



# Sridhar Rana Rinpoche Education Fund (SRREF)

## Bursary/scholarship for Higher Education Application Form

Please complete this application form if you wish to apply for SRREF bursary/scholarship. The form must be completed in **BOLD** using black ink.

Date of Application:

Title: Mr/Ms/Mrs

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Date of Birth:

Please attach 2 X  
passport size photograph

I am a Citizen of:

[Please attach a certified copy of your citizenship/passport along with your application]

Grant purpose [please include course details and length of study]:

Name of Institution [please provide full address, including email and telephone numbers of the institution where you will be studying]:

Contact person at the Institution [with full contact address]:

Amount requested (USD) and time period:

Total amount needed (USD) for the time period:

Other financial support (USD):

Self:

Others:

Other grant/awards:

### **Applicant details**

1. Occupation:

2. Qualifications [please provide details in ascending order]: Please use a separate sheet if necessary.

Level of qualification	Institution	Subjects studied	Grades Obtained


3. Family Details:

Number of family members living together and their age	Father's annual income	Mother's annual income	Total Household Income including that of other family members living together

4. Length of dharma practice (if applicable):

5. Please attach a statement of intent (**about 700 words**) on your motivations and aspirations, and why Byoma Kusuma should support your study. Please include background information relevant to your study, voluntary work, and/or practice of dharma.

Application should be submitted **no later than Jan 15<sup>th</sup>** of the calendar year.

Please submit by e-mail to [bk-uk@byomakusuma.org](mailto:bk-uk@byomakusuma.org).

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Documents to support your application (scanned copies will be accepted):

- Acceptance letter from the Institution where the beneficiary intends to complete his/her higher education
- Other supporting documents\*\*:
  - letter from institution outlining costs, receipts will be accepted for tuition fees/accommodation.
  - previous academic qualifications
  - proof of individual's annual income or family income
  - certified copy of proof of citizenship or passport
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - 2 X passport size photograph

\*\*Note: documents submitted in support of your application will be treated strictly confidential

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(Check one)  I hereby declare that I have read the guidelines and eligibility criteria and furnished all information accurately. The documents attached in support of my application are true to my knowledge. I am aware that by completing this application form – 1) I am not eligible for the funding, unless the Committee provides its decision to approve my application in written, which will be sent by email or post. I agree that the decision of the Committee to grant or refuse applications will be full and final.

Date:

Signature of candidate:

## Guidelines for applicants:

- The application form must be completed in full and all details must be furnished accurately. The application form is available online at [www.byomakusuma.org](http://www.byomakusuma.org).
- Application should be submitted **no later than Jan 15<sup>th</sup>** of each calendar year.
- A simple and transparent procedure using the above criteria will guide the selection process. If necessary, the Committee will conduct individual checks to ascertain further information prior to making a decision. The final selection will be made from among short listed candidates on the basis of a weighted index evaluation sheet by the selection team. If necessary, the Committee may call for an oral interview. Successful candidates will be informed either by email or post.
- Decision to offer grant is subject to satisfactory information provided. Support may be full or partial depending on the requirement of the individual applicant and funding available.
- The initial funding will be provided for 12 months. The full length of funding provided will be no longer than 3-4 years, subject to receipt of an annual progress report. Candidate must submit an application form to request continuation of funding for remaining period **no later than Jan 15<sup>th</sup>** of the calendar year.
- Committee must be notified of any changes in the beneficiary's circumstances.
- Decision to continue funding will depend on the beneficiary's annual progress and any changes to circumstances.
- Students will be notified of the Committee's decision within 2 months from the date of application.
- The beneficiary is committed to offer 1 hour of voluntary service on a weekly basis to benefit other sentient beings. This may be in the form of facilitating a teaching session, conducting workshops, assisting with administrative and other tasks at the Byoma Kusuma Buddhadharma Sangha or other organisations during or after the completion of the course for at least one year.

## Please note:

- ❖ Please note that the decision of the Committee to grant or refuse applications will be full and final. Completing and submitting an application form (online/electronic/hard copy) is not considered as an approval of the grant. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject applications based on the norms and guidelines of the SRREF.
- ❖ Documents once submitted will not be returned to the applicants and will be archived as confidential files with access only to the Committee of SRREF or administration of BKBDS. Therefore, the applicants are strongly advised not to send the originals of their credentials or documents unless they have been requested by the Committee. Students are advised to attest all copies of the original documents by relevant institution or organization prior to presenting their application form.

## Eligibility

1. Financial support is offered to any interested student residing anywhere in the world. It is awarded to individual students, Buddhist practitioners, teachers, and translators that are genuinely committed toward the wellbeing of society/humanity with good moral and educational background and who wish to pursue higher studies in the Asian region.
2. Students have to complete an application form and submit to the selection Committee with all the necessary supporting documents, fulfilling the guidelines of SRREF.
3. Individuals who meet the selection criteria would have:
  - completed education to at least the bachelor's level
  - provide evidence of admission in the above noted areas to an accredited institution in a country in Asia

- possess high academic qualifications
- candidate must be self- motivated and determined to complete their education
- provide evidence of financial need
- a written statement of intent in English (not exceeding 700 words) to support their application, as well as highlight other information related to their personality/motivation/dedication in order to fulfil the SRREF guidelines
- individuals who have considerable voluntary experience, involvement in the charity sector, or service in Buddhist centres
- application must be supported with written evidence and two letters of recommendation
- Gender: Scholarship allocation will observe a balanced approach. Female students are encouraged to apply.

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We will inform you about your application via email and ask for your bank details if your application is successful.