



Board for Certification of Genealogists®

Post Office Box 14291 · Washington, DC 20044

www.BCGcertification.org

Since 1964, the hallmark of

Quality · Professionalism · Service

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 (\$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. 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

* Please do not purchase a separate subscription of *OnBoard*.



Board for Certification of Genealogists®

Post Office Box 14291 · Washington, DC 20044

www.BCGcertification.org

Since 1964, the hallmark of

Quality · Professionalism · Service

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*)

<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

<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 –

<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 –

<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*)

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> DNA test only	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional
-------------------------------	--	-----------------------------------	---------------------------------------	---------------------------------------
- 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)*)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Always	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
---------------------------------	----------------------------------	------------------------------------	--------------------------------
- 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)?
- 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+
-------------------------------	--------------------------------	--------------------------------	--------------------------------	--------------------------------	--------------------------------	------------------------------
- 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) _____
--------------------------------------	---------------------------------------	--------------------------------	--------------------------------	--
- 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: _____
--	--	---------------------------------------