



NOTRE DAME VITA INSTITUTE  
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Sponsored by the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, the Notre Dame Vita Institute educates participants in the fundamentals of human life issues, focusing on beginning-of-life issues, at the highest academic level from the perspectives of social science, biology, philosophy, theology, law, communication, and counseling, among others. Through instruction by and engagement with premier faculty, discussion with other Vita Institute participants, and introduction to community outreach programs, Vita Institute participants are challenged intellectually and equipped to effectively engage the culture on beginning of life issues. The Vita Institute both educates and inspires its participants through instruction by noted experts in a strong community environment.

Admission to the Vita Institute is open to those with a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, and applications are welcome from those of any age or level of professional development who are passionately committed to the protection of human life, particularly in its earliest stages. A distinctly Catholic educational program, the Vita Institute welcomes participants of all faith traditions. Applicants will be competing for a limited number of seats in the Vita Institute by completing an application and submitting letters of recommendation.

**Application Check List:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Application & Essays: Applicant should carefully read and respond to all sections.

\_\_\_\_\_ Resume: Applicant should submit an up-to-date resume, which includes the applicant's professional/work experience, as part of the application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Letters of Recommendation: Applicant should arrange for two letters of recommendation with the attached recommendation forms to be submitted by individuals familiar with the applicant's pro-life activities or interest.



**Terms of the Vita Institute:** The following will be provided to participants during the Vita Institute:

- ❖ Tuition waiver;
- ❖ Lodging (private room in an air conditioned dormitory, with single-sex, separated, communal bathrooms);
- ❖ Specified meals; and
- ❖ Curricular materials.

Participants are responsible for their own travel.

**Instructions:**

Complete this form in its entirety, attaching applicable documents, and e-mail or mail to: Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, 424 Geddes Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556; [ndethics@nd.edu](mailto:ndethics@nd.edu). For additional information, please visit the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture website at [ethicscenter.nd.edu](http://ethicscenter.nd.edu).

**SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
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**Street Address**

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<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
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<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>E-mail Address</b>
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**Date of Birth**

**Do you have any food allergies or require special accommodations?**  Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:**

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Undergraduate School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Major \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Obtained \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Obtained \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies & Personal Interests

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**ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS** (Please respond separately if this information is not already included in your resume.)

1. Describe your involvement with pro-life activities, stating the nature and length of the involvement.
2. Describe your involvement in other student, professional, or community activities.

## SECTION 2: EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name		Relation	
Address			
City		State	Zip Code
Work Telephone	Home Telephone		Cell Telephone

## SECTION 3: ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please provide type-written responses to each question in a separate essay, not to exceed 600 words per essay.

1. Describe your views on life issues, in particular beginning of life issues.
2. Explain why you wish to participate in the Notre Dame Vita Institute and how the experience would relate to your professional and/or personal goals. Please explain why you think that you should be selected as a Vita Institute participant, including any talents, perspectives, or skills that you possess that would enrich the Vita Institute.

**SECTION 4: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please arrange for two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your pro-life activities or interests by providing each recommender with the attached form. The recommenders should send the letters directly to the address listed on the form on or before March 15, 2015. Please list the names and contact information for the recommenders below. By providing this information, you are authorizing the Vita Institute staff to contact directly recommenders if the letters are not received.

**Recommender 1:**

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Name	E-mail Address	Phone
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**Recommender 2:**

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Name	E-mail Address	Phone
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Applicant's Signature	Date
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*Recommendation*

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- I waive my right to review this recommendation.
- I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions to the recommender:** The individual named above has applied for admission to the Notre Dame Vita Institute. Your recommendation is a vital part of the application process. **Please respond to the questions below on a separate piece of paper.** Completed forms should be e-mailed (ndethics@nd.edu), faxed (574-631-6290), or mailed to the Center for Ethics and Culture, 424 Geddes Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46617.

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?
2. Notre Dame Vita Institute is looking to identify current and emerging pro-life leaders. Please speak to the applicant's leadership capacities in this regard.
3. In what ways, if any, have you seen the applicant promote respect for the sanctity of human life in his/her personal, professional, or academic life?
4. What are the applicant's greatest strengths and weaknesses?



*Recommendation*

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- I waive my right to review this recommendation.
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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