



# LWPT

## Guidance Notes on Making an Application for a Vocational Development Grant

The Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust offers a number of grants each year for those who are seeking to explore or further their preaching vocation. This might be through completing :-

- a) a programme designed to help clarify and develop a preaching-related calling, perhaps for school leavers or graduates
- b) studies which demonstrably build preaching skills
- c) a conference or short course on the subject of preaching or related subjects

### Who is eligible?

Applicants should be committed Christians and active members of a church.

Information regarding financial circumstances will be requested in order to help us determine the need for support.

Grant recipients are welcome to apply for additional grants providing they continue to meet the relevant criteria.

### Support for the application from a referee

To be considered, the person making the application requires the support of a member of their church staff, who will be asked to supply a reference confirming the applicant's interest and potential ability in preaching, their Christian faith and their character.

## Purposes for which the grants may be used

Grants may be used toward the cost of course or conference fees or materials. Grants may not be used for board or subsistence.

The organisation or training provider to which the grant will be paid must be recognised by LWPT as providing relevant and valuable experience or training. There is no definitive list of such organisations, but rather each case will be considered on its merits. Further information on training providers is available via LWPT.

## Grant Value

The value of the grant awarded will vary depending on need. However, a grant will typically be in the region of £500.

Applicants will normally only be awarded one grant within a twelve month period.

## The application process

Applications must be submitted by either June 30<sup>th</sup> for a September grant, or October 30<sup>th</sup> for a January grant.

Applications will be considered during the first week of July and the first week of November. References will be obtained for successful candidates, and the outcome will be communicated via email by the end of July or the end of November.