

TRAINING FUND

What's the purpose of the fund?

To demonstrate the value we place on theological training; to recognise the financial difficulties that students face, and to streamline the process of applying for funding.

Who can apply?

Pastors, church planters, missionaries, evangelists, youth workers, Biblical counsellors, children's workers... If you want to get some theological study under your belt, we can help. For pastors and missionaries, we may be able to give you up to £1000pa; for other categories, it's up to 25% of the cost.

What kind of training will qualify?

Our acceptance criteria are very broad. It can be a full-time course, a part-time correspondence course, or even a one-off day-course. It can be based at home or at a training institution; on your own or with others from your church. We require the course to be run by an evangelical organisation, and be compatible with reformed theology.

What other criteria are there?

You need to be a member of a church which is part of the Association of Grace Baptist Churches (East Anglia). You will need the commendation of a pastor or elder in your church. If your church currently has no pastors or elders, you will need a letter of commendation from another Association pastor or elder, and a letter of support from the deacons in your church.

We want this fund to be used by individuals and churches who would otherwise struggle to afford training programmes. With that in mind, we ask a few questions about your personal financial circumstances, and those of your church. This information will, of course, be kept secure and confidential.

How do I apply?

Fill in the rest of this form and send it off to the Association Administrator (check the website or handbook for contact details). Your application will then be considered by the Executive Committee at their next meeting. These occur several times throughout the year and we will let you know as soon as we can whether you have been successful in your application.

What do you want from me in return?

Each year, we produce a short report explaining how the Training Fund has been used. In return for the grant, we would like you to write a couple of paragraphs about how you have benefitted from the course, and how you have used what you have learned.



Application Form

About you...

We will contact you using these details and if necessary, arrange an interview.

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Phone number:

Name of church:

If you are applying on behalf of a group, how many people are in the group?

About the training you would like to receive...

Name of institution or organisation:

Website address:

Name of the course:

Cost of the course:

Why do you want to do this training?



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How will this training help you to serve the Lord?

About finance...

We sometimes need to weigh up applications from different people to determine who has the greatest need of help. We therefore have to ask about your personal financial position. If you are applying as part of a group, you can skip the next two questions..

Tell us about your family and dependents...

What is your net household income (after tax and giving, and including any benefits)?

£_____

How much is your Church contributing to the cost of this course?

(You may need to ask your church treasurer for this figure.)

£_____



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Other information...

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

Signature...

I confirm that everything in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:

Date:

References...

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I confirm that the person(s) applying for funding is a members of our church. I support their application because...

Signed:

Position:

Date:

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Successful? yes/no. If not, why? _____