



I. VIEW/MISSION

To support members in progressing along the path.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Scholarships:** Scholarships are cash grants awarded to members in need of financial support to attend land center programs and out-of-town training. Applications are kept confidential.
2. **Eligible Programs:** Core land-based programs and out-of-town training such as Warriors Assembly, Shambhala Guide Training, Dathun, Seminaries, Director Training, Teacher Training, Scorpion Seal Retreats, Sangha Retreat, and Abishekas.
3. **Scholarship Amounts:** Scholarship amounts are based on individual circumstances and the ability of the Center to fund scholarships. Except in unique circumstances, applicants should expect to contribute toward the cost of the program.
4. **Scholarship Committee:** Appointments to the Scholarship Committee include the Center Director, the Program, Practice, and Study Chair, the Community Chair, and the Dana Chair. Consideration by these individuals ensures that the Committee has the information needed for decision-making such as knowledge of each applicant and his/her qualifications as well as the availability of funds. The PPS Sector and the Center Director will take the lead in approving applicants while the Dana Committee Chair will determine monies to be awarded based on Center resources.
5. **Application Process:** Members requesting a scholarship must send in their completed confidential application in writing at least 60 days before the program. They are expected to apply to the program's land center for additional scholarships and discounts. The application requests the following information:
 - a. Name of program, location, dates, program tuition and fees, and an itemized list of expected expenses such as transportation
 - b. Reason for financial need including information such as gross annual income, number of dependents, and other related factors or obligations
 - c. Grants, discounts, and loans requested and/or secured from land centers, other scholarship sources within the Shambhala Mandala, and the Ashoka Credit Union
 - d. Amount the applicant can contribute him/herself
 - e. A general statement from the applicant about his/her current level of practice and study
 - f. A recommendation from the applicant's Meditation Instructor or a teacher addressing the applicant's readiness for the program where appropriate
 - g. A brief history of the applicant's service to the Center
 - h. Anything else the applicant wants to include for consideration by the Scholarship Committee
6. **Determination of Awards:** In reviewing applications the Scholarship Committee will consider extent of financial need, reason for the requested assistance, volunteer service to the Center, significance of the program for the individual's path, availability of Center funds, applicant's history of practice and participation in Center programs, and relevant factors.
7. **Notification:** Applicants will be advised of award decisions as soon as possible.

III. FUNDING

Monies for scholarships are raised in various ways including:

1. Donations from individuals
2. Stipend donations from teachers, directors, and assistant directors
3. Direct personal appeals by individual applicants to potential donors for a specific program
4. Informal early spring appeal from the Center Dana Committee to senior students and members wishing to support people on the path
5. Other fund raising efforts sponsored by Dana Committee

Shambhala Meditation Center of Chicago
 Land Center and Out-of-Town Scholarship Application
 - Confidential -

Please complete scholarship application below and submit it to the Center Director and PPS Sector Chair at least 60 days before the start of the program for which you hope to receive assistance. Applicants are expected to apply to the program's land center for scholarships and discounts.

Date of application:	Program start date:
APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name:	Home address:
Land phone: Cell phone:	E-mail address:
PROGRAM INFORMATION	
Name of program:	Program location:
PRACTICE INFORMATION	
Describe your readiness and interest in this program. Where relevant, include a statement of readiness from your MI or a teacher with insight into your situation. Use an additional sheet or write on the back of this application if needed.	
Please summarize your current level of practice and study. Use an additional sheet or write on the back of this application if needed.	
FINANCIAL INFORMATION/STATEMENT OF NEED	
Tuition and fees (itemized):	Expected transportation costs (itemized):
Other expected expenses (itemized):	Total expected cost:

Grants, discounts, and loans requested/secured from program's land center (itemized):	Other grants, discounts, and loans requested/secured from within the Shambhala Mandala or the Ashoka Credit Union (itemized):
Reason(s) for financial need. Information can include gross annual income, number of dependents, other related factors or obligations. Use an additional sheet or write on the back of this application if needed.	
Briefly outline your service to the Center. Use an additional sheet or write on the back of this application if needed.	
What else should the Scholarship Committee consider in its deliberations?	

Scholarship approved/not approved (circle one)
 Comments:

Amount: _____

Signed: _____
 Center Director and/or PPS Chairperson