



Church Adopted Deacon Requirements

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A deacon candidate must be ____ years of age in order to fulfill the Biblical mandate “first be proved” in 1 Timothy 3:10. A novice Christian should not be considered for deacon.

A deacon candidate must have been a member of the church for ____ years in order for the individual to understand and observe the policies and procedures of the church’s administration and ministry. This policy holds true even if the person has been ordained as deacon in another Southern Baptist Church.

A deacon candidate must be a person who works well with people. Because a deacon’s ministry is a ministry to people, the deacon’s ability to get along with people is an important consideration. An individual who knows how to get along with people will demonstrate the qualities of love, patience, understanding, compassion, and sensitivity.

A deacon candidate must show the potential for developing an effective ministry.

A deacon candidate must be a person who is willing to serve. Deacon election and ordination is not just “an honor;” it is a call from God and a charge from the church to assume a missional servant’s role. Individuals being considered as deacons should be encouraged to pray and to consider whether they are willing to make the commitment called for.

Each person nominated will be given a Deacon Qualification Questionnaire, and will be asked to return this completed form to the Deacon Selection Committee. Upon receiving this form the Deacon Selection Committee will interview each candidate. The interviews are confidential.