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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:

(Note that the choice for Requirement 3 does not limit the rest of your portfolio to only this time and place.)

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 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).

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 for the evaluation of your portfolio.

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

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| <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>) _____ |
- 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

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| <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: _____ |
- Do you -

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| <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? |
- Have you -

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| <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)? |
- Do you have experience with analyzing DNA in genealogical research? (*check one*)

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| <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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- About how many hours **per week** do you work on genealogy? _____
- Do you read a peer-reviewed genealogy journal (*NGSQ, TAG, NEHGR, NYGBR, or The Genealogist (US)*)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Always | <input type="checkbox"/> Usually | <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes | <input type="checkbox"/> Never |
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- Do you belong to -

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| <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)? |
- Age range (*check one*):

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| <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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- Highest level of formal education (*check one*):

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| <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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- Do you currently have, or have you previously had a credential in genealogy? (*check one*)

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