

Scholarship Information and Procedures

The purpose of Dharma Rain Zen Center is to offer instruction in Zen practice and Buddhist teachings, and to form a community that supports practice in everyday life. Dharma Rain Zen Center offers many regularly scheduled events free of charge to make participation at the center accessible. Morning and evening zazen and services, Wednesday classes, certain workshops, and sanzen are all examples of events that have no associated fees.

Dharma Rain does charge for sesshin, seminary classes, certain workshops, and other events. Fees are kept as low as possible to encourage participation, and these fees constitute a major source of operating income for the center. Membership fees alone do not cover all expenses.

Scholarships Eligibility and Availability

This program helps members of Dharma Rain Zen Center with the costs of programs that have associated fees. Any amount less than the posted fee is considered a scholarship. Please apply only if you have a financial need that would otherwise prevent you from attending a program.

Participants are expected to contribute as they are able. Final scholarship distribution is at the discretion of the shuso and retreat leader.

Scholarships may include overnight accommodations during sesshins (formal meditation retreats). Scholarships do not cover accommodations for personal retreats or other overnight stays at the temple.

Application Process

The Shuso and sesshin leaders review all scholarship applications. The Shuso aims to notify applicants within one week of submission. Decisions are based on financial need, program capacity, and available scholarship funds.

Submit applications at least two weeks before the program start date. This timeline ensures space remains available and allows for proper review. If this timeline is a hardship, please discuss your situation with the Shuso.

If you have questions about scholarship availability for a particular program, please email staff@dharma-rain.org. Once scholarship funds have been expended for the fiscal year, no additional funds will be available.

How to Apply

Please email the completed Scholarship Application PDF to shuso@dharma-rain.org with a subject line of "Scholarship Application". Emailing is preferred, but hard copies can be mailed to 8500 NE Siskiyou St., Portland OR 97220-5287.

Dharma Rain Zen Center Scholarship Application

Dharma Rain Zen Center's scholarship program was established to help those members unable to meet the costs of taking part in events at DRZC. We welcome all scholarship applications. Please read the section Dharma Rain Zen Center Scholarship Information and Procedures prior to completing this application. Call (503) 239-4846 or email staff@dharma-rain.org if you have further questions.

Please complete the following in its entirety

Personal information

Name _____

Date: _____

Email _____

Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

Occupation: _____

Practice at DRZC

Have you taken part in zazen instruction at DRZC? (Yes/No): _____

How long have you been sitting at DRZC? _____

Are you a member of DRZC? _____

If so, how long have you been a member of DRZC? _____

Name of your teacher, if you have one: _____

Scholarship request

Program You Are Applying For: _____

Program Start Date: _____

Please contribute as much as you are able so we may offer scholarships to as many members as possible.

Published fee of program: \$ _____

Amount you are requesting: \$ _____

Amount you can pay: \$ _____

Have you received a DRZC scholarship in the last 12 months? Yes / No

Reason you are applying for a scholarship to this program:

Please complete this form and email it to staff@dharma-rain.org or mail to Dharma Rain Zen Center, Attn: Staff, 8500 NE Siskiyou St., Portland, OR 97220-5287. Applications must be received no later than two weeks prior to the start of the scheduled event. You should hear back no later than one week prior to the event.

Additional Comments:

Dharma Rain Zen Center's intention in offering members scholarships for many programs is to actualize our mission: To offer instruction in Zen practice and Buddhist teachings and to form a community that supports practice in everyday life.

Applicant Signature: _____

To sign electronically, type your name above and check this box.

For office use only:

Date Rec'd _____ Date Given to Shuso _____ Amount Granted _____ Date
Applicant Notified _____