



Title: Faith & Finances Ally

Reports To: Volunteer Coordinator

Basic Function: To relationally empower participants to succeed by attending class with one or more participants, and by being the primary relational encouragement and accountability to the participants in the Faith & Finances class.

What is Faith & Finances? What is an Ally? Faith & Finances is a 12-week course that meets from 5-7 on Thursday evenings. In F&F, participants are empowered to track income and expenses, develop a budget, prepare for emergencies, avoid debt, and more. Technical content on finances is integrated with the life-changing message for rich and poor alike: *that Jesus is making all things new and that He wants to use our finances as a part of His kingdom work.* Volunteers also participate in the class as Allies to support the neighborhood participants. The course is a pre-requisite for the IDA program. Allies relationally empower participants to succeed by attending class with one or more participants, and by being the primary relational encouragement and accountability to the participants during the class and after graduation through phone calls, meetings, and prayer.

Responsibilities:

- **The time commitment of an Ally is two hours per week for 12 weeks.** There are 12 class sessions across the span of a 12-week period. These sessions are held on Thursdays at 5:00pm and last about two hours. In participating and attending class with these graduates, we hope that both parties will be challenged to look at finances and what the Biblical expectations are for our finances. Our hope is that you would commit to praying for and with the graduates and follow the Spirit's lead in deciding how to encourage and support them.
- **Our expectation is that you would make phone contact with the graduates once every week to stay in touch, encourage, and hold them accountable.** After class, we would like to see you engage students by maintaining contact after they graduate.

Required Skills and Attributes:

- A Christian who believes God's word is truth and lives it out in every area of his/her life.
- A personal commitment to God's kingdom work specifically for the economically, educationally, and spiritually poor.
- A commitment to racial and socio-economic reconciliation at a personal level, and a willingness to foster a relationship that goes beyond stereotypes and challenges your own perspectives.
- NO special financial knowledge is necessary beyond experience managing one's own finances and a commitment to join in the conversation personally as we together seek to pursue Jesus' kingdom with our money.
- A recognition of the poor as individuals made in the image of God.
- A willingness to fully participate in the classroom activities alongside of the participant.
- The attainment of a High School or GED diploma.
- A commitment to a local church body.
- A willingness to let relationships with participants change and impact your life.

How to Get Started:

- Contact Advance Memphis Staff at 901.543.8525, specifically Bryce Stout at bstout@advancememphis.org who will provide you with the next steps in becoming an Ally.