

Admission to the Episcopal School of Spiritual Direction is a process of discernment by the student applying, the Dean of the School and other trusted members of the Application Committee.

In addition to the Admissions Application, it is useful to know that the School seeks candidates who have the capacity for honest self-evaluation, the ability to learn the theory and practice of spiritual direction, and who possess a desire to follow in the path of God's love.

Candidates must possess or be willing to develop personal attributes of faithfulness, genuineness, honesty, justice and compassion. The demonstrated ability to live well in community is valued.

Because participation in the School may result in challenges and shifts in one's theology and world view, candidates must possess mental, psychological and spiritual flexibility and adaptability.

The potential student must commit to attendance at all course sessions and small group sessions, as only one absence in each of the two years is permitted. Please consider health concerns and other commitments that might compete with the School schedule.

The discernment of a candidate possessing these attributes is a result of confidential, informal conversations by the Dean of the School with potential student's clergy, their spiritual directors and others who know them well such as their Retreat in Daily Life group leaders or their RIDL Shadow group facilitator.

Once the applicant is discerned to be qualified to enter the program, formal letters of recommendation are required from the candidate's clergy and spiritual director.