

Retreat Financials Description

A clear description of your financial situation, including any personal savings, income or pensions, as well as any external sponsorship or support and your efforts to secure such support:

My current income is based around my work as a painter and yoga teacher, which is to say, not significant. I work about 32 hours a week as a painter at \$17.50/hour, and a few hours a month teaching yoga at a local studio where I am paid \$30 per class (on average about \$60 per month). My partner and I share responsibilities paying monthly bills for our home, which we rent. Overall our monthly bills and expenses are over \$2400 per month, often more depending on the circumstances.

I do not have any personal savings or pensions. Since the early years of the COVID-19 pandemic I have had difficulty keeping regular employment, a situation which has only recently begun to change for the better.

Members of our local Dharma center Gainesville Karma Thegsum Choling have offered to assist with some of the expenses of my retreat, as well as with my partner's monthly expenses as she will be losing my regular input towards our bills, etc. However, they are unsure of the extent to which they will be able to fundraise for these purposes, which is why I hope the Tsadra Foundation will underwrite many of the costs for the Three Year Retreat. Our Co-Director Joe Plial who has offered to write one of the required letters of recommendation has offered to communicate with the foundation regarding that particular matter.

-Daniel Schexnaydre