

Financial Assistance Policy

To apply for Financial Assistance, review the KCC Financial Assistance Policy. Once you have read the policy guidelines, contact the Financial Assistance Team at KCC-FA@kcc.org. After you have received confirmation, you may register for the retreat.

GUIDELINES

1. Financial Assistance (FA) may be awarded for KCC residential retreats, and to attend Bokar Mahamudra Seminars overseas, subject to the availability of sufficient funds. FA is not available for other non-KCC residential retreats.
2. Students must contact the KCC Financial Assistance Team (FAT) at KCC-FA@kcc.org if they wish to request FA.
3. Priority will be given to those who have not applied before.
4. The FA offer applies to double occupancy cabins only.

WHO QUALIFIES AND FOR WHAT?

1. Dharma practitioners who desire to attend a residential retreat who would be unable to attend without Financial Assistance, and meet the qualifications for that retreat, are eligible to apply for up to 50% of the cost of the registration fee.
2. All 3-year and 1-year retreatants and all monastics [novice vows (getsul) and full ordination (gelong)] are eligible to receive up to 50% **discount** on the registration fee for residential group retreats once per calendar year. If the long-retreatant or monastic wishes to have a single cabin, they will receive the discount rate of a double occupancy cabin and pay the remaining amount of the single cabin rate. If a long retreatant makes use of this discount, they are not eligible for further financial assistance.
3. All employees of KCC are eligible to receive up to 50% discount for all residential group retreats at SCOL. If a staff member makes use of this discount, they are not eligible for further financial assistance.
4. Bokar Mahamudra Seminars Overseas
 - a. Subject to the availability of sufficient funds, FA may be granted for Mahamudra seminars to cover up to 50% of the cost of economy class travel and basic living expenses during the teachings. The following conditions apply:
 - i. The student must have done at least one seminar or retreat in the Mahamudra program, either overseas or in the US, and must have satisfactorily fulfilled the commitment per KCC's Resident Lama.
 - ii. An individual student may not receive FA for the India seminar more frequently than once in three years.
5. Administration:
 - a. FA requests should be submitted to the FAT by email as early as possible and at least 2 weeks before the start of the retreat.
 - b. Persons receiving FA for KCC retreats are expected to pay at least 50% of the cost. If there are requests for over 50%, the committee will consider any special circumstances.
 - c. Retreat FA will be distributed on a first come, first served basis for all applicants.

- d. The FAT will not award FA without verification that funds are available via Bookkeeping.
- e. The FAT will keep a record of requests and awards in collaboration with the Registrar.
- f. Retreat announcements shall indicate that FA may be available for up to 50% of the advertised retreat cost.
- g. The FAT will notify the Registrar of the FA distribution; the registrar will add the information to the FA Recipient List and notify KCC's Bookkeeping.
- h. A copy of these guidelines shall be posted on the KCC website along with retreat announcements.
- i. This policy will be reviewed annually.