

## Matching Advisor Training • Oct. 24~25 • UTS, New York

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Interested in becoming a Matching Advisor? A training and certification for prospective Matching Advisors will be held October 24~25 at UTS in Barrytown, New York. By attending this program, you will be trained to support matching candidates and families through a smooth and healthy matching process, and help prepare them to receive the Marriage Blessing. Becoming a Matching Advisor has been a very rewarding experience for over 100 trained Matching Advisors throughout the U.S. and the world! Join our MA community by registering at the bottom!

The MA Training will be held Friday from 8:45AM, with additional sessions integrated with the Parents Matching Convocation (PMC) Friday evening and Saturday until 6:00 PM. The training will be conducted by National BFM staff and other Senior Matching Advisors. The training is free for qualified participants. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are included on Friday. Accommodations and food Friday night – Sunday afternoon are the responsibility of each participant. MA Training participants are encouraged to remain for the entire duration of the PMC, which ends at 2:00 PM on Sunday.

*To participate in this training, you must pre-register using the form below.*

**Those who pre-register for the Matching Advisor Training by Oct. 20th (Monday) can participate in the MA for free. All those who register after Oct. 19th must pay \$25.** To complete the application, you submit some basic information and a questionnaire, as well as upload a recommendation letter from your local or district pastor. If you plan to participate in the entire Parents Matching Convocation from Friday, Oct. 3rd evening – Sunday, October 5th afternoon, *please indicate this on your form* (additional registration on [blessedfamilies.org](http://blessedfamilies.org) is NOT necessary). Matching Advisor Training participants can attend the PMC for a total of \$50/per individual to be paid at the door (a savings of \$70 off the regular early bird price).

The ideal MA should feel called to this ministry, be trustworthy, a good listener, a patient communicator, and happily Blessed in marriage. He or she should also have a few hours per week of availability to devote to this ministry on an on-going basis. Advisors will be trained to help candidates and parents develop a clear plan for the matching process, assist them in finding potential candidates, and support them through the process as needed. The BFM will provide the handbooks, interview forms and support materials, and will train and certify matching advisors, according to the international guidelines. For more information read the [Matching Advisor Job Description](#).

Church leaders and pastors are not automatically qualified as MAs based upon their position alone. Each advisor should be trained, become familiar with the guidelines and process, and be certified by the National Blessing and Family Ministry. They will work in cooperation with a network of advisors, utilizing Parents Matching Convocations, the international matching website for Blessed children, Matchbook, and the Online Matching System (OMS) for First Generation, in support of candidates and families.