BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY BLUFFTON, OHIO SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION FORM

Bluffton University is a four-year liberal arts university founded in 1899 and is today affiliated with the Mennonite Church USA. As a liberal arts institution, Bluffton seeks faculty and staff members who aspire to the highest academic and professional standards, who demonstrate evidence or promise of teaching excellence, who pursue learning and scholarship, and who are genuinely interested in students. As a Christian institution affiliated with the Mennonite Church, Bluffton welcomes faculty and staff members who seek to follow the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, who respect or espouse the peace church vision of the university, who are committed to serving those in need and to multiethnic, intercultural, and international understanding. Please submit brief statements addressing the following questions (use separate sheets if necessary):

1. In light of Bluffton's commitments as a liberal arts institution (see above and the Mission Statement on the reverse side), what are the special contributions you would bring to the Bluffton University community of learning? Please speak to academic and professional expectations, teaching excellence, scholarship, and interest in students.

2. In light of Bluffton's commitments as a Christian institution in the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition, what are the personal commitments and special gifts you would bring to the Bluffton University community?

Bluffton University Mission Statement

Bluffton University is a liberal arts university in northwestern Ohio founded in 1899 and affiliated with Mennonite Church USA. Shaped by that historic peace church tradition and nourished by a desire for excellence in all phases of its programs, Bluffton University seeks to prepare students of all backgrounds for life as well as vocation, for responsible citizenship, for service to all peoples and ultimately for the purposes of God's universal kingdom.

Bluffton's pursuit of excellence, informed by its Christian commitments as understood through Anabaptist/Mennonite faith values, expresses itself in the following Bluffton University purposes:

- 1. to provide a superior baccalaureate program in the liberal arts emphasizing individual inquiry, critical thinking and lifelong learning;
- 2. to provide superior preparation in a select number of professional areas as an integral part of the liberal arts program;
- 3. to provide select master's degree programs in areas of Bluffton University strengths and expertise which address contemporary needs;
- 4. to integrate the Christian expression of outreach, service and peacemaking into not only the curricular and co-curricular programs, but the daily life of the campus community;
- 5. to contribute to the intellectual, cultural and spiritual welfare of the local, national and global communities.