

Dear Anthony Chapman (Lama Drupgyu),

I am writing to offer my sincere recommendation that Sarina Straussner be offered a contemplative scholarship by your very generous foundation. She has been a Dharma sister of mine since 2011 when we embarked on a pilgrimage to India and Nepal and received retreat empowerments together from Kenting Tai Situ Rinpoche. We have been fortunate enough to practice and serve together in two three-year retreats, and I could not have asked for a more caring, giving, and genuine collaborator. She is an ardent practitioner with both amazing diligence and devotion. She has learned the customs of the lineage and how to both practice them herself and communicate them to the newer retreatants. She also was the primary cook and kitchen manager in her second retreat, taking care of everyone's needs and health. I would be happy to speak more to you about her fine qualities if that would be of benefit. Thank you in general for all the support you offer to our 3 year retreat program in general, and hopefully to Sarina in particular.

Sincerely,
Lama Zangmo
Retreat Caretaker
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