



# Erēmos Program Requirements

## Maturity

People applying for the Erēmos Internship or Cohort with Mid-Valley Fellowship must be committed to growing spiritually. Although we recognize that no one is perfect and that each of us have areas of immaturity in our lives, the Erēmos Programs are where these areas will be challenged, refined, and changed. Because of this, the most important attributes that an applicant must be committed to developing are humility and teach-ability.

## Statement of Faith

Each applicant must have a solid understanding of his/her salvation from sin by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, a belief in the authority of the Bible for training in godliness, and a belief that homosexuality/sexual addiction are sins among many from which the power of the Gospel offers freedom. The applicant must agree to our mission and doctrinal statements.

## Moral Standards

Applicants are expected to live within moral guidelines clearly spelled out in scripture: no sexual misconduct, no drunkenness or illegal drug use, no gossip or slander. The applicant should also find or maintain the support of a local church body for his/her own spiritual growth and encouragement.

## Attendance and Classes

Erēmos participants are expected to fully participate in activities involved in their particular program, as described in the chart.

## Personal Growth

We are accepting applicants who have experienced first-hand God's work in their lives or the lives of others. The Erēmos Programs are not designed for those just beginning a journey of personal healing. Rather it is a continuation of the work already begun. Having involvement as a participant in a support group (in the area of sexual wholeness or other life-controlling issue) and/or personal therapy is important for consideration of acceptance into a program. We also will be looking for evidence of growth from references.

## Commitment

Those wanting to be a part of an Erēmos program must commit to participation for the full nine month duration of the program. In joining the internship or cohort, you are not only committing to your own leadership development but are also committing to a community of others who are doing the same. Each person's presence in the program has an impact on the others in the community.

## Cost

Applicants may raise support to cover the cost of the Erēmos programs, and Mid-Valley Fellowship can support them in this process. Many people combine personal financial resources with support raised by church, friends, and family. If you have questions about how this is handled, please contact us.

## Application Process

An application fee is required that will be applied toward the cost of the program for those that are selected. For the internship, an interview is also required. **Applications for the 2021-22 Erēmos Year are due by May 31, 2021.**