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Georgia Buddhist Scholarship - by AtlantaBuddhism.org ***In Partnership with Georgia Buddhist Summer Camp***

Introducing the new Georgia Buddhist Scholarship! We want to encourage our teenagers and young adults to continue their education and continue to uphold Buddha's teachings. We know college applications can be expensive, and want to help! Students are encouraged to apply for one or both of the categories, listed below:

Community Leaders Award (Senior Scholarship): For graduating high school seniors, this honor recognizes those with contributions to the Buddhist community and/or who will be inspired by Buddhist principles in the future.

Buddhist Education Award (Discovery Scholarship) and Youth Explorers Award (Summer Camp Scholarship): For any students aged 13 – 22, this award will help pay for tuition and/or travel expenses to approved Buddhist retreats and continuing education programs at Buddhist institutes. (Note: All students can receive the honor as an accomplishment, but financial awards are preferentially given to families with larger need.)

As this is our first year, award amounts are yet to be determined, but will likely range around \$100 - \$1000

Applications are due by November 15, 2017. We are excited to hear from you!



Georgia Buddhist Scholarship by AtlantaBuddhism.org
2017-2018 Academic Year Application

Part 1: Personal Information

Name:

Year of Birth:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

School:

School Address:

School Guidance Counselor or Scholarship Administrator Name and Email or Phone:

Grade/Year in School:

Cumulative GPA:

Please attach a copy of your transcript from your school.

(For information purposes only; e.g., USA) **Country of Citizenship:**

(For information purposes only; e.g., Vietnamese) **Ethnicity:**

(For information purposes only) **How did you hear about us?**

Part 2: Community Participation History

Buddhist Temple, Meditation Group, or Buddhist Association you attend

Name of Center:

Address:

Phone Number:

Web site, if any:

Monk/Nun/Temple Leader name:

Email, if any:

What do you do at this center, and how often do you go? Were there any special events you helped at or leadership roles? *(Example: I go with my parents every Sunday to chant the Amitabha Sutra, and I help clean up after the lunch. Last year, I led the volunteers to clean up the yard, and on another occasion, hosted a fundraiser there for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.)*

(It is not required to attend a center. If you do not regularly go to any Buddhist center, please explain, in one page or less, what is your personal Buddhist practice. If you do not have one, please explain why you are applying for this scholarship.)

Have you ever formally taken the Three Refuges (Triple Gem) or Five Precepts? (This is not a requirement, we are just wondering.)

Part 3: Scholarship Specific Questions

Which Scholarship are you applying for? (please read detailed descriptions on website)
(Check one or both)

Community Leaders Award (Senior Scholarship) – for graduating students / those entering college in the next year only

Buddhist Education Award (Discovery Scholarship) and Summer Camp Scholarship – for tuition/expenses for Buddhist coursework or retreat, or Georgia Buddhist Summer Camp

For Senior Scholarship:

Please answer the following question, either in an essay, or in any format you wish, such as video, artwork, blog, website, social media, etc. (If not in essay format, please write a brief description and attach the file or link)

2017 Theme: How does Buddhism make you a better person?

(skip to Part 4 if not applying for the Discovery Scholarship)

For Discovery and Summer Camp Scholarships:

1. Please describe the Buddhist program you wish to attend, including date, tuition and estimated cost, if known. Currently, approved programs include the following below. If you are applying for a program not listed, please attach information, such as a web link and contact information, copy of a brochure, or other supporting documents. Support will only be given for programs that are run by non-profit Buddhist organizations, at the discretion of the Committee.
 - a. Georgia Buddhist Summer Camp, May 25 – 28, 2018
(www.georgiabuddhistcamp.com)
 - b. Overnight retreat program at Magnolia Grove Meditation Practice Center in Batesville, MS (www.magnoliagrovementonastery.org)
 - c. Overnight retreat program in California at City of Ten Thousand Buddhas or The Sudhanna Center, through Dharma Realm Buddhist University Extension (www.drbox.org)
 - d. Coursework or academic credit through Dharma Realm Buddhist University (www.drbu.org)
 - e. Coursework or academic credit through University of the West (www.uwest.edu)

2. Financial Need
 - a. What is your total family (including both parents) annual income?
 - b. What occupation does your mother and your father have?
 - c. Does the program present a significant financial challenge for your family? (Please be honest. Answering no does not disqualify you.)
 - d. Do you or your family receive free or reduced school lunch or other government assistance program?
 - e. Are you or your parents refugees?
 - f. Are there any extenuating (special) circumstances we should know about?

3. Why do you want to attend a Buddhist retreat? (please, keep it short, no more than 500 words)

Part 4: Conclusion

Names of applicants who are awarded a scholarship, and their essay or work, may be published.

I give permission to have my name published.

Check here:

I affirm that the information provided in my application is accurate, and I will notify the Scholarship Committee of any changes in my plans or information. Honesty is a key value that I uphold.

Signature: (if on MS Word or PDF, type your name followed by the date)

**Please email your completed application, including essays, to
Meditate@GeorgiaMeditation.org by November 15, 2017.**

DOC, DOCX, or PDF formats are preferred. If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt by email within a week, please contact us again.

If you need to physically mail your application or have questions, please contact us.

Note: Avoid scams. We will never ask for confidential information such as passwords, bank accounts, credit cards, or Social Security numbers, over email or phone.

THANK YOU for applying!