

Seattle Betsuin Continuing Education Grant Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant

The Seattle Betsuin Continuing Education Grant and Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant provide recognition and financial support to high school seniors graduating in the current school year 2014 and planning on entering an institution of higher education.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be graduating from high school in the current school year and planning on entering an institution of higher education, college, university, community college or vocational school for the first time in the following academic year as a full time student.
2. Applicant's parents/guardians are members in good standing of the Seattle Betsuin.
3. The scholarship will be awarded on Sunday May 24, 2015 at the 10:00 a.m. Service. The recipient will read his/her essay at the service. It is requested that the recipient and his/her family be present to receive the award.

Application:

The completed application must be submitted to the office staff before or by 2:30pm of the Seattle Buddhist Temple on Monday, April 6, 2015. The following documents must be submitted:

1. Completed application, either printed or typed
2. Most recent high school transcript
3. Two letters of recommendation: one from a Seattle Betsuin temple adult and one from an adult in the community, school or employer. (Recommendations from family members, relatives or scholarship committee members will not be accepted).
4. An essay on selected religious topic (Minimum of 300 words).
5. Self addressed stamped envelope.

Selection Criteria:

Grants will be awarded on the basis of personal contribution and service to the temple, school and community. The grants are also awarded based on a quantitative score in each of the following categories (% indicates degrees of emphasis). High scholastic achievement is not the sole criteria for selection. The grants are awarded to students with top net score on the application.

1. Participation and leadership in the temple (60%).
2. Essay on selected religious topic (30%).
3. Academic record (10%).

Grant Administration:

This grant shall be administered by the Seattle Betsuin Scholarship Committee. The committee will determine the number and amounts of scholarships for the year 2015. Once submitted, application will not be returned.

Mail completed applications to:

Shizue Kaku – Scholarship Administrator
Seattle Buddhist Church
1427 S. Main St.
Seattle, WA 98144

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Application Form 2015

Academic Year: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address/city/zip code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address _____

Betsuin Membership (Yes or No) Name of church affiliation _____

High School: _____ G.P.A. (4.0 scale) _____

What college will you be attending? _____ Major _____

*Parents/Guardian Name: _____

*Betsuin Membership (Yes or No) Name of church affiliation _____

Submit with this application, two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a temple adult, and one from an adult in the community, school or employer, official high school grade transcript, and a self addressed/stamped envelope.

Name: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Telephone: _____

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I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements and information requested for the Seattle Betsuin Continuing Education Grant/Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant. I have completed the application honestly and to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that any misrepresentation of information contained in this application may revoke any rights to an award. If for any reason I do not matriculate at a post-secondary school, as stated on the application, I will forfeit any rights to an award.

Signature of applicant Date

To be completed by scholarship committee: Application received: _____ Identification number: _____

A. Participation and leadership with temple activities: (60%)

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Identification number _____

“What life skills has Buddhism taught you?”

Identification number

List school activities and college preparatory courses. For school activities, include time periods, positions held, and awards received. Attach additional paper if necessary.

Score _____

Identification number _____

_____(Applicant)

Dear Reference:

The above named high school senior is applying for the Seattle Buddhist Church Scholarship, established to financially assist first year higher education students. The scholarship committee requires two references from adults who know the student and can attest to his/her strengths. Because this is a religious-based award, it is granted to students who demonstrate the tenants of the Jodo-Shinshu religion through their everyday life activities. It is requested that your letter of reference, therefore, be focused upon your impressions of the student's personal ethics, ideals, standards and regard for others. Along with a description of your relationship with the student, you may cite specific observational situations which you have considered in forming your impressions of him/her.

Although your letter of reference is only one part of the application process, it is an important element. We sincerely appreciate your time and effort. Thank you so much in advance.

In gassho,

The Seattle Buddhist Church Scholarship Selection Committee