

**2017 BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO
EDUCATION AWARD APPLICATION**

Date: _____

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Parent E-mail: _____ Home/Cell phone #: _____

Dues Paying Church member, parent(s) or guardian(s): _____

I have been attending Dharma School/Church since: _____

High School I currently attend: _____

Planning to attend College/University/Technical School: _____

My highest achievements/honors/positions in Betsuin, high school, and community organizations are:

(Attach separate sheet if necessary)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

All of the following **must** be included in the application packet, and received by the Buddhist Church of Sacramento (BCS) office no later than **4:00 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2017 (deadline)**. If hand delivered, the packet should be placed in the Dharma School mail slot. Address it to the Education Committee Chair, if mailed. Only hard copy documents with original signature are accepted. Incomplete or late packets will not be considered.

1. Completed application cover sheet (this page).

2. Personal statement: Please explain what you plan to do after high school, what your goals are, and your plans to achieve them. Also, explain what you have done (extracurricular activities, clubs, community service, etc.) while attending the BCS.

3. Essay: Please describe how the teachings of Jodo Shinshu affect your life.

4. Letter of Recommendation: Please have an **adult BCS organization leader** (such as a minister, Dharma School teacher, troop leader, Betsuin associated coach, etc.) write a letter recommending you for this award. The letter should outline your participation and achievements in BCS sponsored organizations or activities, and your impact upon the BCS community. The letter must have **an original signature**, and be included in your packet. An e-mail recommendation is not an acceptable substitute.

5. A 15-20 minute interview will be scheduled on Saturday May 13, 2017, with members of the committee. Please arrive about 10 minutes early for the interview, and dress appropriately. Missed interviews will not be rescheduled.

6. Decisions on award recipients will be made in May, and formally presented at the **end of year Dharma School service** on Sunday June 4, 2017. You are expected to attend the presentation.

7. Award recipients will be able to pick up the check from the Betsuin office after the service during the month of June. You must bring a **copy of your letter of acceptance** to a college or training program to leave with the Betsuin office in exchange for the check. Checks will be void after 90 days per the BCS Treasurer.