

Signs of God Bursary Guidance

Please note: this information is available in BSL via this link <https://youtu.be/3Q1YjjC13iY>

Aim: To provide grants to individuals towards the cost of Signs of God residential training, where financial hardship would prevent them from otherwise attending.

Timescale: Application deadlines will be published along with the relevant event advertisements.

Funding: Grants may be awarded up to and including the full training fee.

Application criteria: Applicants must be able to demonstrate a need for financial support to attend the training, and must also show how the training will be of benefit in line with Signs of God's Objects: to advance the use of BSL in Christian settings, and to promote and enable full participation in the Christian faith of people who use British Sign Language.

The following criteria also apply:

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age
- Applicants must currently reside in the UK
- Applicants must have the pre-requisite qualifications for attending the course (where applicable)
- No religious affiliation/belief is necessary, but due regard must be given to the Objects of Signs of God as noted above.

Applications

- Applications may be made using the relevant application form, available on our website or by emailing admin@signsofgod.org.uk.
- For those whose first/preferred language is BSL, Part 2 of the application form may be submitted in sign language.
- The decision-making Panel will consist of a minimum of 3 Signs of God Trustees.
- Applicant names and addresses will be redacted by a nominated individual prior to the Panel's deliberations, to maintain confidentiality, and to avoid unconscious bias. Applications received in BSL will be translated into English before being passed to the Panel.
- All personal and financial information received as part of the application process will remain confidential, and be kept for a maximum of two years, after which point it will be destroyed.
- The answers to the questions supplied by the applicant will be the only data used to enable the Panel to make an accurate assessment of each individual application.
- The decision of the selection panel will be final. No further correspondence will be entered into about the panel's decision.
- Successful applicants are welcome to apply in subsequent years; however, the Panel will look at the development and use of skills since the previous funded training took place.

Receipt of Bursary: Any amount of bursary awarded is not transferable and funding is contingent on the applicant accepting the offer, and booking for the event.

Deadline: Applications must be received by midnight on the submission date, or two days later for postal applications.

Signs of God Bursary Application

Please fill in the following pages, and return to
admin@signsofgod.org.uk or post to the above address
clearly marked for Signs of God Bursary

For Summer School 2020 applications

Completed applications need to be received no later than
First deadline: **24th November 2019**

There will be an opportunity to submit applications after this
time, second deadline date to be confirmed.

Signs of God Bursary Application

Part 1: Personal Information

Name				
Address				
Town/City				
Postcode				
Date of birth	Day	Month	Year	
Email address				
Contact number				
Are you deaf or hearing?	Deaf		Hearing	
Preferred communication method	BSL	Oral / auditory	SSE	Other, please state

Signs of God Training Course you wish to undertake

Summer School 2020	17 th -23 rd August 2020
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Are you seeking full or partial funding? Full Partial (Please specify amount)

Have you been in receipt of Bursary funding for a previous Signs of God training event? Yes/No

Please detail any other funding already received, or applied for in regard to Summer School 2020.

Please detail any Sign Language, or Deaf related qualifications you have gained (Degree level, college, NVQ etc.)

Part 2:

In order to demonstrate a commitment to attending the training and developing your skills, please make sure you include as much information as possible for the following questions. Once the basic criteria have been met, the Panel base their decisions on the information provided. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. *This section can be submitted in BSL if preferred.*

What are your reasons for wishing to attend this training event? Please include any plans you have for future development

Please state how you believe your attendance at the event will benefit you and others, in relation to the Signs of God Objects: to advance the use of BSL in Christian Settings, and to promote and enable full participation in the Christian faith of people who use British Sign Language.

Why have you applied for funding towards the cost of this training event?

Please include financial information that you think is relevant to your application.

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I confirm the above information is true and accurate at the time of application:

Signed	
Date	

Please return completed applications to: admin@signsofgod.org.uk or by post to:
Signs of God Bursary, 275 Downham Way, Bromley, Kent, BR1 5EN