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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in the WHY Outreach Scholarship Program. The intention of the scholarship program is to provide tuition support for yoga teachers looking to expand their skills and share yoga with underserved populations. Underserved populations include but are not limited to, elderly persons, at-risk children and teens, veterans, incarcerated persons and individuals living with certain medical conditions such as cancer and HIV/AIDS.

Scholarships are available to cover program tuition costs only and awards generally range between 20 and 50% of the tuition. Full scholarships are not available. Submitting an application does not guarantee receipt of a scholarship as funds are limited.

All scholarships are awarded in exchange for donating hours teaching yoga to underserved populations through WHY Outreach. If you are awarded a scholarship, further details about the teaching requirement will be made available.

Applications must be received 45 days before the start date of the requested training program. Upon receipt, the Program Administrator will send an email confirming the completed application has been received. Incomplete applications will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant. Applicants will be notified of the status of their scholarship request a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the start of the program.

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. If you have questions about the process, please contact us via email at scholarships@whyoutreach.org.

Below is the scholarship application form. It also contains important information regarding eligibility, award amounts and application deadlines, so please read it thoroughly.

Determining your eligibility for a scholarship

The scholarship committee focuses on three criteria when awarding scholarships:

- Financial Need
- Cost of the training program
- Instructor Suitability

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PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY AND ATTACH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Personal Information

Last Name First Name

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Number Work Phone Number Cell Phone Number

E-mail Address

Occupation Employer

Training Program Information

Name of the Training: _____

Instructor(s) Name: _____

Training Dates: _____

Location: _____

Total Tuition Cost of Program: _____

Scholarship Amount Requested

\$ _____

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The following information will be used to determine your scholarship eligibility.

Financial Need

Financial need is assessed on the basis of your annual household income. The table below shows you if your income level qualifies you to apply for a scholarship.

<u># of people in household</u>	<u>Max gross household income</u>
1	\$27,075
2	\$36,425
3	\$45,775
4	\$55,125
5	\$64,475

Please note income information is required and will be kept confidential.

Total Adjusted Gross Income from all sources in the previous calendar year:

\$ _____

Please attach the first two pages of your Federal Income Tax Return or State Income Tax Return for the most recent completed calendar year.

Other Financial Considerations

Please describe below any extraordinary financial circumstances you would like the Scholarship Committee to take into account. Include attachments as necessary.

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Suitability

In awarding scholarships we also take into account the instructor's suitability for teaching yoga to an underserved population. Please answer the following:

Are you currently a Yoga Alliance RYT 200 or 500 hour yoga instructor?

If not, please list relevant yoga trainings:

How long have you been practicing and/or teaching yoga?

What types or styles of yoga do you teach (please include any certifications held):

The following questions are in reference to the yoga teacher training or certificate program you are hoping to attend. Please include these in a separate attachment.

What inspired you to take this particular training?

How do you plan to share the skills and techniques learned in this program to underserved communities?

What abilities do you already possess that will enable you to effectively share these skills with others?

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Personal Essay (250 words or less)

Please take a moment to share any additional information you would like the Scholarship Committee to take into consideration. Essay topics are not limited, but you may wish to reflect how yoga has impacted your life, and the lives of others, and why you are applying for the scholarship. (Please include as a separate attachment.)

References

Please include the name, contact information and relationship of two references from the yoga community or attach letters of recommendation.

I certify that all the information I have provided is complete and accurate and that I have given a full disclosure of my financial status. I understand that all the information in this application will be kept strictly confidential and only used to determine my eligibility for a scholarship. I further understand that if awarded a scholarship, in exchange I will be required to participate in community service as directed by WHY Outreach, Inc.

Signature

Date

Name (please print)