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PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORM RESEARCH CATEGORY – CERTIFIED GENEALOGIST

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

The geographic area and time period I select for the BCG-supplied document assignment is:

(Avoid requesting documents after 1900, most are typewritten after that date. Note also that the choice for Requirement 3 does not limit the rest of your portfolio to only this time and place.

Do not request specific counties or sections of U.S. states. If you choose a language below, the document you receive will be in that language.)

In addition to English, my work entails use of the _____ language.

You must **initial** each statement below:

_____ I have paid the preliminary application fee (\$80) online at <https://bcgcertification.org/product/prelim-app-fee/> or by mailing a check or money order payable through a U.S. bank to the address above. This fee includes a one-year subscription to the BCG newsletter *OnBoard*.*

_____ I understand I have one year from the date of this application in which to submit my final application portfolio, as well as the final application fee of \$300.

_____ I understand my application must follow the requirements set out in the 2021 edition of *The BCG Application Guide*, which I have downloaded from the BCG website. I also understand that if I apply for an extension, I must follow whatever edition of the *Guide* then in effect.

_____ I understand that if my application is successful, I will be certified for five years, during which time I will be responsible for paying an annual fee each July 1st.

_____ I have read *The BCG Application Guide* (Introduction to page 8 and pages 19–23).

Signed _____ Date _____

Return the completed form to office@BCGcertification.org

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The following questions are for BCG informational purposes only.
The answers will not be shared with any judge for the evaluation of your portfolio.

1. How did you first hear about BCG? (*check one*)

<input type="checkbox"/> Friend or colleague	<input type="checkbox"/> Conference or institute
<input type="checkbox"/> BCG website or blog	<input type="checkbox"/> Print advertisement
<input type="checkbox"/> Social media	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>) _____

2. Have you stopped to speak with BCG Associates at a conference or institute or viewed BCG portfolios?
If so, at which conferences or institutes? Choose all that apply:
Stopped at Booth and/or Viewed Portfolios at

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> National Genealogical Society Conference (NGS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Association of Professional Genealogists Management Conference (APG)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> RootsTech Conference (Salt Lake City)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

3. Do you –

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	attend BCG's webinars regularly (via <i>Legacy Family Tree Webinars</i>)?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	read <i>OnBoard</i> regularly?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	consult BCG's website regularly?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	read BCG's blog <i>Springboard</i> regularly?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	visit or receive newsfeed from BCG's Facebook group regularly?

4. Have you –

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	attended a national genealogical society conference?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	attended a week-long genealogical institute?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	participated in a formal online study group with assignments and work review?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	attended a formal genealogical program of multi-week sessions?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	attended a BCG certification seminar at a national conference or institute?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	attended a BCG webinar (through Legacy Family Tree or the Family History Library)?

5. Do you have experience with analyzing DNA in genealogical research? (*check one*)

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> DNA test only	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional
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6. About how many hours **per week** do you work on genealogy? _____

7. Do you read a peer-reviewed genealogy journal (*NGSQ, TAG, NEHGR, NYGBR, or The Genealogist (US)*)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
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8. Do you belong to –

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	a state or local genealogical society?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	a national genealogical society or genealogy organization with a non-US focus?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	a lineage society?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG)?

9. Age range (*check one*):

<input type="checkbox"/> 0-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 31-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 41-50	<input type="checkbox"/> 51-60	<input type="checkbox"/> 61-70	<input type="checkbox"/> 71-80	<input type="checkbox"/> 81+
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10. Highest level of formal education (*check one*):

<input type="checkbox"/> High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Some college	<input type="checkbox"/> BA/BS	<input type="checkbox"/> MA/MS	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate or equivalent (specify) _____
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11. Do you currently have, or have you previously had a credential in genealogy? (*check one*)

<input type="checkbox"/> Accredited Genealogist®	<input type="checkbox"/> ForensicGenealogistCredentialed SM	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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