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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 _____.

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

Please initial each statement below:

_____ I have paid the preliminary application fee (\$75) 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. *

_____ 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 2019 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 is 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.

Signed _____ Date _____

Return the completed form to office@BCGcertification.org

* The fee includes a one-year subscription to BCG's newsletter, *OnBoard*.

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

- How did you first hear about BCG? (*check one*)
 - Friend or colleague
 - BCG website or blog
 - Social media (non-BCG blog, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.) or email list
 - Print advertisement
 - Conference or institute
 - Other (*please specify*) _____
- Do you -
 - Yes No attend BCG's webinars regularly?
 - Yes No read *OnBoard* regularly?
 - Yes No consult BCG's website regularly?
 - Yes No read BCG's blog *Springboard* regularly?
 - Yes No visit or receive newsfeed from BCG's Facebook group regularly?
- Have you -
 - Yes No attended a national genealogical society conference?
 - Yes No attended a week-long genealogical institute?
 - Yes No participated in an online study group?
 - Yes No attended a formal genealogical program of multi-week sessions?
 - Yes No attended a BCG certification seminar at a national conference or institute?
 - Yes No attended a BCG webinar or its October lectures at the Family History Library?
 - Yes No reviewed a portfolio at BCG's conference booth or elsewhere?
- Do you read a peer-reviewed genealogy journal (*NGSQ, TAG, NEHGR, NYGBR, or The Genealogist (US)*)?
 - Always Usually Sometimes Never
- What is your primary reason for pursuing certification? (*check one*)
 - to measure my work against the standards of the field
 - to do the best work for my own families
 - to be respected as a serious genealogist
 - to pursue genealogical research as a profession
 - to qualify for forensic work and federal government contracts
 - to be considered for more challenging and rewarding projects and jobs
 - other (*please specify*) _____
- About how many hours *per week* do you work on genealogy? _____
- Do you belong to -
 - Yes No a state or local genealogical society?
 - Yes No a lineage society?
 - Yes No the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG)?
 - Yes No a genealogical organization with a non-US focus?
- Age range (*check one*):
 - 0-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 71-80 81+
- Highest level of formal education (*check one*):
 - High School Some college BA/BS MA/MS Doctorate or equivalent (*specify*) _____