



MINISTRY TRAINING SCHEME BURSARY APPLICATION

Introduction

The Sussex Gospel Partnership (SGP) is...

'A partnership of Bible-centred churches in Sussex working together to train leaders, strengthen and plant churches, and advance the gospel.'

One of the many ways in which churches can be strengthened is through encouraging good existing Ministry Training Schemes and facilitating more of them.

Often a lack of funding prevents many churches having a trainee. The aim of the Bursary Fund is to provide a small but significant amount of financial assistance to churches that seek to train potential ministers in a local evangelical church.

Scheme Definitions and Rules

- a) The applicant, whether a church or individual, should be a member of the SGP.
- b) Grants may be given to supplement Ministry Training Schemes (MTS) within SGP member churches, or where the Minister is an individual member of the SGP.
- c) Grants may be given to the church or the individual trainee.
- d) Grants may be made either to facilitate establishing new training schemes, or to sustain existing schemes of good quality, which may otherwise have to cease for lack of funding.
- e) Grant requests up to £2,000 per year will be considered per scheme. There is a total of £4,000 per year available for the task group to distribute.
- f) Grants must fulfil the charitable purposes of the SGP.
- g) Trainees must attend the weekly SGP Ministry Training Course or similar.
- h) The training supervisor of the MTS should attend any appropriate SGP training for MTS Supervisors.
- i) The SGP Training Group will be the deciding body regarding the offering of bursaries.
- j) The MTS must be seen to focus upon training. It is understood that this will include opportunities for Christian service, evidence of learning gained and the development of Bible teaching gifts within their church.
- k) There is only a limited amount of money in the bursary fund. Preference will be given to churches with regular income less than £75,000 where it is likely that the scheme would not go ahead without this funding. Preference will be given to churches with only one paid minister. Preference will also be given to churches establishing a MTS for the first time.

- l) The SGP Training Group may be called upon by the SGP Steering Group to justify its decisions regarding the allocation of all bursaries. However, the Training Group reserves the right not to provide detailed explanation to applicants.

Application Process

In the first instance, applicants should apply for an application form.

This can be obtained from Mark Francis: mark8sjf@gmail.com

Evidence should be provided to show how the trainee is to be line-managed, supervised and their progress assessed.

This application form should be submitted together with a set of the most recent church accounts explaining any factors that you feel might have an impact on the decision, and also a basic outline of the role. The deadline is the end of May.

When an application is made by a member of the SGP Training Group for a MTS relating to their own church or ministry, or they may be seen to have a conflict of interest for any other reason, this member shall not play a part in the discussion related to their application which may influence its success, or otherwise.