

Rime Center

Financial Assistance Guidelines

In keeping with the spirit and practice of dana (generosity), the Rime Center has made provision to extend financial assistance to people who would otherwise be unable to attend a retreat because of limited financial resources. Because our financial resources are limited as well, we ask that applicants make every effort to pay as much of the registration fee as they are able so there will be funds to assist as many people as possible.

Deferred Payment plan:

If you are not able to pay for the entire retreat up front, we ask that you first consider a deferred payment plan. This option requires that you pay the minimum deposit during advance registration to reserve a space in the retreat.

The registration balance can be paid in installments, usually within three months after the retreat. The conditions of the deferred payment plans can be worked out between the applicant and the Scholarship Committee Coordinator.

If you would like to arrange a deferred payment plan, please complete the enclosed form and mail it to the Scholarship Committee Coordinator listed on the form. Please mail your retreat registration form and deposit to the Registrar. The minimum deposit must be paid during registration to reserve a space in the retreat. The full deposit must be paid by the time the retreat begins. The Rime Center does accept credit cards.

Deferred payment plan arrangements must be completed by the retreat registration deadline. Please note that only one deferred payment plan may be outstanding at any time.

Scholarship Option:

If you need more assistance than a deferred payment plan, scholarships are available on a limited basis. We recognize there are many circumstances that may limit an individual's financial resources. All applications for a scholarship will be considered on an individual basis. Anyone applying for a scholarship will be asked to pay at least 10% of the cost of the retreat.

People with limited financial resources who may qualify for a scholarship include (but are not limited to): individuals with a life-threatening or serious

illness; temporary or permanent disability; who are retired; unemployed; single parents and/or parents who must pay for child care in order to attend a retreat; people with low income who have sobs with no paid vacation time. Students and people who work part-time will also be considered scholarships.

Participants who are unable to pay the full registration fee may also be eligible for a work-study. The person responsible for organizing the retreat will outline the needed work based on the needs of the retreat. Again, work-study's may be offered on an as needed, limited basis.

Application Process:

If you would like to apply for a deferred payment plan, scholarship, or work-study, please complete the scholarship application form and mail it to the person listed on the form. In order to reserve a space in the retreat, please send your retreat registration form and deposit to the Registrar no later than one week prior to the beginning of the first teaching.

Scholarship Limits:

Scholarships are based completely on available funds (except in the case of someone with at life-threatening illness). In addition to the situation listed previously, first consideration will be given to individuals who have not received a scholarship within the past 12 months.