



International Institute for Culture's
**2024 Vocations Directors
Survey Report**



A little background on us and this survey.

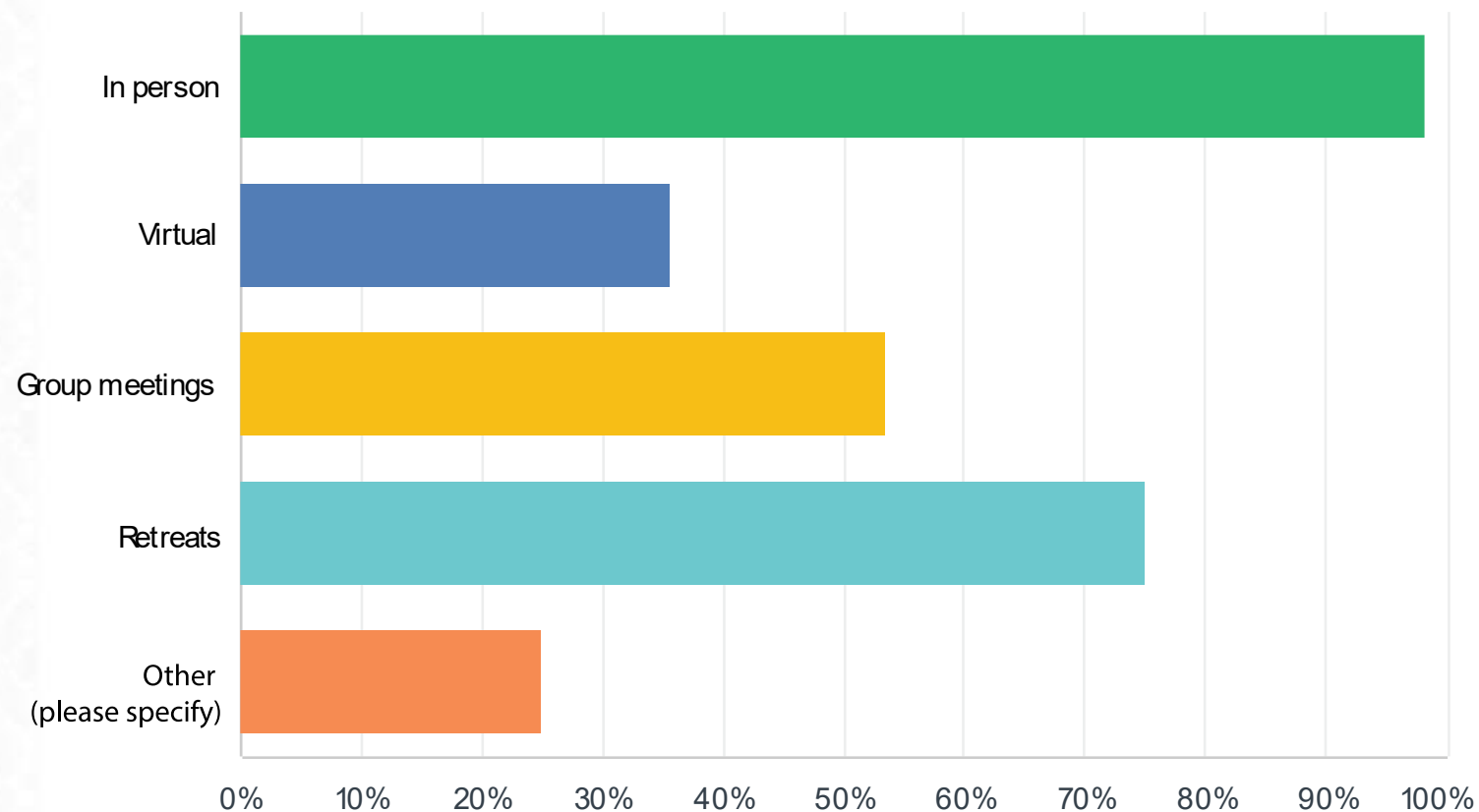
The International Institute for Culture (IIC) is a Catholic non-profit educational and research center which seeks to promote international understanding through cultural means.

We desire to help promote and support vocations to the religious life including priests, deacons, brothers, and monks. As a first step, we launched a survey to gather data to identify needs and concerns and asked diocesan and religious order vocations directors for their input. The survey closed March 2024 with a high percentage of interest and participation. Following are the summary results of these findings, which will be used in forming the final details of the new initiative.

If you have any questions, visit priest.org or email us at info@priest.org

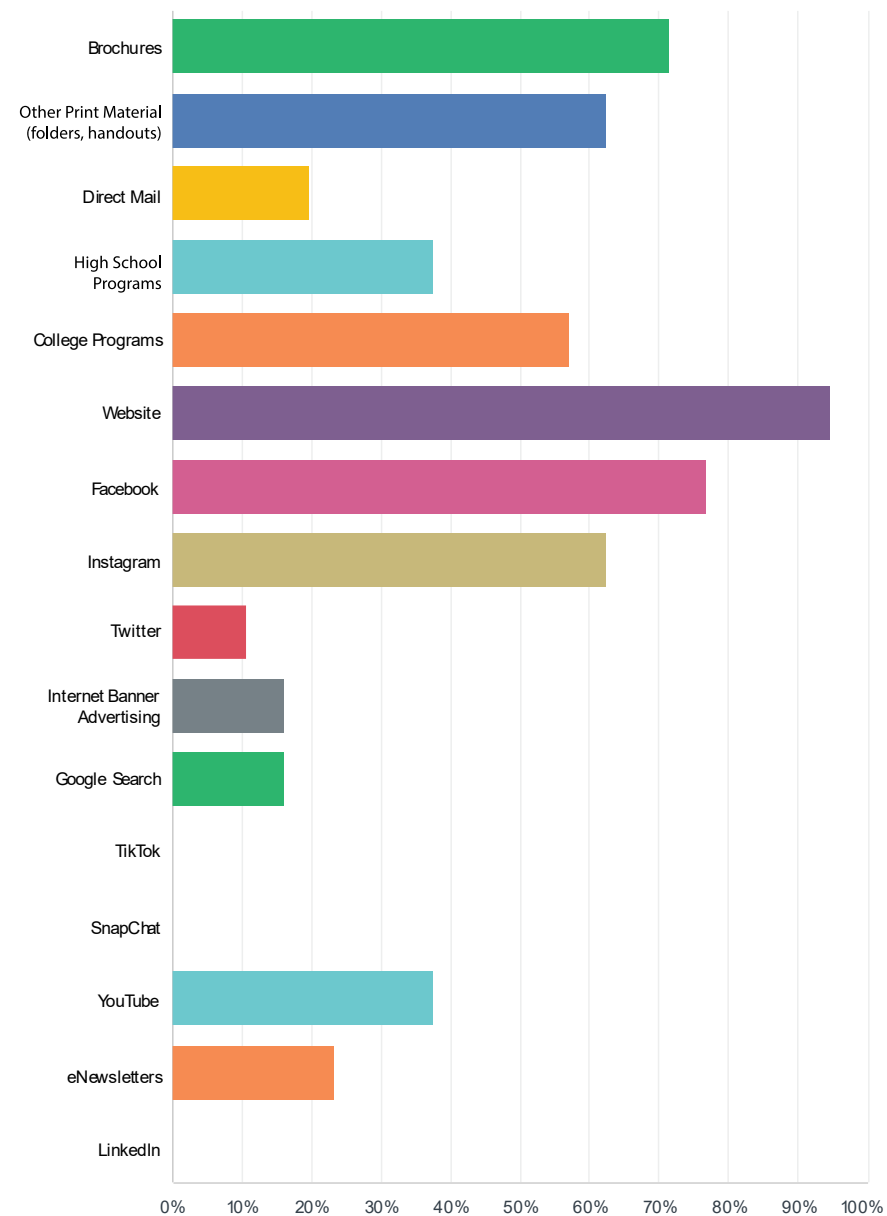
What we asked:

What types of diocesan or community vocation discernment programs do you offer for men considering applying to the priesthood or religious life?



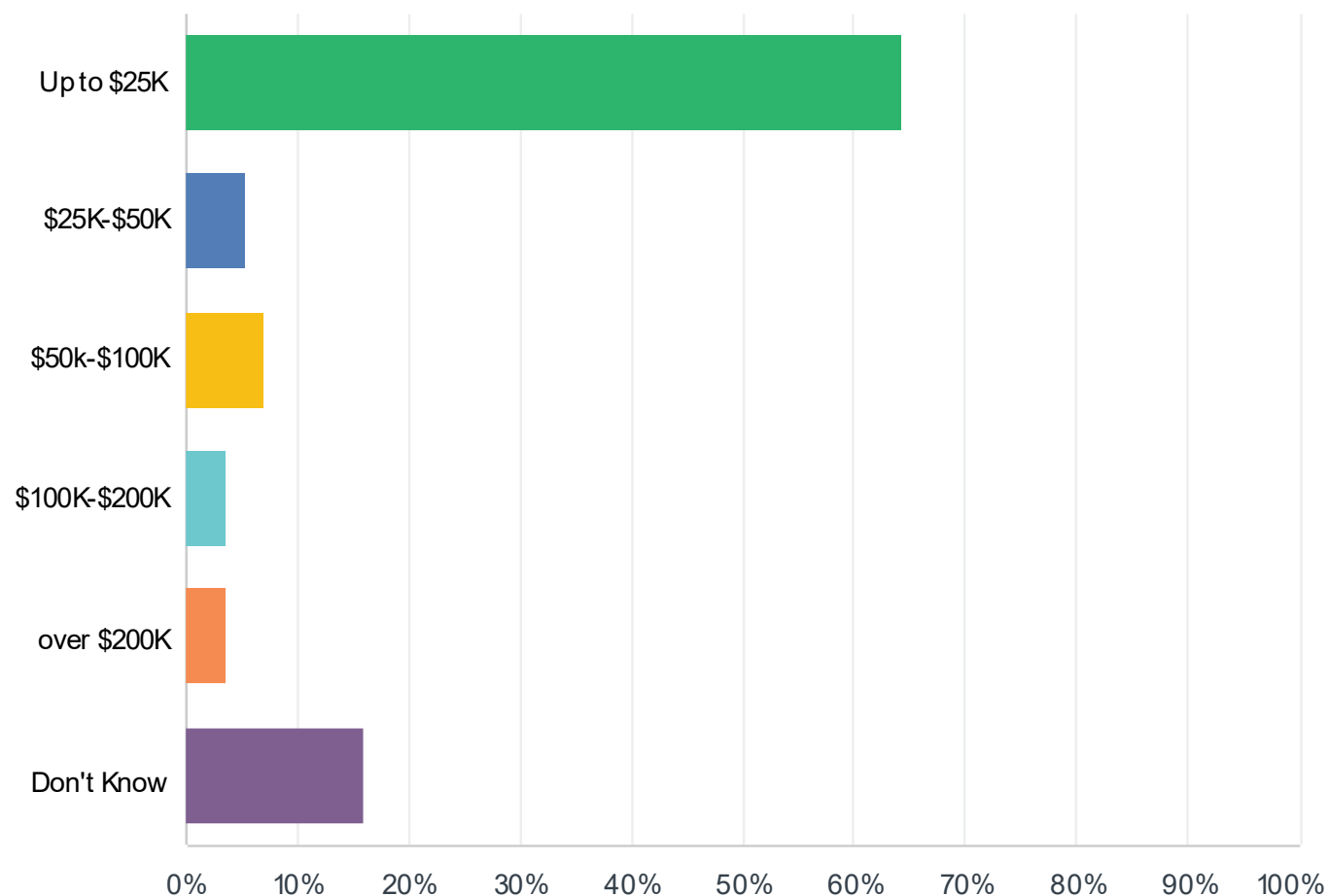
What we asked:

What marketing/promotional materials are you using in your efforts?



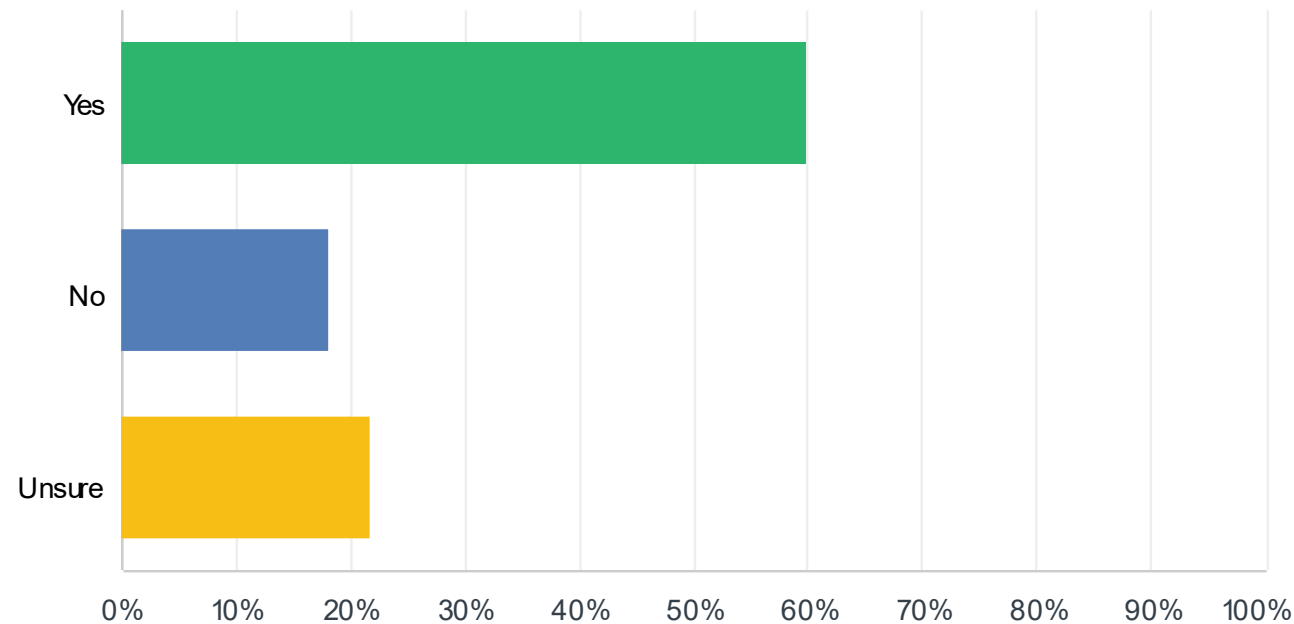
What we asked:

What range is your current annual marketing/promotion budget (not including personnel salary/benefits)?



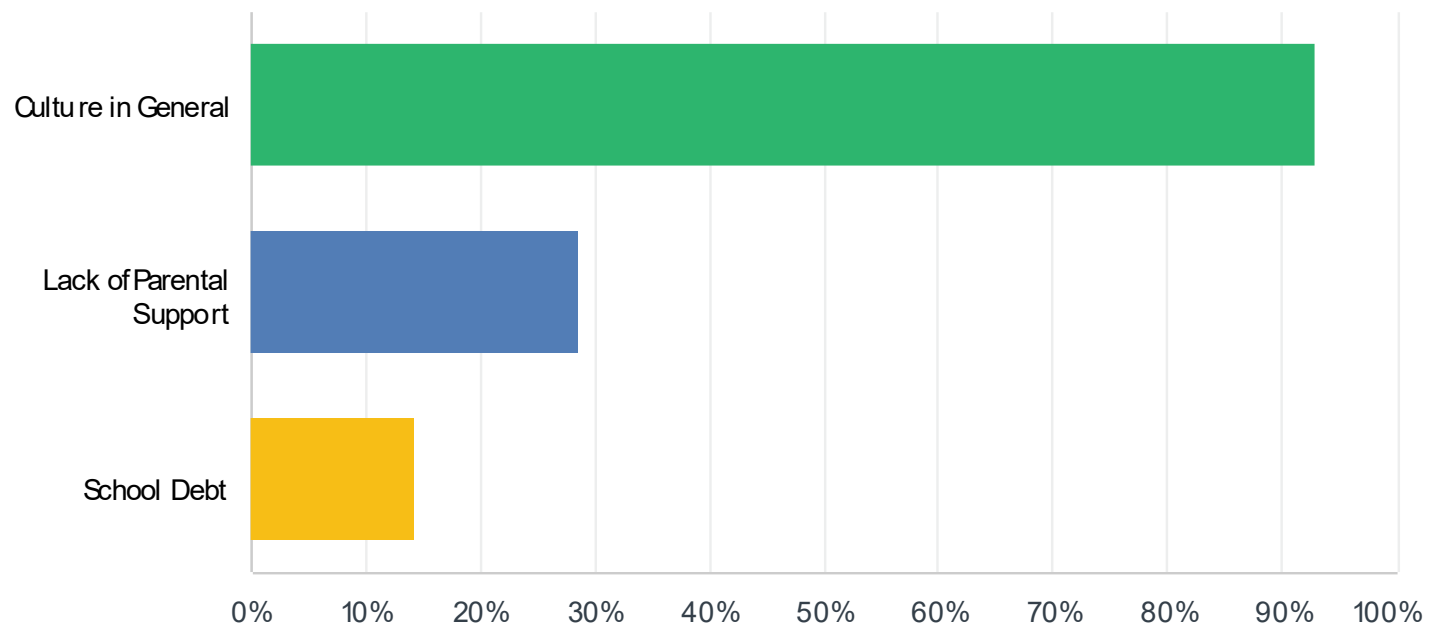
What we asked:

Is your budget adequate for your needs?



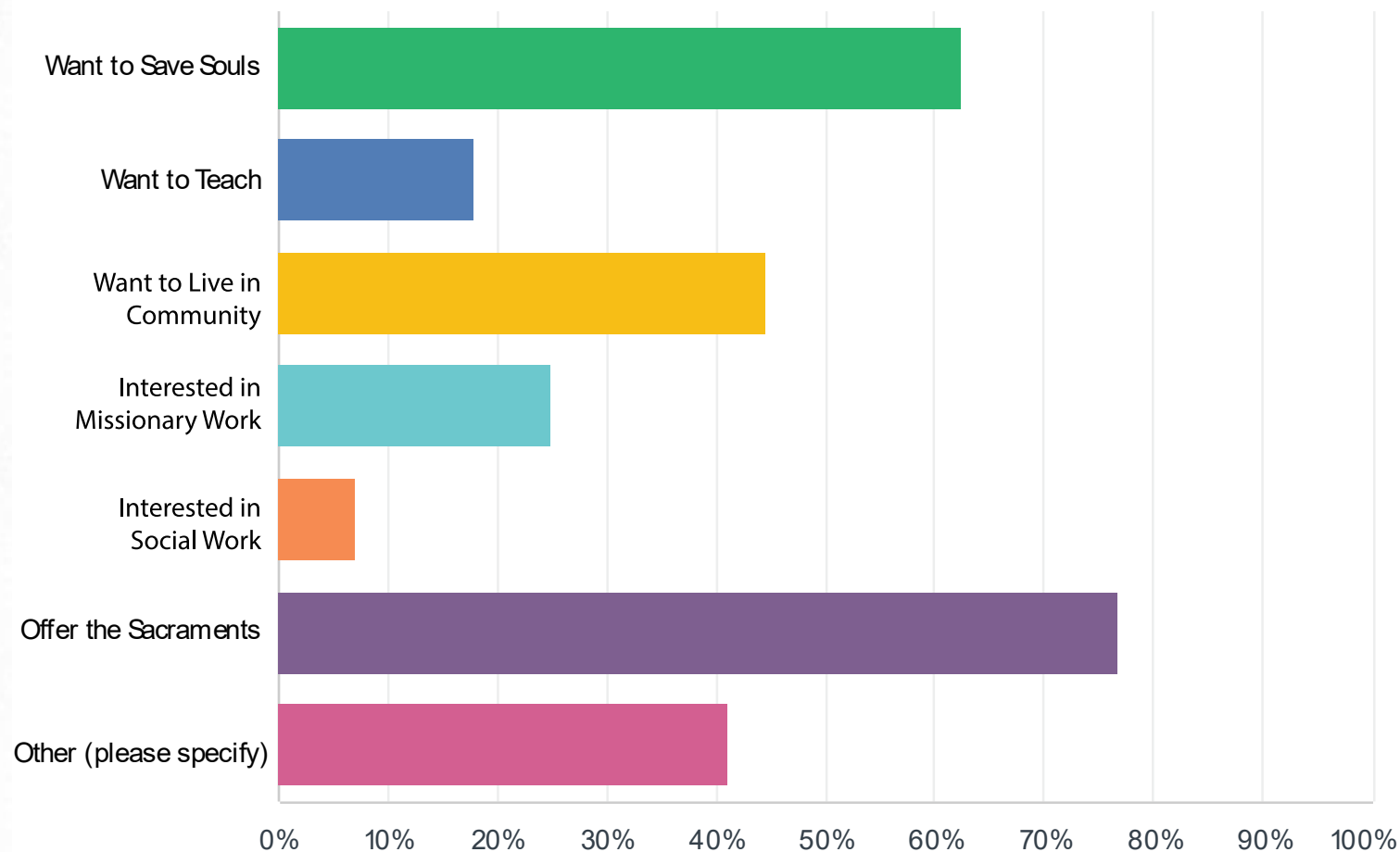
What we asked:

Regarding vocations to the priesthood or the religious life, what are the most important challenges or concerns your diocese or community is facing?



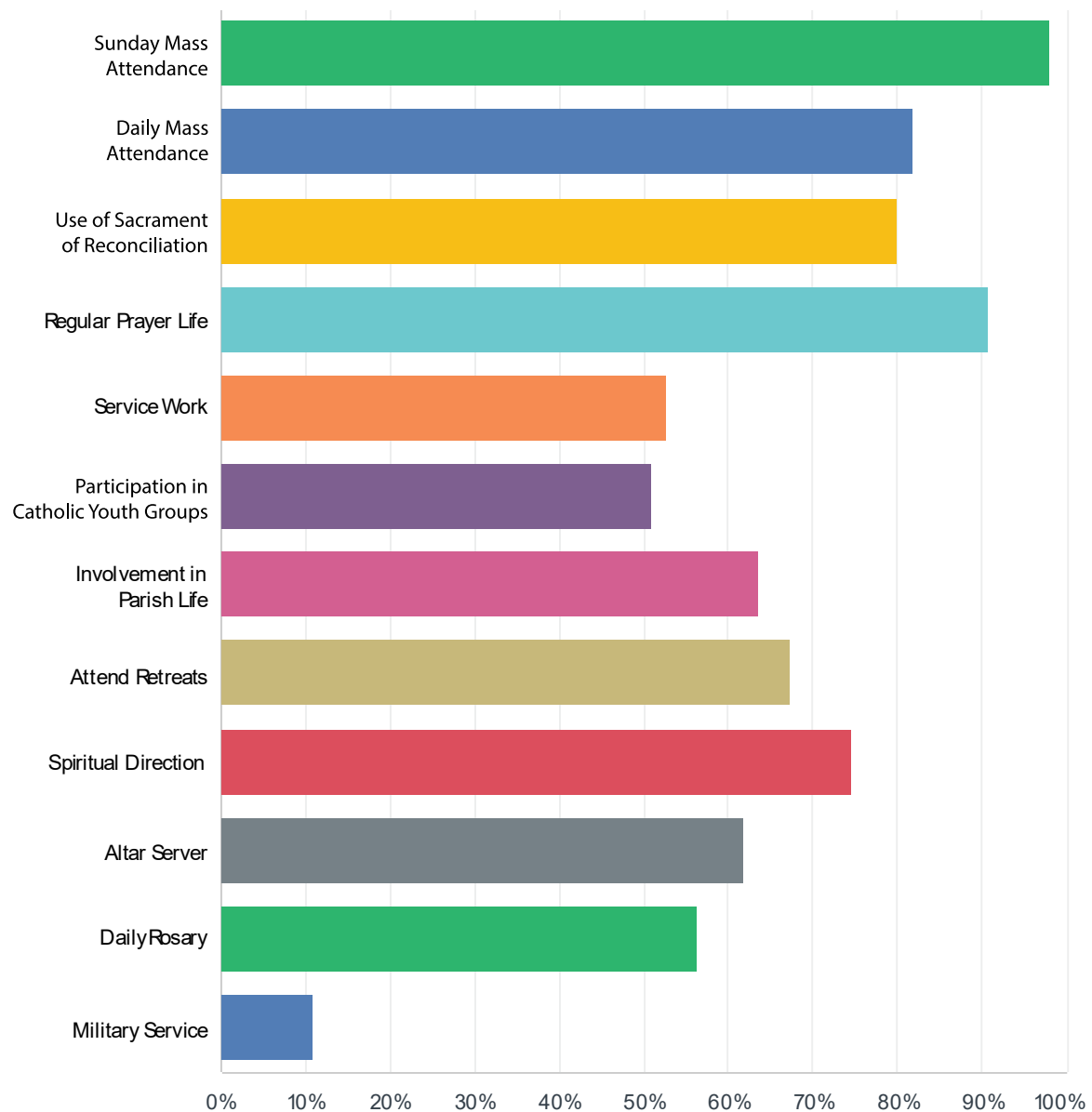
What we asked:

What do you believe is drawing young men to the priesthood these days?



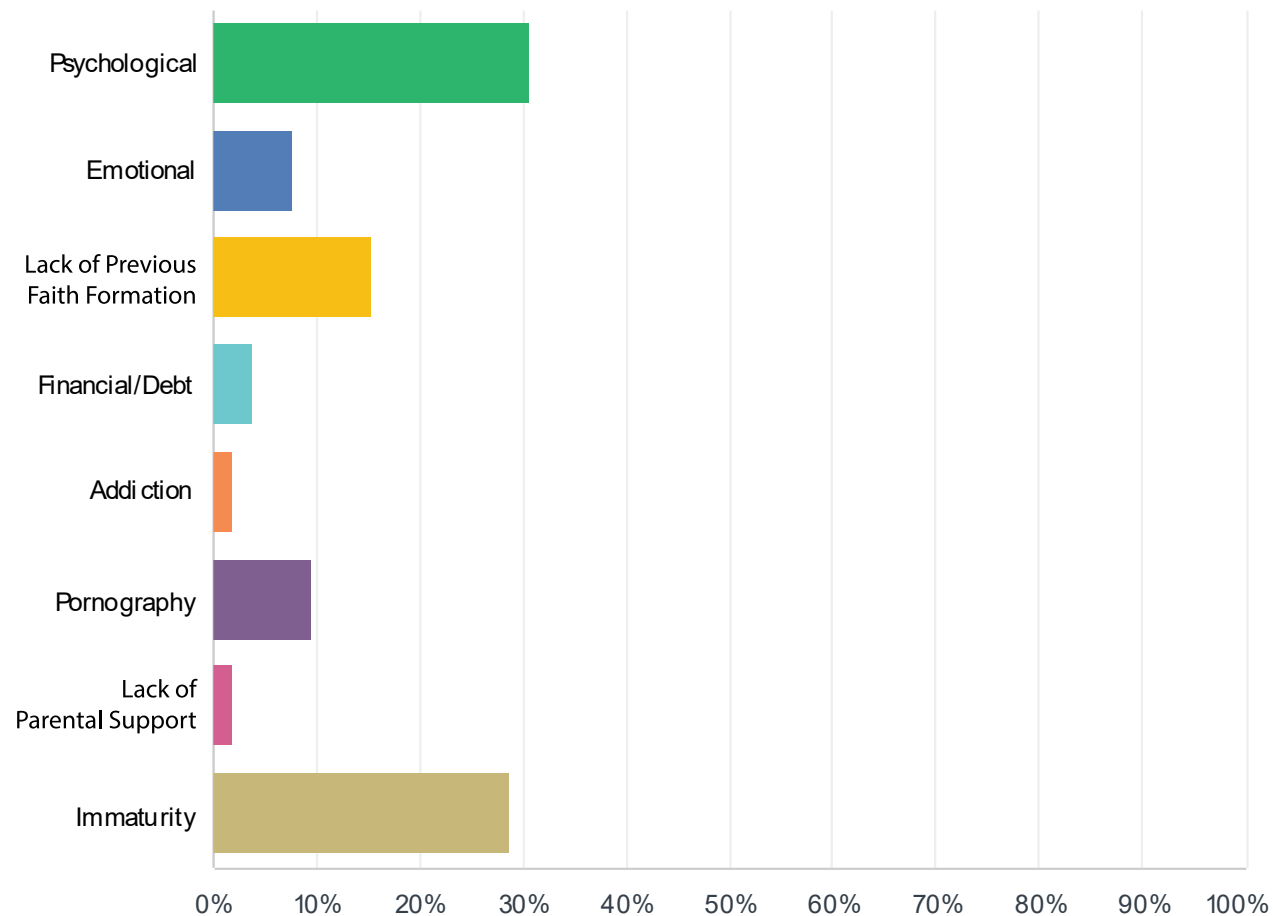
What we asked:

What activities are men discerning priesthood involved in?



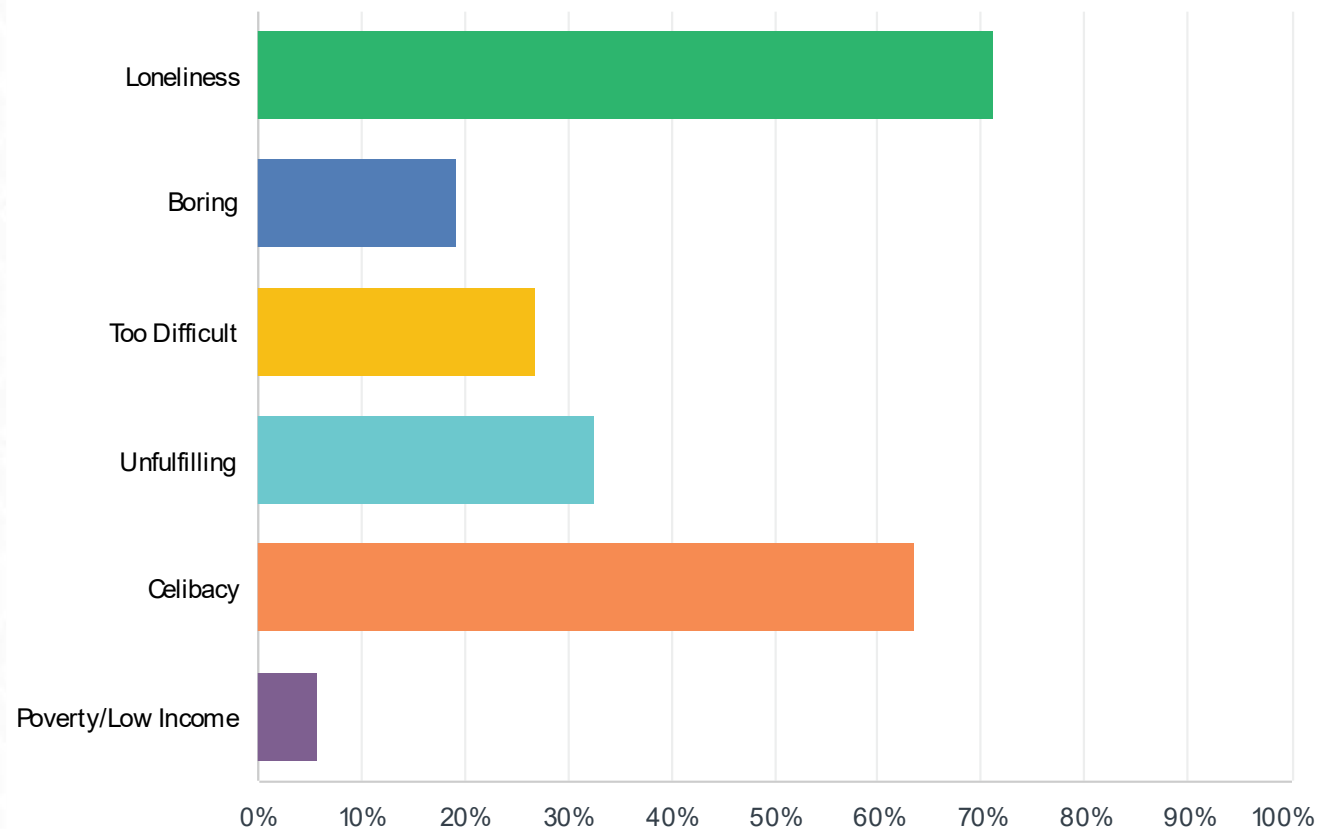
What we asked:

What are the primary impediments to discernment and entering seminary?



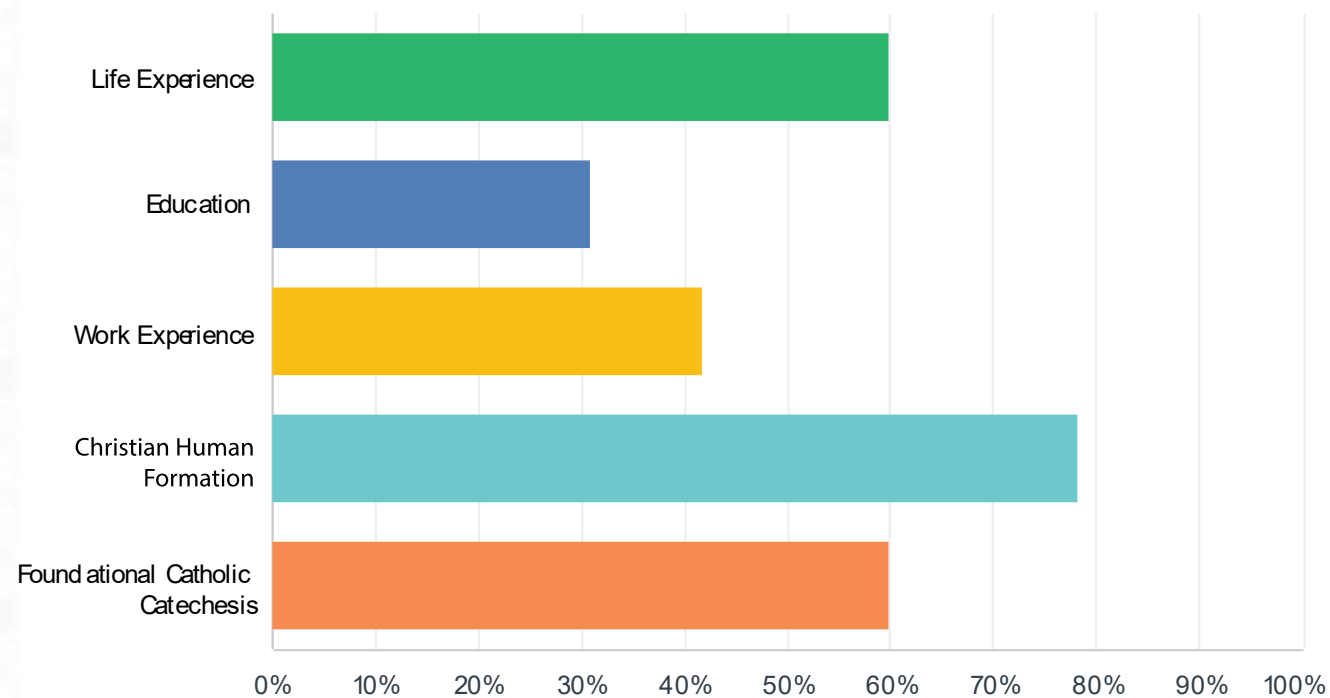
What we asked:

What are the biggest misconceptions / concerns men have of the priestly life?



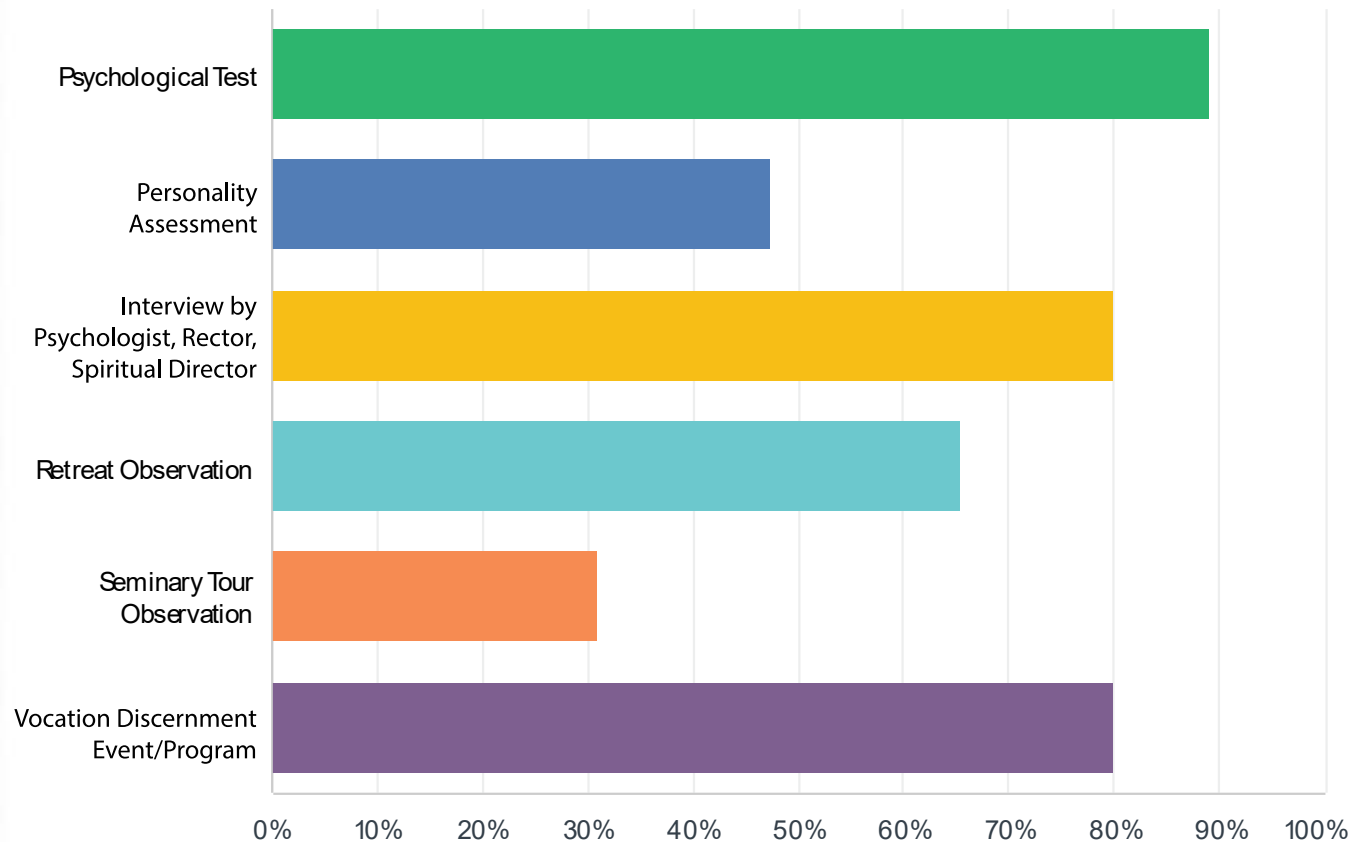
What we asked:

What criteria do you wish discerning men who apply to the seminary had before applying?



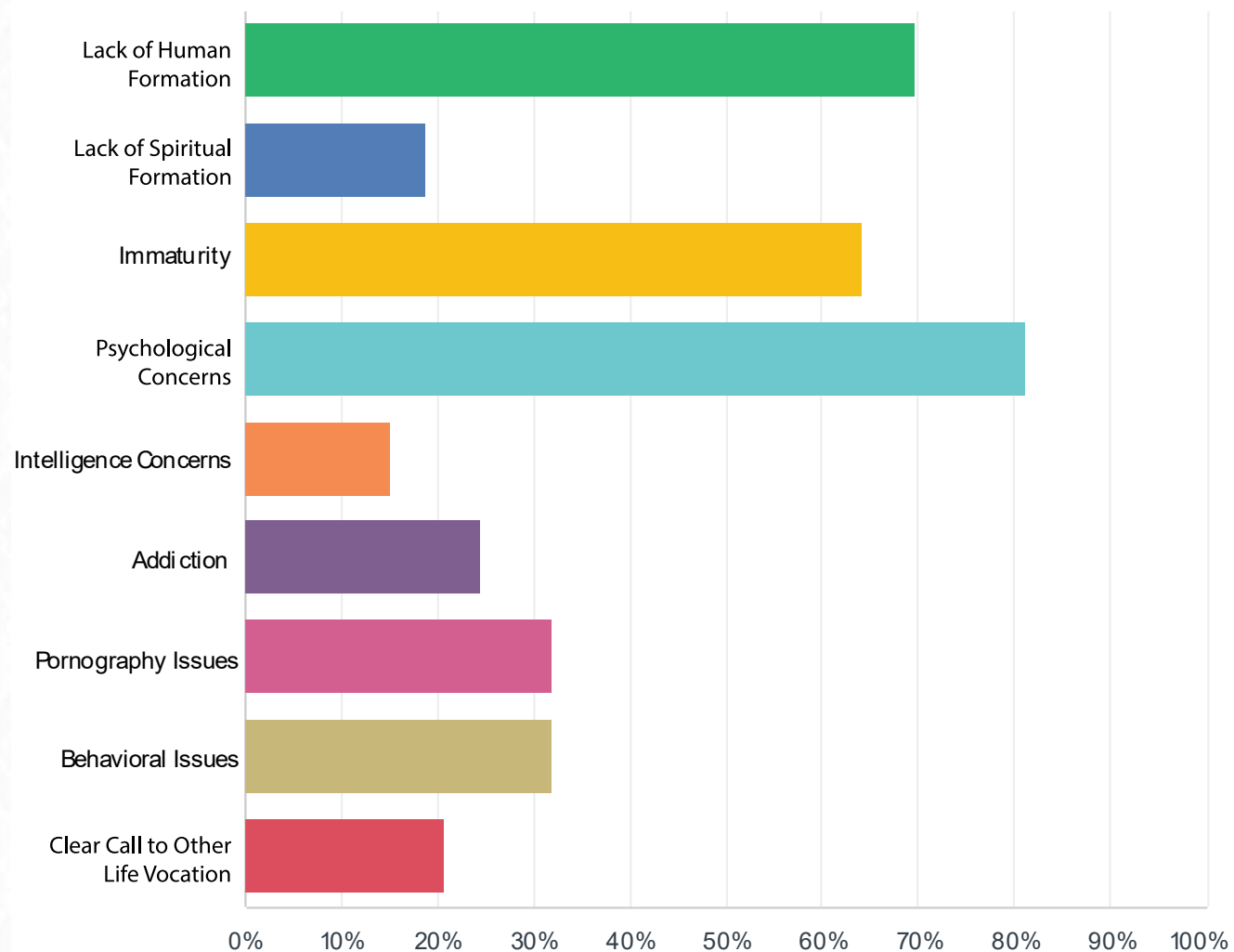
What we asked:

How do you evaluate if someone is a good candidate? What steps and tools do you use to help them in their discernment?



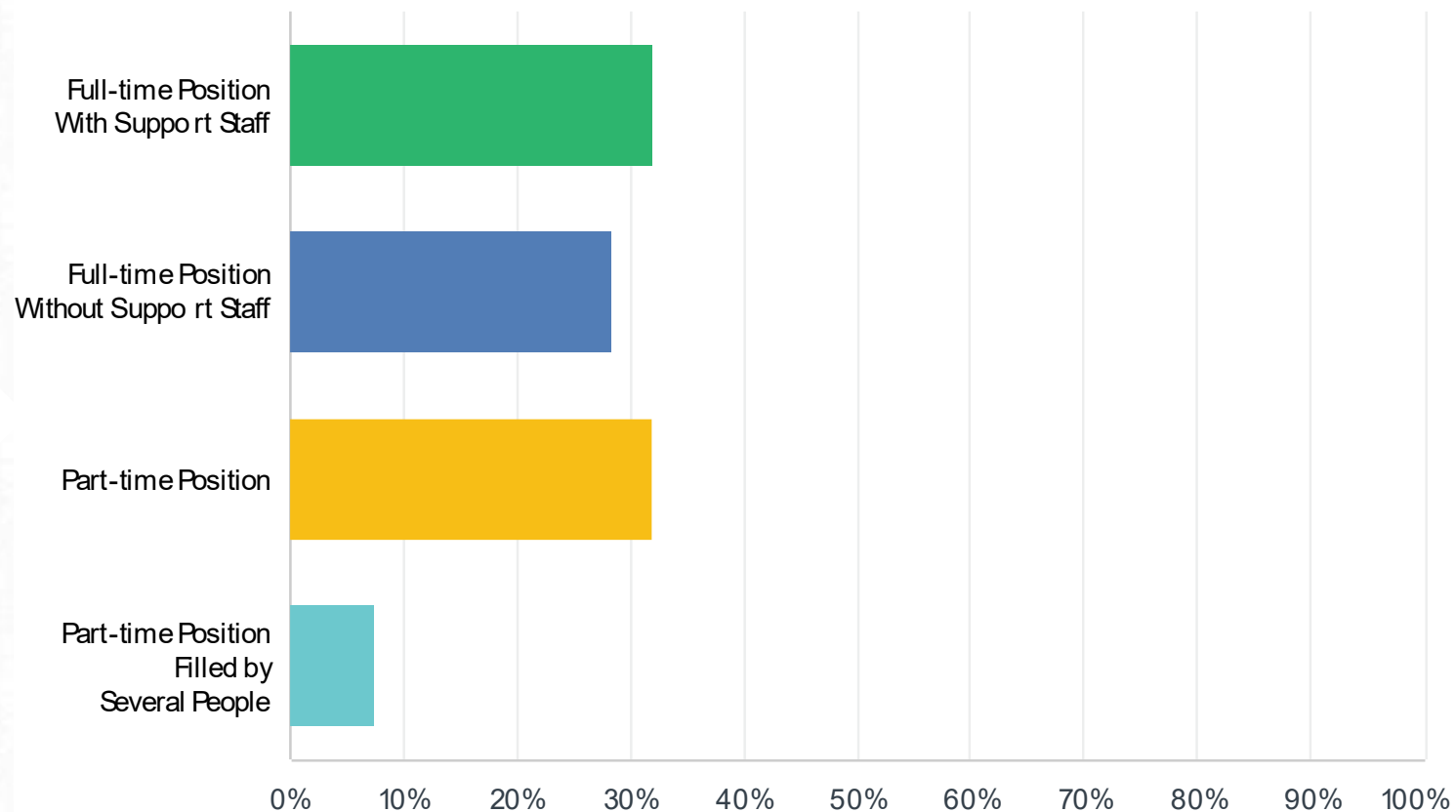
What we asked:

What are the most common reasons applicants are rejected? Who is not a good candidate?



What we asked:

As a vocation director, how would you describe your position?



What we asked:

What are the most important challenges or concerns you are personally facing in your role as Vocations Director?

