



BUDDHIST HEALTHY BOUNDARIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose of Scholarship

An understanding of healthy boundaries is essential for ethical spiritual leadership. Our goal is to make this education accessible to all Buddhist teachers, and we recognize that financial limitations have been a barrier. Thanks to a grant from Hemera Foundation, FaithTrust Institute is now able to offer needs-based tuition support for Buddhist teachers who would like to participate in the online Buddhist Healthy Boundaries 101: Fundamentals course.

This training provides an ethical foundation for healthy boundaries including understanding power and vulnerability within the teaching relationship; the impact of appropriate versus inappropriate boundaries in promoting effective teaching; guidelines for maintaining appropriate boundaries; the impact of teacher boundary violations on students and sanghas; and the necessity for self-care in preventing misconduct.

Partial and full scholarships are available for those who have financial constraints that make the registration fee of \$300 inaccessible. Those who receive partial scholarships will be required to cover the remainder of the course fee. In order to allow for a greater access to the course, partial scholarships will typically be awarded. Full scholarships will be the exception.

Buddhist teachers of all traditions are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Buddhist Teacher Scholarship Award, you must be in a position of leadership/authority and act as a spiritual teacher or advisor to people within their community:

- You have received formal authorization or transmission in your Buddhist lineage to teach the Dharma; OR
- You teach under the auspices of a senior/authorized teacher (i.e. people look to you for spiritual guidance and education); OR
- You hold a position of spiritual authority or leadership within your sangha/community (i.e. you teach or guide meditation, give practice advice, and give Dharma talks)

Selection Process

Grantees will be selected on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis. Priority will be given to qualified applicants who have expressed financial need.

Award Terms of Agreement

Because scholarship funding is finite and there are limited numbers of spots available in the class, we want to ensure that scholarship grantees are committed to this educational opportunity. By accepting a full or partial scholarship, you are agreeing to fully participate in the course and to complete the class to a satisfactory level, based upon instructors' evaluations.

Upon completing the course, grantees will be required to complete an evaluation of the scholarship application process, as well as a course evaluation. This feedback will help us improve the scholarship process for future students.

The Healthy Boundaries registration course fee is \$300. Recipients agree to the following terms:

- If you receive a partial scholarship, you will be expected to pay the balance of the \$300 course fee.
- If you receive a scholarship but withdraw from the course *before* the end of the drop period (one week from course start), you will incur a \$50 non-refundable administrative fee.
- If you receive a scholarship and withdraw from the course *after* the end of the drop period (one week after course start), you will forfeit the scholarship and will be required to pay the registration fee in full. Those who receive a partial scholarships will pay back only what they have been granted and will not receive a refund for the portion of the registration fee that has already been paid. If you withdraw from the course, you will not be eligible for future scholarships.
- In cases of emergency or unforeseen circumstances, there may be an option for grantees to defer to a later Healthy Boundaries course. Those who defer must contact the course administrator at FaithTrust Institute as soon as possible. Deferral will incur a \$50 non-refundable administrative fee that is not covered by the scholarship.

Application Process

To apply for the Buddhist Teacher Scholarship Award, submit a completed application form along with a letter of recommendation from your teacher/supervisor/board leader to Lauren Sawyer at learning@faithtrustinstitute.org. Application deadlines:

- **January 2021 course:** Due January 11, notified by January 15
- **March 2021 course:** Due February 15, notified by February 19
- **May 2021 course:** Due May 3, notified by May 7

Note, scholarships will be available for fall 2021 Buddhist Healthy Boundaries courses.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name

Date of Birth

Gender

Country of Origin

Race / Ethnicity

Profession

Mailing Address

City

State / Country

Postal Code / Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address

Lineage

Primary Teacher

Sangha or Center Affiliation

Sangha or Center Address

SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFICS

How long have you been practicing Buddhism?

1-3 years

5-10 years

11-15 years

16-25 years

25+ years

Which of the following apply to you?

I have received formal authorization/
transmission in my Buddhist lineage to
teach the Dharma

I teach under the auspices of a senior/
authorized teacher

I hold a position of spiritual authority or
leadership in my sangha/community

I am on the board of a Dharma center

I am on the staff or am a long-term
volunteer for a Dharma center

Other

In what capacity have you been teaching in a Dharma center, sangha, or the like, and for how long?

Why would you like to be considered for this scholarship award?

Please explain any financial or personal hardships that you believe would make you a candidate to receive partial or full scholarship funds. Criteria may include: unemployment, underemployment, medical expenses, disability, or other family or personal emergency.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To complete your application process, please solicit a letter of recommendation from your teacher/supervisor/board leader who can speak to your experience as a spiritual teacher and readiness for this Healthy Boundaries course. Have them forward this letter to Lauren Sawyer at learning@faithtrustinstitute.org.

Name of Teacher / Supervisor / Board Leader

Sangha or Center Affiliation

Email Address

Phone Number

All portions of this form must be completed for your application to be considered.

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