

## **EFC Ministry Training Bursary**

To promote discipleship, ministry training, and biblical education, EFC offers a *Ministry Training Bursary* to EFC members attending a *Ministry Training/Bible School*. The *Ministry Training Bursary* will be \$250 for each term or semester (3-5 months) of full-time studies at a qualified school (list of qualified schools is clarified below). The following criteria, reporting and rationale apply to the *Ministry Training Bursary*.

### **Bursary Rationale:**

- EFC believes that our vision to – Worship God, Love Neighbors, Make Disciples, Grow Young - is significantly furthered when EFC members pursue training at ministry, discipleship, or Bible training schools.
- EFC believes that our members will more readily pursue such ministry training if they are supported financially by this church.
- EFC believes that this church will directly benefit from students receiving ministry training as they return from their education with a renewed passion for sharing the gospel, a further understanding of the Bible, and a desire to use their gifts to serve.
- With this bursary, EFC believes students will learn and/or gain:
  - A deep devotion to God
  - Bible study skills
  - Habits and practices to further personal and communal discipleship
  - Enthusiasm for serving the church and the world
  - Ministry training and experience

### **Who Qualifies for the Bursary?**

- Generally, only EFC members qualify for the bursary, though exceptions may apply.
- Applicants must complete and submit the attached application form prior to the term/semester for which they are applying. Applications are submitted to the EFC Elder Board.
- The EFC Board of Elders oversee the reviewing of applications and approve payment of funds. Decisions of the EFC Board of Elders are final.

### **Which Ministry Training Schools Qualify?**

- Approved schools include Bible College, Capernwray, YWAM, and other Discipleship Training Schools.

- The EFC Board of Elders will be responsible to determine which schools qualify for the Ministry Training Bursary and will consider the theology and the program(s) of study; it is not the role of the church to advance faulty theology.
- As secular training does not biblically educate and train students for ministry, the Ministry Training Bursary will not be provided to students taking secular training.

### **Reporting & Accountability:**

- It is encouraged that each Ministry Training Bursary recipient briefly report to the EFC Board of Elders and/or the congregation on personal and spiritual growth, experiences had, and/or lessons learned.

### **EFC Board of Elder Responsibilities**

- **Logistics:**
  - The Ministry Training Bursary is administered by the Board of Elders at EFC.
  - Budget – The Board of Elders have budgeted \$500 (each calendar year) for the Ministry Training Bursary. It is understood that this is an estimate. The amount spent will depend on the number of qualified applicants each year.
  - Budget - The Board of Elders understand that because the budgeted amount is an estimate, more funds may be requested than budgeted for. If this is the case, the Board of Elders will continue reviewing applications and issuing funds, because EFC believes in the results of Ministry Training.
  - Applicants will be paid their Ministry Training Bursary at the beginning of each term/semester of schooling.
  - The Ministry Training Bursary will be reviewed and updated each calendar year.
- **CCCC & Legality:**
  - The Ministry Training Bursary is an acceptable way for EFC to encourage Christian education. Payments come from the EFC church budget. The amounts are nominal (e.g. \$500 or less per term). Any qualified applicant enrolled in a qualified program of studies will receive funds.

**EFC Ministry Training Bursary Application Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Involvement at EFC:**

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**Name of Institution that you are Attending:**

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**Institution's Address (Physical & Mailing Address):**

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**Institution's Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Term Start and End Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you hope to serve the church (locally and/or globally) with the education you receive?**

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**Name 2 References (preferably from EFC) who are supporting your educational decision:**

**Reference #1**

**Reference Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference #2**

**Reference Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

