

## STP MPD Coach

### PURPOSE

To train students in a biblical perspective for support raising, and assist them in reaching full support.

### WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE IF DONE WELL

This role can vary considerably year by year. At a minimum this role will involve a few things:

1. There should be thought given on how to help develop a biblical perspective for support raising for the STP participants. This could be over zoom, an ongoing discussion of a Bible study or particular passages, a workshop, local training, etc.
2. Students respond well to deadlines. Be clear and consistent in deadlines, both to students and campus staff. Helpful deadlines include sending out no less than 60 letters before April 1st (most students underestimate how long this will take), and scheduling a follow up call with 10-20 of those individuals before May 1st. It is strongly recommended a participant is fully funded by the beginning of the program. Deduction for the program will be taken out around halfway through the program. Any balance still needing to be paid must be paid via check one week before the end of the program.
3. The MPD coordinator does not and should not be the accountability partner for each participant in the program. A best practice has been helping organize them into small groups to help them be accountable to each other, and assigning a staff point person to check up on them every so often for encouragement and questions.
4. Keep track of where the program participants are with funding, being careful to distinguish from what a student says (often pledges) and how much is in their account. It is helpful to have an excel document listing each participant's total, that is updated once a few days before the program begins, and again halfway through the program. Share this with the director.

It is helpful to remember that we are doing more than simply helping students get to 100% funding. By giving them a biblical basis for support raising, you are helping them release the idol of control and comfort in order to trust God for themselves and their friends throughout their lives!

### HELPFUL RESOURCES

[STP Funding Process - Students](#)  
[PACS Summer 2020 Fundraising Packet](#)  
[Biblically Funding the Works of God \[Full\]](#)