FRESNO BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE
BOWLES BUDDHIST CHURCH
CHIEN AND YEHAN NUMATA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP ~ 2026

INFORMATION SHEET

CRITERIA:

1. The student must be of the Buddhist faith.
2. The student or parent must be a paid member of a temple or affiliated organization of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA).
3. The student must have graduated from a college or university with an undergraduate degree.
4. The student is pursuing an advanced degree e.g., Ph.D., M.D., M.A., etc.

There are two scholarship categories:

1. **REGIONAL ~** This scholarship is available to any student from the Fresno Betsuin or a member temple of the Central California District Council of the Buddhist Churches of America (CCDC-BCA): Fresno, Fowler, Hanford, Parlier, Reedley, Visalia, Dinuba, Delano

2. **NATIONAL ~** This scholarship is available to any student living in the United States who is a member or whose parent(s) are members of an affiliate temple of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) other than any Central California temple (CCDC).

There will be one or more scholarships available. The minimum amount awarded will be $1,000.
The student may apply for a scholarship from both categories, if applicable, but will receive only one scholarship award.

The student may apply for a scholarship each year.

The following must be completed and submitted, in one envelope. (Please check off items as completed to ensure that all forms are included.)

_____ 1. Application Form – 2 pages (enclosed)

_____ 2. Three (3) letters of recommendation

_____ 3. Essay (Instructions enclosed)

_____ 4. Official letter of acceptance from the graduate school

ALL MATERIALS MUST ARRIVE BY MAIL OR DELIVERED TO THE FRESNO BETSUIN OFFICE *BY 5:00PM, MARCH 31, 2026.* APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Mail application & required documents to: Chien and Yehan Numata Postgraduate Scholarship
c/o Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple
2690 E. Alluvial Ave.
Fresno, CA 93720

ALL AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN MAY 2026.
AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED DURING THE FRESNO BUDDHIST TEMPLE'S MONTHLY SERVICE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026.

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APPLICATION FORM – Page One
(Please print legibly or type)

I am applying for the: [ ] Regional Scholarship [ ] National Scholarship

APPLICANT: Last name _____ First _____ Middle_____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone ( ) _____ E-Mail _____

Applicant's Father: Last name _____ First _____

Applicant's Mother: Last name _____ First _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone ( ) _____ E-Mail _____

Applicant and/or Parent(s) Temple/Sangha affiliation: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone ( ) _____

Are you a paid member? Yes _____ No _____

Are your parent(s) paid members? Yes _____ No _____

Minister's Name _____

Minister's Signature _____

If you are chosen as a recipient, to what address should the scholarship be mailed?

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APPLICATION FORM – Page Two
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APPLICANT: Last name _____ First _____ Middle_____

University/College from which you graduated: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Degree(s) received and year _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Which university do you plan to matriculate to for your postgraduate degree? _____

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What is your postgraduate major? _____

What degree are you pursuing in your postgraduate work? _____

When do you plan to complete your postgraduate degree? _____

What is the title of your research project or dissertation? _____

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What occupation is your eventual goal? _____

List undergraduate awards and honors: _____

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Other pertinent information: _____

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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ESSAY

APPLICANT: Last name _____ First _____ Middle_____

"How I will incorporate Jodo Shinshu Buddhism into my job/occupation and future endeavors"

The essay should be double-spaced and a minimum of one and one-half pages. You may use this sheet or a separate sheet to submit your essay.