

## Chobo-ji Sesshin Scholarship Policy

Chobo-ji is supportive of all people who wish to meditate with us. We recognize there may be financial considerations which affect the ability to attend sesshins (retreats) with us, and we want to minimize those considerations. We also believe that financial support of the sangha is one important element of a participant's commitment to practice. To that end, we offer the following scholarship program:

- 1) For people who are affiliated with Chobo-ji in some way – via regular participation in zazen, membership in Chobo-ji or a sister sangha, or by providing financial support – we offer partial scholarships to mitigate costs for our three Seattle-based sesshins held in March, June, and September. We generally request that participants pay half or more of the fee for sesshin plus a donation for hospitality if staying on campus. Due to the high cost of holding sesshin at an offsite retreat center in December, we are unable to offer scholarships to Rohatsu sesshin.
- 2) For people who are not affiliated in any way with Chobo-ji, we ask for a letter of intent which describes their spiritual path, and payment of half or more of the fee for sesshin plus a donation for hospitality if staying on campus. Scholarships for unaffiliated sesshin applicants are limited to a total of three per year.

Scholarships will be determined by the Finance Committee in consultation with the Abbot. Scholarships will be awarded by defraying the cost of sesshin. No actual money will be transferred to the applicant.

If you cannot attend a retreat due to cost, we strongly encourage you to apply for financial assistance. Because Chobo-ji highly values diversity, anyone with financial need is encouraged to apply, especially people of color, young adults (18-26), elders (65+), and those with disabilities.