

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.

I don't own property or things of value. My 2005 model car is worth about USD\$1,500. However, last year I did receive part of an inheritance, and with my recent illness, I received some insurance money that cleared my former debt and allowed me to save.

I now have about USD\$80,000 in savings. I expect that over the next year, my current work, the rest of my inheritance (USD\$18,000), and potentially more insurance money (USD\$7,000) will be enough to allow me to pay for my expenses until retreat, maintain my savings, as well as pay additional expected large expenses (such as moving, insurance overpayments, and accounting and insurance fees).

From my savings, I will pay for retreat expenses not otherwise funded. I do not have additional sponsorships or support at this time. I am self-employed.

Please note that the number of retreat months and the dollar amounts that I have included at this time are for years 2 and 3 of Sopa Choling's 3-year retreat, which are the only ones being offered at this time. If year 1 is offered again in the future, I would like to consider that and potentially include that in my funding application. Also, there is a note on the Sopa Choling website that says that the costs for year 3 (2028-2029) may go up. If that is so, perhaps that could also be accounted for in this application.