

Sponsoring Church Application for Partnership with BASIC

campus(es) _____

section 1

Church information

Church name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address (if different)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Fax _____

Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Name of current lead pastor _____

Year church was founded _____ Founding pastor _____

If applicable, list the preceding two pastors, phone numbers, and dates of pastorate:

Current church staff (indicate number):

Lead pastor _____ Associate pastor _____

Youth leader/pastor _____ Young adult leader/pastor _____

Worship leader/pastor _____ Other staff _____

How many miles is the church from the campus(es) you want to sponsor? _____

section 2

References

Please list two individuals outside of your church who are familiar with your ministry.

1. Name _____ Title _____

Relationship _____

Phone _____

2. Name _____ Title _____

Relationship _____

Phone _____

section 3

Purpose & vision

Please attach your church's statement of faith to this application.

What is the vision of your church?

What is your church's vision for college ministry?

What movement or denomination are you primarily related to in the greater body of Christ?

section 3

Church advisor information

A church advisor is someone selected by a local church to minister and give direction to a BASIC group. The advisor is the lifeblood of a BASIC group since he or she provides leadership, stability, and care for the group.

Some churches put together an advisor team, where a number of individuals fulfill the advisors' responsibilities. Other churches choose a single individual or couple to oversee the group.

There is no mold for what an advisor should look like. Successful advisors have been male, female, single, married, young adults, and empty-nesters. The important qualities are a burden and vision for reaching college students for Christ, and a willingness to put in the energy and time required.

Advisor's role

The church advisor is primarily responsible for the spiritual leadership of the group. This includes:

- Discipling student leaders so that they will grow into reproducing spiritual leaders.
- Overseeing the teaching of the Word.
- Relational, one-on-one ministry with students.

The advisor acts as liaison between the students and the church. This entails:

- Communicating the vision and teaching of the local church to the students.
- Communicating the needs of the students to the church.

Other info

Church advisors will have more responsibilities at the beginning of a year than at the end. Eventually, many of the organizational needs and functions can be student-run.

It is best for church advisors to commit for 2 to 3 years (this is not a necessity, but rather an ideal). Having consistency in leadership will help maintain momentum. Students will come and go, but the advisor and church provide stability for the ministry.

The advisor will have a prominent role in shaping the meetings and activities of the BASIC group.

Is there a competent and mature leader in your church who is ready to be the advisor and spiritual overseer of the BASIC group on your campuses? Yes No

If yes, please complete the following information:

Name(s) _____ Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Is this person faithful to your local church, a committed follower of Jesus Christ, and able to minister on the college campus(es) on a regular basis? Yes No

section 4

The church's commitment to BASIC Central

There are a few expectations BASIC Central has for sponsoring churches. Please answer the following questions.

Is the church willing to invest in the church advisor(s) and future advisors by helping to provide the freedom and resources necessary to be successful? Yes No

BASIC exists to help churches reach and disciple college students. We do not *require* any yearly financial commitment from sponsoring churches. However, BASIC exists through the generosity of churches and individuals who believe in BASIC's mission. Will the church *consider* supporting BASIC financially on some sort of regular basis? Yes No

A BASIC conference is held every semester as one of the primary ways to minister to students and encourage all the BASIC groups. We expect all groups to make this conference a priority and attempt to bring as many students as possible. Will the church make these conferences a priority and communicate to BASIC Central any instance where the church is not attempting to bring students to the conference? Yes No

At some point, all BASIC groups go through leadership changes. The advisor(s) of your group might reach a different stage of life and choose to cease being the advisor(s). We consider the BASIC group to belong to your church and not the advisor(s). If the church advisor(s) step down, will you actively search for new advisor(s)? Yes No

BASIC Central’s goal is to expand the Kingdom of God on college campuses. If your college group is small/struggling, we will do everything we can to help you. However, if a group becomes inactive (no weekly meetings or advisors) for a period of one year or longer, it becomes exponentially more difficult to restart the group. Because of this, we ask that you proactively communicate with us about your intentions for your college group for the future. For example, your church may want to transition the leadership of the group to another church, and we can facilitate this transition. If there is not active communication to BASIC Central about trying to restart the group, we may consider allowing another church to use the BASIC name instead, although we will continue to assist your church to reach college students. Do you agree to this policy? Yes No

comments and signature

Is there anything else you feel BASIC College Ministries should be aware of in considering your application?

Pastor’s signature _____ **Date** _____

final checklist before sending

- Is the application fully completed?
- Did you attach a copy of the church’s “statement of faith”?