

Instructions for Completing the Bloomington/Normal Great Banquet Application

The Great Banquet is a three-day experience of renewal, learning, and sharing in the atmosphere of a Christian community, an experience that is different for each individual.

The focus of the Great Banquet is to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known. Its objective is for "Guests" (the term used to describe someone attending the Great Banquet) to continue the three-day weekend by serving Jesus Christ in local churches, homes, and work places. The Great Banquet's purpose is for all Guests to continue in a purposeful life of grace and to respond to higher levels of Christian discipleship.

This weekend experience is for anyone who:

- Wishes to strengthen his/her spiritual life;
- Wants to have a better understanding of prayer, study, and Christian action;
- Strives to live a Christian life that bears fruit for God;
- Seeks to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known.



Since Great Banquet uses a volunteer base to conduct the weekends, it does not provide a climate to solve deep-seated problems. However, it is an ideal environment to help mature people work toward a Christian way of life with community support. Husband and wife are invited to attend on separate weekends; usually, the husband first. Each Guest must submit a separate two-page application. However, married couples are requested to turn in both applications at the same time, if possible.

For other information about the weekend, go to: www.bngreatbanquet.org.

Completing & Mailing the Two-Page Application and Check

To register for a Bloomington/Normal Great Banquet weekend, the Guest and Sponsor should do the following.

1. The Sponsor meets with the Guest and explains the weekend, answers questions that the Guest has, and provides the Guest with the application.
2. The Guest completes the "Guest Section" of the application, which is the first page of the two-page form. If additional detail for any question is needed or the Guest needs to share details about attending the weekend that is not specifically addressed, use an additional sheet of paper to relay this information to the Registrar.
3. The Guest gives the application, at the least the "Guest Section," and additional sheets (if applicable) to the Sponsor.
4. The Sponsor reviews the "Guest Section" for completeness and additional sheets (if applicable). The Sponsor follows up with the Guest on missing information, if necessary.
5. The Sponsor completes the "Sponsor Section" of the application, which is the second page of the two-page form. If additional detail for any question is needed or information about the Guest attending the weekend that is not specifically addressed, use an additional sheet of paper to relay this information to the Registrar.
6. The Sponsor writes a check for \$25 payable to: **B/N Great Banquet Community**.
NOTE: The ability to pay the application fee is not an obstacle to attending a weekend. However, the total cost per Guest is \$150, so if you can help cover any cost over and above the \$25 application fee, it will be greatly appreciated. Additionally, it should be noted that the \$25 application fee and any additional contribution amount are tax-deductible.
7. The Sponsor mails the entire two-page application, additional sheets of paper (if applicable), and check to the following:

**Attn. Registrar
B/N Great Banquet Community
P.O. Box 707
Bloomington, IL 61702-0707**

Please note that this form is an application and its submittal does not guarantee acceptance. Guests may be placed on a waiting list since there are only a certain number of spaces available. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by letter or email as soon as possible before the Great Banquet weekend.