

Buddhist Church of Sacramento (BCS)
2024 Education Award Application

Applicant Information
Name: _____
Cell #: _____
Email: _____
High School: _____
College/University/Trade School: _____

Parent/Dependent Membership Information
Name(s): _____
Cell #: _____
Email: _____
Name of Paid Member (if different from above): _____
<small>(Applicant must be listed on Paid Member's 2024 Membership as of April 28, 2024.) You may check with the office before you submit your application.</small>

Are you currently enrolled in Dharma School? YesNo
No. of years attending Dharma School: _____

Church Activities:

Other Activities/Achievements:

Application Instructions:

The following items must be submitted for full consideration in this award:

- 1. Application** - Completed 2024 Buddhist Church of Sacramento Education Award Application (this page)
- 2. Personal Statement** - A short essay explaining your personal goals, plans after high school, and your steps to achieve these goals.
- 3. Letter of Recommendation** - A letter written by an adult BCS organization leader (minister, Dharma School teacher, troop leader, BCS coach, etc.) that outlines your participation and achievements in temple-sponsored activities. It should include any impact you have made on the BCS community. This letter should be emailed to sacbetaeducation@buddhistchurch.org prior to the application deadline.
NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure this letter is submitted on time.

- 4. Video** – The Buddhist Church of Sacramento was established in 1899 and is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year. Create a 2-3 minute video that uses one (1) of the following prompts:

A) What do you think it was like to live in 1899 and why do you think it was important to establish the Buddhist Church of Sacramento? Describe what you believe were some of the challenges and positive outcomes experienced by the founding fathers and members of our temple 125 years ago.

B) In the year 2099, when the Buddhist Church of Sacramento is 200 years old, do you think today's teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism will need to change and adapt in the future? Please explain what you believe would be different and/or what would remain the same 75 years from now.

C) The Buddhist Church of Sacramento's 125th Anniversary slogan is "Compassion. Culture. Community." Also known as the 3 Cs. Describe what the 3 Cs mean to you personally.

There is no wrong or right answer to these three prompts as the video represents your perspective and thoughts. The video does not require a fancy or elaborate production, unless you choose to do so. A simple video from your smartphone or laptop is acceptable.

The completed video should be upload to a shared drive (i.e., Google) and the link submitted with your application materials in an MP4 file format. Do not exceed 3 minutes and do not email the video.

5. **Interview** - Complete a 15 - 20 minute in-person interview with Education Award panel. These interviews will be held at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, currently scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024. You will be notified by April 30 of the exact time and room location of your interview.

Items 1 & 2 should be submitted as an email attachment to sacbetstaineducation@buddhistchurch.org. (Please do not put them in the body of the email.) Item 3 can be sent in a separate email or as an attachment. The **link** to Item 4 (personal video) should be in the body of the email, but the **link** can be sent in a separate email. **All materials must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on Sunday, April 28, 2024.** A confirmation email will be sent to each applicant upon receipt of any submitted materials. ***NOTE: If a confirmation email is not received, it is the applicant's responsibility to confirm receipt of completed application packet and letter of recommendation.*** To request a confirmation, or if you have any questions, you may email Sandy Kataoka Fong at sacbetstaineducation@buddhistchurch.org.

Applicants will be notified of the committee's final decision before the end of May. Award recipients will be invited to participate in the Dharma Service and Award Ceremony on Sunday, June 2 to receive their award and be recognized.