

Current Financial Situation

Well, there is around 1000€ in my bank account, and I still haven't done the big shopping before retreat (buying a lot of the things that don't go bad –rice, lentils, spices, oil, candles...–), well actually there is more, but the rest is my moms, who had to deposit it in my bank account so that I could renew my Spanish residence, but is still her money and I cannot use it.

This summer while I was doing solitary retreat near Dag Shang Kagyu, I came out for 3 days in the middle to attend the teachings of Jim Scott, and sat next to whom turned out to become a kind of sponsor. Since then he has been giving me every moth 100€ (even when I was in Lithuania and asked him not to since I wasn't really focusing on formal practice). If I knew that I could continue with his help for the 3 years I wouldn't ask for the scholarship, but he is now in the middle of a complicated family situation (divorce, children, new house, etc) and is doubtful that he can continue to help.

I am super fortunate because all the retreat facility is being done by a friend who is building and equipping the house without charging my anything, I just need to take care of the food, gas, etc. If I didn't get the scholarships there are Dharma friends from whom I could request help, but I don't feel comfortable asking people for money and their help is not certain. So it feels better to ask for help to an organization like Tsadra.