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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 the recipient agreeing to teach yoga on behalf of WHY Outreach to underserved populations for a specified number of hours at times and locations to be determined by WHY Outreach. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive additional details about the teaching requirement and your other obligations.

Applications must be received 60 days before the start date of the requested training program. An application fee is required. Please include a \$15 check payable to WHY Outreach, Inc. 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](mailto: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 two main criteria when awarding scholarships: instructor suitability and community need for this specific style of yoga.

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**PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY AND ATTACH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

## **Personal Information**

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Last Name First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

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Home Phone Number Work Phone Number Cell Phone Number

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E-mail Address

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Occupation

RYT 200-hr Year Completed \_\_\_\_\_

RYT 500-hr Year Completed \_\_\_\_\_

## **Training Program Information**

Name of the Training: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Training Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Tuition Cost of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Amount Requested (20-50% of total tuition)**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Suitability**

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

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

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

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*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.

## **Scholarship Policy**

WHY Outreach Scholarships must be awarded on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis.

WHY Outreach Scholarships are intended to support 200-hr RYT certified yoga teachers in their continual learning and development.

No scholarships may be awarded to an officer, manager or trustee of WHY Outreach Inc., nor to a member of the WHY Outreach Scholarship Committee, nor to a substantial contributor. Family members of these individuals are also not eligible to receive scholarships.

A teacher training program's eligibility for scholarship will be determined by suitability in supporting WHY Outreach's mission of providing yoga to underserved populations. Examples of suitable trainings include but are not limited to: therapeutic yoga, chair yoga, trauma-informed yoga, yoga for children with special needs or yoga for another specialized underserved population.

WHY Outreach Scholarships are available to cover program tuition costs only. Scholarship awards generally range between 20 and 50% of the tuition. Full scholarships are not available. Scholarship are paid directly to the teacher training program, not the individual.

All WHY Outreach Scholarships are awarded in exchange for donating hours teaching yoga to underserved populations through WHY Outreach.

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I certify that all the information I have provided is complete and accurate. 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 understand that WHY Outreach, Inc. may conduct a background check on me as part of this application, and I authorize such background check. I agree to provide WHY Outreach, Inc. with such information as it may reasonably require to conduct such background check.

I further understand that if awarded a scholarship, I will be required to teach a certain number of hours of yoga classes at locations as directed by WHY Outreach, Inc. I understand that if I withdraw from the training program for which the scholarship was awarded or fail to complete the number of teaching hours as directed by WHY Outreach, Inc., I must repay to WHY Outreach, Inc. the total amount of the scholarship.

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Signature

Date

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Name (please print)

Please include a \$15 check payable to WHY Outreach, Inc. to cover your application fees.