

Buddhist Church of Sacramento (BCS)  
2023 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 <b>must</b> be listed on Paid Member's 2023 Membership Form as of April 30, 2023.)</small>

Are you currently enrolled in Dharma School?  Yes  No  
No. of years attending Dharma School: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Activities:

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Other Activities/Achievements:

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**Application Instructions:**

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

- 1. Application** - Completed 2023 BCS 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, betsuin coach, etc.) that outlines your participation and achievements in BCS-sponsored activities. It should include any impact you have made on the BCS community. This letter should be emailed to [sacbetuineducation@buddhistchurch.org](mailto:sacbetuineducation@buddhistchurch.org) prior to the application deadline.  
**NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure this letter is submitted on time.**
- 4. Video** - Create a 2-3 minute video that uses one (1) of the following topics:
  - A) Share your thoughts about a social issue (local, national, or worldwide) that you are passionate about. Explain how Buddhist teachings have taught you to address and deal with this issue.
  - B) Describe a book you have read, a play or movie you have seen (other than Star Wars), or even a song you have heard that can be used as an example of Buddhist teachings. Explain the Buddhist principles and representation that you see in this chosen item. (For copyright reasons, do not include scenes from a movie or samples of audio files.)

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

5. **Interview** - Complete a 15 - 20 minute in-person interview with BCS Board. These interviews will be held at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. You will be notified on May 1st of the exact time and room location of your interview.

Items 1 & 2 should be submitted as an email attachment to [sacbetstueducation@buddhistchurch.org](mailto:sacbetstueducation@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 30, 2023.** 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 confirmation, or if you have any questions, you may email Mr. Kelly Gartman at [sacbetstueducation@buddhistchurch.org](mailto:sacbetstueducation@buddhistchurch.org).

Applicants will be notified of the committee's final decision at the End of May. Students will need to provide proof of continuing education to receive their award (Acceptance Letter from a college/university or proof of enrollment in college or trade school.)