

Financial Situation for Three-Year Retreat

Applicant: Ani Pema Dolma
Retreat Location: Ser Cho Ling
Duration: 3 years (36 months)

Before taking my monastic vows, I made every effort to save for my three-year retreat, understanding the importance of undertaking it under the guidance of Guru Wangchen Rinpoche. My preparations included teaching, managing an online education platform, and community fundraising. As I transitioned fully into monastic life, I renounced personal possessions and closed my business endeavors to dedicate my life to the Dharma. Currently, I maintain only modest personal savings and limited income, which are primarily used to cover essential expenses. To complete the retreat, I will require significant financial support. Below is a summary of my monthly expenses and financial need.

Category	Amount (USD)	Description
Monthly Bills	\$225	IRS Payments, SBA Loan, and Phone Bill.
Food	\$250	Basic vegetarian groceries (rice, lentils, vegetables, tea).
Retreat Center Contribution	\$200	Contribution for living costs, utilities, and use of facilities.
Personal Supplies	\$25	Toiletries, robes, and minimal personal items.
Miscellaneous	\$50	Unexpected costs, basic medical supplies, communication.
Total Monthly Cost	\$750	

- Notes:**
- Retreat Center Contribution: This estimate reflects a voluntary contribution to help cover utilities and maintenance during the retreat.
 - Food: Assumes a modest vegetarian diet with some meals potentially provided by the center.
 - Personal Supplies: Reflects minimal needs for a monastic lifestyle.
 - Miscellaneous: Covers incidental expenses.
 - Financial Need: I have limited personal savings and modest income. My family is unable to provide significant support, and I am actively seeking sponsorship and scholarships to meet my retreat costs.

Total Annual Cost: $\$750 \times 12 \text{ months} = \$9,000/\text{year}$
Three-Year Total: $\$9,000 \times 3 \text{ years} = \$27,000$