

Financial Assistance: What Applicants Need to Know

Our Commitment

We believe spiritual formation should be accessible to everyone. If program costs create a barrier, financial assistance is available. Our goal is to welcome all who seek a deeper life with God.

We are able to provide this assistance due to the generosity and commitment of our donors.

Who May Apply

Individuals may request financial assistance if they meet the following:

- Commitment to fully participating in the program for which assistance is requested.
- Demonstrated financial need due to income limitations, life circumstances, or unexpected hardship.

If funds are limited, priority may be given to the following:

- Those individuals with significant financial barriers
- Applicants from under-represented or historically marginalized communities
- Those preparing for ministry or service to individuals or spiritual communities

Note that individuals may request financial assistance at any point in their program experience if/as circumstances change.

What is Covered

Financial assistance is available to defray the costs of program fees. Program fees include books and required supplies.

The amount of financial assistance provided to any individual will typically be less than 50% of the cost of the program, unless special circumstances exist.

Travel expenses are not considered program fees and not typically eligible for financial assistance. The exception to this would be any available restricted funds, e.g., a grant or donation specifically intended to defray travel expenses.

Applicants to Shalem programs that have a tiered pricing model are not typically eligible for (additional) financial assistance though individuals may request special consideration. In these situations, applications will be processed in the same manner, and according to the same criteria, as all other applications for financial assistance.

How to Apply

1. Inform the Program Administrator/Registrar of your intent to submit an application for financial assistance.

2. Complete and submit the Financial Assistance application form, which is included in the application to the Program. You need to complete and submit the entire Program application before your Financial Assistance application form will be reviewed.

The Program Registrar will stay in communication with you regarding the process, timeframe and the decision on your application.

Your Responsibilities if You Receive Assistance

- Participate fully in the program
- Communicate promptly if there is a change in your financial circumstances such that you would need more or less assistance
- Complete any follow-up evaluation