



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 full.

Date of Application:

Title: Mr/Ms/Mrs

Name:

Address:

Please attach 2 X
passport size photograph

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Date of Birth:

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]:

Name of Mentor/Advisor at the Institution of study [if available]:

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. Length of dharma practice (if applicable):

4. Please indicate here if you have knowledge of any Buddhist language and scriptural skills:

5. Do you know anybody in the Byoma Kusuma Buddhadharma Sangha? If so, please tell us how you are related to this person and if they recommend you to apply for this grant.

6. 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.

If you are a PhD candidate, please submit a brief summary of your research subject matter no more than 500 words, as part of your application. The summary should include the following:

- Research title and a brief outline of your proposed study.
- Timeline of your proposed study indicating what stage you are in your research.
- If you are requesting funding for books, please provide a recommended booklist for your study.
- An outline of the curriculum.
- Further information and an online interview may be requested during the review process.

Application should be submitted **no later than Feb 15th** of the calendar year.

Please submit by e-mail to bk-uk@byomakusuma.org.

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 accepting your application and outlining costs. Receipts will be accepted for tuition fees/accommodation.
 - please complete the Pro-forma of Costs which form part of this application form.
 - previous academic qualifications
 - proof of individual's annual income or family income
 - certified copy of proof of citizenship or passport
 - Two letters of recommendation [Please read eligibility criteria and guidelines]

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

(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.
- Application should be submitted **no later than the date stipulated** on the application form.
- 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 about your proposed study, especially if you're a PhD candidate prior to making a decision. If necessary, the Committee may call for an online interview. The final selection will be made from among short listed candidates on the basis of a weighted index evaluation sheet by the selection team. Successful candidates will be informed by email.
- 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. Candidates must submit their application form to request continuation of funding for remaining period **no later than the date stipulated** on the application form.
- 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) 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.

Addendum

The Committee will award a special need-based grant to individuals who wish to pursue training in secular fields, such as vocational training /apprenticeship in traditional Puvva/Thanka art, Charya

Nritya and Charya Giti, and other artistic fields through private tuitions with authorised and qualified Pauvva artists, Charya Nritya Masters or institutions that offer specialist knowledge and training subject to the satisfaction of the committee.

Eligibility for special grant

1. Financial support is offered to Byoma Kusuma Sangha Members, Nepalese students from marginalised background and any interested student residing anywhere in the world.
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 should:
 - Possess reasonable literacy and learning skills and provide evidence of admission with a qualified teacher or an accredited institution in Nepal
 - Candidate must be self- motivated and determined to complete their training/apprenticeship
 - Provide evidence of financial need
 - A written statement of intent in English or Nepali (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 with adequate literacy skills may seek support to write their statement of intent
 - Individuals who have considerable voluntary experience, involvement in the charity sector, or service in Buddhist centres
 - Application must be supported with written evidence and one letter of recommendation
 - Scholarship allocation will observe a balanced approach. Female students are encouraged to apply

We will inform you about your application via email and ask for your bank details if your application is successful. Kindly note funds are transferred via bank only.