

GUIDELINES FOR AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS

Prior to the application process, or as part of the application process, St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College ordinarily requests a brief autobiographical statement (approx. 750-1000 words) wherein the applicant is asked to introduce himself/herself to the College Admissions Committee Members (opening salutation: "Dear Members of the Admissions Committee") and where the applicant also outlines the reason(s) why he/she wishes to undertake theological education specifically with St Andrew's.

When preparing your autobiographical statement, please include concise but sufficient comment about:

- your upbringing (incl. date and place of birth)
- educational background and academic qualification(s)
- marriage and family circumstances
- current employment status
- past and current church affiliation(s)
- persons/events that connected you with Christianity, and, more specifically, with Orthodox Christianity
- the name of the clergyman with whom you have discussed this matter and who is willing to be contacted by the College to serve as a referee in support of your application
- the reason(s) why you wish to undertake theological education specifically with St Andrew's
- which course you are interested to apply for
- whether you plan to study full time or part time
- whether you prefer to (a) come to classes on campus in Redfern, (b) attend classes live via Zoom, (c) enrol as a distance education student who only accesses video recordings of lectures; or (d) a combination of these options.

The statement should be typed on A4 size paper, signed and dated. It may be submitted as a hard copy or as an email attachment.