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## **Southern Dharma Scholarships:**

### **Georgia Buddhist Scholarship – Tennessee Buddhist Scholarship**

***Presented by AtlantaBuddhism.org and TNBuddhism.org***

***In Partnership with Georgia Buddhist Summer Camp***

Introducing the Southern Dharma Scholarships, including the Georgia Buddhist Scholarship and the Tennessee Buddhist Scholarship! We want to encourage our teenagers and young adults to continue their education and continue to uphold Buddha's teachings. 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 expenses for any formal Buddhist educational activity, such as for tuition and/or travel expenses to meditation retreats and continuing education programs at Buddhist institutes. Students can select from a list of approved Buddhist programs or submit one of their own choosing. (Note: All students can receive the honor as an accomplishment, but larger financial awards are preferentially given to families with larger need.)

Award amounts vary; most will be between \$100 - \$1000; students accepted to Dharma Realm Buddhist University or Sangha and Laity Training Program are eligible for up to \$20,000 (over four years).

Donations are welcome and tax-deductible, contact [info@georgiameditation.org](mailto:info@georgiameditation.org)

Applications are taken on a rolling basis. Please check the website for the next due date. We are excited to hear from you!



DHARMA REALM  
BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**GEORGIA BUDDHIST  
SUMMER CAMP**  
**MAY 25-28, 2018**  
Hard Labor Creek State Park  
**KIDS • TEENS • ADULTS**  
Lodging, Activities, and Meals Included

In partnership with  
MeditateAtlanta.org  
Atlanta Buddhist Community

[www.georgiabuddhistcamp.com](http://www.georgiabuddhistcamp.com)

The poster features a vibrant background with photos of children and adults participating in camp activities, including a group photo and children playing.

**Southern Dharma Scholarship by AtlantaBuddhism.org**  
**2017-2018 Application Form**

**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)

*2017-2018 Theme: How does Buddhism make you a better person?*

(skip this page – go 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](http://www.georgiabuddhistcamp.com))
  - b. Overnight retreat program at Magnolia Grove Meditation Practice Center in Batesville, MS ([www.magnoliagrovementonastery.org](http://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](http://www.drbox.org))
  - d. Coursework or academic credit through Dharma Realm Buddhist University  
([www.drbu.org](http://www.drbu.org))
  - e. Coursework or academic credit through University of the West  
([www.uwest.edu](http://www.uwest.edu))
  - f. Sangha and Laity Training Program at the Sagely City of Dharma Realm in California
  
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**

If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt by email within two weeks, 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!