected to be aware of and to abide by the GC/CUBM Community Standards.

Each member of the GC/CUBM community also has a responsibility to call into account those who fail to abide by these standards. In some situations this will require that students confront one another in love. At other times it will require that an administrative staff member be made aware of the situation. While discipline is not the primary role of the administrative staff, the personal character of our students and the health of the GC/CUBM community are central to the role the administrative staff plays.

Additional Expectations for Student Leaders

While it is expected that all students will abide by the specific policies noted on the pages to follow, it should be noted that student leaders are expected to meet a higher standard.

While there are many definitions of leadership, there are basic expectations that a leader must meet. These expectations include a strong moral character, acceptance of the responsibility of being a role model, and willingness to subject oneself to the accountability of others. Finally, we expect our leaders to have a respect for the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Students are encouraged to consider the Community Standards outlines below before stepping into leadership. Those in student leadership positions who are unable to live within the outlined standards may be asked to step down from their positions. While we always desire to come alongside our student leaders, we realize that there will be times when a leader must step down for the sake of those who are served, GC/CUBM, or the leader's own growth.

Community Standards Defined

The following standards listed below clearly outline the behavioral expectations of the GC/CUBM student body and have been adopted for the well-being of both the individual and community at large. While some individuals may not agree with all of the expectations, these standards were established to maintain harmony within the community. GC/CUBM reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any student or student organization that violates the Community Standards of Geneva College at the Center for Urban Biblical Ministry. All students are expected to adhere to the Community Standards as defined on the following pages.

We expect our students to be:

- 1. BIBLICALLY PRINCIPLED** – Members of the student body are to abide by the wisdom of Scripture and are expected to avoid behavior that is in conflict with its teaching. Morally unacceptable practices according to Biblical teaching are not acceptable for members of the GC/CUBM community. Specific acts such as drunkenness, stealing, the use of slanderous or profane language, all forms of harassment, all forms of dishonesty, involvement in or depiction of occult or satanic activity, sexual sins (i.e. premarital sex, cohabitation with a member of the opposite sex, rape, adultery, homosexual behavior, etc.), and the use or display of obscene and/or pornographic materials will not be tolerated.
- 2. HONESTY** – all members of the student body are expected to demonstrate a commitment to the truth and to personal integrity. Failure to be truthful and/or to act with integrity is considered a violation of the GC/CUBM Community Standards.

Examples of behavior that constitute a violation of this Community Standard include, but are not limited to:

- a) Academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to plagiarism, cheating, and/or interfering with the academic progress of self or another.
- b) Knowingly making a false statement, either orally or in writing, to any GC/CUBM employee or agent on a GC/CUBM-related matter (this includes but is not limited to lying, forgery, and/or giving a false report, and/or falsely claiming not to have knowledge of a specific incident).

3. RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS – Members of the student body are expected to treat each other as children of God. Students should refrain from behavior that may, or in fact does, cause physical or emotional harm to another person or cause reasonable apprehension of such harm. Such behavior may be intentional (a conscious decision to engage in the conduct) and/or reckless (conduct that could reasonably be expected to create substantial risk of harm to another person).

Examples of behavior which constitute a violation of this Community Standard include, but are not limited to:

- a) Communicating by voice, graphic means, electronically, or by telephone (whether or not a conversation takes place) or using any other information resource that has the effect of harassing and/or alarming another person (intentionally or unintentionally).
- b) Abuse (verbal or physical) of a GC/CUBM official during the fulfillment of his or her job responsibilities and/or in retaliation for fulfilling those responsibilities.
- c) Gestures, comments, threats, or actions which place a person in reasonable fear of unwelcome physical contact or harm.
- d) Attempts to cause or actually causing bodily injury to another person (intentionally or unintentionally).
- e) Striking, shoving, kicking, or otherwise subjecting another person to unwelcome physical contact or attempting threatening to do so.

4. COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY – Members of the student body are expected to value one another to the point of considering the good of the community as a whole. Specifically, students are expected to abide by policies and procedures outlined in the Student Handbook.

5. RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS' POSSESSIONS – Members of the student body are expected to show respect for the property of others and should refrain from the theft and/or destruction of property belonging to others.

Examples of behavior that constitute a violation of this Community Standard include, but are not limited to:

- a) Unauthorized taking or possession of another's property or services (including that of GC/CUBM).
- b) Using another person's GC/CUBM ID card or allowing another to use one's GC/CUBM ID.
- c) The unauthorized possession of a temporary ID card.
- d) Violation of any rule(s) listed in the Computer Policy.
- e) Intentional or reckless behavior which may, or in fact does, deface or cause damage to GC/CUBM property or the property of others.

6. RESPECTFUL OF AUTHORITY – Members of the student body must show respect for those whom God has placed in positions of authority. It is expected that students will respond to the verbal and/or written request of a GC/CUBM official during the lawful performance of his or her duties.

Examples of behavior which constitute a violation of this Community Standard include, but are not limited to:

- a) Intentionally obstructing or failing to comply with the request of a GC/CUBM official or employee in the lawful performance of his or her duties.
- b) Intentional or reckless interference with standard GC/CUBM activities and functions. Examples of such activities/functions include but are not limited to studying, teaching, public speaking, research, administration of GC/CUBM or emergency (security, fire, or police) operations.
- c) Failure to appear in a timely fashion before the executive director for a disciplinary hearing when charged with a violation of the Community Standards and when duly notified of the hearing.
- d) Failure to appear in a timely fashion before the executive committee of the board of directors for a disciplinary hearing when charged with a violation of the Community Standards and when duly notified of the hearing
- e) Failure to abide by any disciplinary sanction imposed as a result of a disciplinary hearing (e.g. failure to honor a monetary fine, serve community service hours, satisfy terms of probation, or fulfill abehavior sanction) within the specified timeframe.

7. GOOD CITIZENS – Members of the student body are to be good neighbors in the community at large. Therefore, students are expected to be law-abiding citizens and to be considerate of members of the GC/CUBM and Pittsburgh communities.

“I have read and I agree to the Statement of Faith and the Standards of Conduct.”

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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The Center For Urban Biblical Ministry (CUBM) is an outreach of Geneva College, located in the Point Breeze area of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. CUBM was started in 1988 by a group of visionary urban church leaders who wanted to provide formal education and credentialing for church ministers and lay leaders. Over the years, CUBM's student body has grown in diversity and size and today is made up of people from many denominations and cultures, with one common trait — they are looking for a Christ-centered education that will strengthen their faith and prepare them for life and ministry in the 21st century.

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