

Application for Affiliate Status

Definition. Affiliate status is not a membership category of The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS). The Association’s Bylaws (Article II) provide affiliate status for (1) agencies or organizations with a substantial interest in theological education in the Christian or Jewish faiths but not involved in educational programs leading to a degree and (2) higher education institutions that offer graduate theological degrees and are related to identifiable communities of faith other than the Jewish or Christian faith. Affiliate status carries eligibility for appointment to ATS committees and voice but no vote in Association meetings. ATS affiliates pay annual dues as prescribed by the Association. Affiliate status is granted for a six-year term and may be renewed.

Process. Organizations seeking affiliate status must complete this application form, indicating the category under which they are applying for affiliate status, and provide letters of endorsement of their application from the chief executives of three (3) accredited or candidate member schools of the Association. Upon recommendation of the ATS Board of Directors, affiliate status may be granted by a two-thirds vote of the member schools present and voting at a Biennial Meeting of the Association, which is held in even-numbered years.

Disclosure. Organizations holding affiliate status with ATS shall state the nature of the relationship only in the following manner: “(Name of organization) holds affiliate status with The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, but is not an accredited member of the Association.”

<p><u>Please indicate the category under which the organization is applying for affiliate status:</u> ___ (1) agency or organization with a substantial interest in theological education in the Christian or Jewish faith but <i>not</i> involved in educational programs leading to a degree ___ (2) school offering graduate theological degrees and related to identifiable communities of faith <i>other than</i> the Jewish or Christian faith</p>
<p>Organization Name</p>
<p>Address</p>
<p>Phone / Fax / Web site</p>
<p>President or Chief Executive Officer</p>
<p>Address</p>
<p>Phone / Fax / Email</p>

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Formal Purpose of the Organization
Governance Structure of the Organization
If a Membership Organization, Number of Members
Reasons for Seeking Affiliate Status with ATS
Religious Identity and Affiliation of the Organization

Please mail (or email dechant@ats.edu) the completed application, along with the three letters of endorsement, to:

The Association of Theological Schools
Attn: Marissa Dechant
10 Summit Park Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15275-1110

_____ Date of Application