

**Mahasukha Kula Retreat Scholarship Program  
Application Form**

**Mail applications to: June Maker, 503 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tucson, AZ, 85705.  
Email applications or questions should be sent to junemaker@hotmail.com.**

**Application Due Dates: January 15, May 15, September 15, and November 15**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of your Vajrayana Lineage Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information for your Vajrayana Lineage Teacher**

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**Proposed Retreat Dates** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Retreat Site** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Amount Requested** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions. Additional pages should be appended and other materials submitted to provide more information or to support your narrative answers.

1. **Describe your experience teaching and or studying with the Asian Classics Institute of Los Angeles or its affiliates.**
2. **Have you completed all 18 formal courses of the Asian Classics Institute curriculum?** (Provide supporting documentation.) **Have you completed your oral defense exam (maroke)?** (Provide the date, location, and name of the master of ceremonies for the exam.) **If you answer 'no' to either of the above questions, provide a description of the courses or learning you believe is the equivalent of these prerequisites (for example, Dharma Essentials Classes, special teachings, or other teacher approved programs) for consideration by the scholarship committee.**
3. **Have you received an initiation from a tantric spiritual teacher who is in the direct lineage of the ACI-LA Spiritual Director, into a Vajrayana Buddhist Annutara Yoga Tantra meditational deity practice?** (Please give the name of your empowering tantric teacher, date and location of your empowerment(s), and name of empowerment(s) received.)

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4. **Please include a letter of recommendation from your tantric spiritual teacher, who is described in question 3 above, as to your fitness to do the retreat(s) you propose? If you do not include a letter, provide an explanation of why you think you do not need one, for consideration by the scholarship committee.**
5. **Outline and explain your goals for your retreat.**
6. **Describe prior, similar retreats completed.**
7. **Describe in detail the retreat you are planning.** (Include as much information as you can about the date, duration, and place for the retreat, the logistics and the daily procedures of how you will conduct your retreat, such as how you will meet your goals, a sample daily schedule, who will serve you, how you will deal with emergencies, and any other information that can help the scholarship committee decide whether you have a high likelihood of completing your retreat successfully.)
8. **Attach a budget for the retreat, including how you will spend funds and in-kind contributions (goods or services) you have generated yourself and how you will spend funds you receive as a scholarship. General guidelines for funding are the following: \$500 to \$1000 per month for a 1-3 month retreat; \$400-\$700 per month for a 3-6 month retreat; \$300-\$500 per month for a 9-12 month retreat; and \$200-\$400 per month for anything over a year. Make sure to detail how much you are asking for in scholarship funds from the Mahasukha Kula Retreat Scholarship Program and for what specific purpose(s) you will use such funds if granted! Include in your budget the following types of items: travel to the retreat site, food, housing, expenses for retreat server(s), and other appropriate retreat expenses.**
9. **Describe your current financial situation.** (In other words, why do you need a scholarship?)
10. **Describe in detail the fundraising you have done to support your retreat.**
11. **Describe in as much detail as possible the service you have given to others.** (For example, serving others' retreats, serving your spiritual teacher, volunteer activities in your local community, and other activities to help other people.)
12. **Describe in as much detail as possible the service you have given to the Dharma.** (For example, starting a dharma center, serving on a board for a dharma center, teaching dharma classes, and any other service you have given to facilitate the spiritual growth and understanding of others.)
13. **Describe in as much detail as possible what kind of service to the community you will perform upon completion of your retreat. Please make a specific commitment in writing rather than describing possibilities.** (For example, teaching the dharma [give any specifics possible], book authoring, retreat consulting, or any other service to the community that you think is appropriate.)