

Application for Financial Aid 2020–2021



As a community dedicated to Buddhist liberal education, DRBU strives to make the opportunity to study here a reality for all accepted students, regardless of financial circumstances.

Financial aid at DRBU is entirely need-based, and we are committed to meeting the demonstrated need of all students. Financial aid is available for all four years of the undergraduate program and two years of the graduate program. Students apply for aid annually, and each year we review the financial needs for all students, taking into account changes in the student’s or family’s financial circumstances.

While the primary responsibility to pay for college lies with the student and the family, DRBU is committed to making sure family income does not distract students from their academic goals. Each financial aid package is customized to meet the needs of the particular student, through a combination of Service Scholarships (work study) and University Grant.

For the 2020-2021 academic year, students and parents will not be asked to take out government loans as part of the financial aid package.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Social Security Number _____

Name _____ Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Other Name(s) Used _____

Permanent Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Current Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

E-mail Address _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Driver’s License Number _____ Driver’s License State _____ State of Legal Residence _____

Citizenship

US Citizen US Permanent Resident Alien Registration Number _____

International Student, Country of Residence _____

What is your marital status as of today?

Single Married/Remarried Separated Divorced Widowed

When you begin the 2020–2021 academic year, what will be your grade level?

- 1st year undergraduate 1st year graduate Non-degree programs
- 2nd year undergraduate 2nd year graduate International Institute for the Translation of Buddhist Texts (IITBT)
- 3rd year undergraduate Other undergraduate
- 4th year undergraduate Other graduate

STUDENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Have you completed your income tax return for 2019?
 - I have completed my return.
 - I will file but have not yet completed my return.
 - I do not plan to file. **Skip to question 5**

2. What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2019? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4. _____

3. Enter your (and spouse's) income tax for 2019. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040—line 55; 1040A—line 35; or 1040EZ—line 10. _____

4. Enter your (and spouse's) exemptions for 2019. Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040—line 6d; 1040A—line 6d. _____

Questions 5 and 6 ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2019. Please answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms.

5. How much did you earn from working in 2019? _____

6. How much did your spouse earn from working in 2019? _____

7. What is your (and spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? _____

8. What is the net worth of your (and spouse's) investments, including real estate? _____

9. What is the net worth of your (and spouse's) current businesses and/or investment farms? _____

10. What is the value of all Trusts(s) that are in the your name or of which you are a beneficiary? _____

11. How many people are in your household? _____

12. In 2018 or 2019, did anyone in your household receive benefits from any of the federal benefit programs, including the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, the Food Stamps Program or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Free or Reduced Price School Lunch Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)? _____

13. Please provide cost of education information for the people in your household, including yourself, who will be attending schools (elementary, secondary or college) in 2020-2021.

Name / Relationship	Age	Name of School 2019-2020	Cost of Attendance 2019-2020	Name of School 2020-2021	Cost of Attendance 2020-2021

PARENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you answer “Yes” to any of question 14, you do not need to fill out the Parent Financial Information section (questions 15-23).

- 14. Does any of the following apply to you?
 - You were born before January 1, 1997.
 - As of today, you are married.
 - You intend to enroll in the master’s program during 2020-2021 academic year.
 - You have children or dependent(s) who will receive more than half their support from you during 2020-2021 school year.

Father’s/Stepfather’s Name (*last, first, middle initial*)

Mother’s/Stepmother’s Name (*last, first, middle initial*)

Father’s/Stepfather’s Occupation

Mother’s/Stepmother’s Occupation

Father’s/Stepfather’s Email Address

Mother’s/Stepmother’s Email Address

Father’s/Stepfather’s Phone Number

Mother’s/Stepmother’s Phone Number

Father’s/Stepfather’s State of Legal Residence

Mother’s/Stepmother’s State of Legal Residence

- What is your parents’ marital status as of today?
- Single
 - Married/Remarried
 - Separated
 - Divorced
 - Widowed

- 15. Have your parents completed their income tax return for 2019?
 - They have completed the 2019 return
 - They will file but have not yet completed the 2019 return
 - They do not plan to file. **Skip to question 19**

16. What was your parents’ adjusted gross income for 2019? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040— line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4. _____

17. Enter your parents’ income tax for 2019. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040—line 55; 1040A— line 35; or 1040EZ—line 10. _____

18. Enter your parents’ exemptions for 2019. Exemptions are on IRS form 1040— line 6d; 1040A— line 6d. _____

Questions 19 and 20 ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2019. Please answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms.

19. How much did your father/stepfather earn from working in 2019? _____

20. How much did your mother/stepmother earn from working in 2019? _____

21. What is your parents’ total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? _____

22. What is the net worth of your parents’ investments, including real estate? _____

23. What is the net worth of your parents’ current businesses and/or investment farms? _____

PROPOSED STUDENT AND PARENT CONTRIBUTION

For the academic year 2020-2021, the total direct cost of the undergraduate program is \$28,000, which includes \$21,000 for tuition and \$7,000 for room and board and fees. All undergraduate students are required to live on campus unless otherwise approved by the Dean of Students. For the graduate program, the total direct cost is \$21,000, which includes \$14,000 for tuition and \$7,000 for room and board and fees.

- 24. Student’s proposed contribution from savings, summer income, or other personal assets. _____
- 25. Parents’ proposed contribution (if applicable). _____
- 26. Contribution from additional resources including scholarships or assistance from any sources other than Dharma Realm Buddhist University. _____
- 27. Total proposed payment towards tuition, room and board, and fees. _____
(Sum of amounts in questions 24, 25 and 26)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Optional)

Please describe any special circumstances which impact your (and your parents’) ability to pay for your DRBU education. You may provide additional information regarding any dislocated workers in the family, medical expenses not covered by insurance, support of extended family members, or other personal financial circumstances.

DRBU offers need-based scholarships for students affected by catastrophic disasters such as the Mendocino Complex Fire, Camp Fire, or Hurricane Harvey. A disaster is defined as a “sudden occurrence which inflicts widespread catastrophic damage to a large geographic area and/or which generally affects a large number of individuals.” Disasters can be both natural and human-made. The applicant must have disaster-relief status with FEMA or comparable agency, or otherwise demonstrate financial need as a result of a loss of income or livelihood, or a loss or damage to home or property. All financial aid recipients are expected to participate in the DRBU work-study program. Use extra sheets of paper as needed.

CERTIFICATION

Student and Parent Certification: All the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the deliberate inclusion of false or misleading information will result in the loss of eligibility for institutional aid. If asked, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this form. I certify that all information is correct at this time, and that I will send timely notice of any significant changes in family income or assets, financial situation, college plans of other children, or the receipt of other scholarships or grants.

Student Certification: By signing below, I hereby agree to allow Dharma Realm Buddhist University to discuss matters that relate to my financial aid with the parent(s) whose information is provided during the financial aid process. I understand that I can withdraw this permission at any time by submitting a written request to the DRBU Admissions and Financial Aid Office.

Student’s Signature Date

Spouse’s Signature (if applicable) Date

Father’s/Stepfather’s Signature (if applicable) Date

Mother’s/Stepmother’s Signature (if applicable) Date

Please send all financial aid materials to the DRBU Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.
Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
Dharma Realm Buddhist University
4951 Bodhi Way
Ukiah, CA 95482