

**ACI-Cape Ann Inc.**  
**Scholarship Fund Purpose and Award Criteria**

The ACI-Cape Ann Inc. (ACI-CA) Scholarship Fund supports ACI-CA students and teachers who are: 1) seeking meditative retreats; 2) pursuing dharma studies; or 3) pursuing teacher training, for the purpose of ending suffering, promoting happiness, and reaching total enlightenment. ACI-CA makes every effort to award scholarships in each of these three areas equally within each fiscal year.

**Criteria for Awarding Scholarships**

**In order to receive a scholarship you must:**

- Be over the age of 17 or provide written permission from a parent or guardian to undertake the project.
- Be a student of Lama Sumati Marut or any of his senior students at ACI-CA, or be an ACI-CA teacher
- Demonstrate service to ACI-CA
- Describe your proposed retreat, dharma studies, or teacher training ("the project").
- Describe how your project will help your practice.
- Have a caretaker's agreement to serve your retreat, if needed.
- Describe how you will use your training to teach students at ACI-CA or another ACI center if you are applying for funds for teacher training.
- Submit a complete budget for your project.
- State how much of your budget you need to be funded by a scholarship.
- Submit the completed scholarship application to ACI-CA's Executive Committee no later than 6 weeks prior to the start of the project. If your project budget includes airfare, please apply as soon as possible (more than six weeks in advance) to save money on your airfare.

**If you satisfy the scholarship criteria above you are eligible for a scholarship. If ACI-CA does not have enough funding to award all eligible scholarships, priority will be given to applicants who:**

- Have provided exceptional service to their teachers or ACI-CA.
- Can show how funding their proposed project will help the applicant help others.
- Have not recently received scholarship funds from ACI-CA.
- Have generated 50% of their own funds.

ACI-CA's Executive Committee is responsible for awarding all scholarships. All scholarship applications are kept confidential. The Executive Committee will make final decisions on complete, timely submitted applications within four weeks of receipt. The Executive Committee will advise you if your application is incomplete or submitted too late for consideration.

Please contact one of ACI-CA's Executive Committee members at [executivecommittee@aci-capeann.org](mailto:executivecommittee@aci-capeann.org) with your scholarship questions. Current Executive Committee members are: Elizabeth Toulon, President; Lori MacDonald, Treasurer; and Steve Kelley, Clerk

Please complete the following scholarship application and send your completed application to ACI-CA's Executive Committee at [executivecommittee@aci-capeann.org](mailto:executivecommittee@aci-capeann.org)

You may also mail your scholarship application to:  
ACI-Cape Ann  
P. O. Box 44  
Rockport, MA 01966

***IRS regulations prohibit ACI-CA from awarding scholarships to past and present members of the Board of Directors.***

### **ACI-Cape Ann Scholarship Application**

**Your application must be received by ACI-Cape Ann six (6) weeks prior to the start of your proposed project.**

Name:	Date:
Address:	
City:	
State:	Zip code:
Phone:	Email:
Dates of your proposed project:	

Please answer each of the following questions. You may use additional space or pages as needed.

1. Please check (a) or (b) as appropriate:  
(a) I am over the age of 17: \_\_\_\_\_; or  
(b) I am under the age of 18 and am appending to this application written permission from my parent or guardian to undertake this project : \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please let us know if you are a student of Lama Sumati Marut, a student of one of Lama Marut's senior students at ACI-CA, or an ACI-CA teacher. Please provide the name of your current teacher.

3. Please describe your service to ACI-CA.

4. Please describe your proposed project.

5. Please describe how your project will help your practice.

6. If you require a caretaker while on retreat, please ask your caretaker to sign a statement concerning the dates she or he will serve your retreat and attach that signed statement to this application. The statement may be as simple as the following example:

I, Jane Smith, will be serving the retreat of John Doe from April 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011.

Jane Smith(signature)

Jane Smith (printed name)

7. If you are applying for funds for teacher training, please describe how you will use this training to teach students at ACI-CA or another ACI center.

8. Please submit a complete budget for your project:

Travel

Tuition

Books

Lodging

Food

Caretaker costs (if any)

Other (describe)

TOTAL EXPENSES

9. Scholarship amount requested:

**Please complete the following questions in case ACI-CA has to establish priority among otherwise eligible applicants due to limited scholarship funds.**

10. Please describe any exceptional service you have provided to your Teachers, the Dharma or your spiritual community.

11. Please describe any other efforts you made to raise funds to pay for your project.

12. Please describe how your participation in this project will help you help other beings.

13. If you received ACI CA scholarship funding in the past, please state the dates and purpose for which you received funding.