

Spiritual Direction Colorado (SDCO)
The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado
Spiritual Direction Training
Scholarship Application Process

SDCO Mission statement: *To promote spiritual direction and support spiritual directors in Colorado.*

SDCO Vision statement: *We envision a Colorado where spiritual guidance permeates people's lives, faith communities, and human organizations, transforming life for all, especially for the most vulnerable.*

Dear Spiritual Direction Student,

Thank you for inquiring about a Spiritual Direction Training Scholarship. The Committee on Spiritual Direction values the time and financial commitment required to be formed into a healthy and well-integrated Spiritual Director. It is our desire to be engaged in a supportive and mutually beneficial relationship with you as you continue to pursue your call, regardless of the outcome of this Scholarship application process.

Enclosed in this packet you will find the following documents:

- **SDCO Scholarship Selection criteria**
- **Spiritual Direction Training Scholarship: Applicant form**
- **Spiritual Direction Training Scholarship: Reference form**
- **SDCO Guidelines for Practicing Spiritual Directors**

We wish you many Blessings as you proceed on this journey.

Please direct any questions to
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Scholarship Selection Criteria

Please respond to each question fully but concisely. You may use another page if necessary. Keep a copy for your records. Please include three references.

There are many good training programs for Spiritual Directors throughout the U.S. and Canada, and it is our hope that the Spiritual Directors in Colorado will reflect the richness of that diversity. With that in mind, we strongly recommend that you investigate several training programs before making your choice. We will want to know what programs you considered and why you have chosen the one you did.

Selection of scholarship recipients will be made based on the following criteria:

- The applicant must have been a member of his/her faith community for at least the past 12 months.
- The applicant must be recommended by at least three individuals, including a representative of his/her faith community.
- The scholarship will be a maximum of \$300 per academic year for the training program chosen. The applicant is responsible for procuring the remaining funds.
- The scholarship will be paid directly to the training program, or as reimbursement to the applicant upon submission of a signed and dated receipt from the training program.
- The applicant must be accepted to the chosen training program prior to scholarship disbursement .

The selection of recipients will be made by the SDCO.

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*Scholarship Applicant Form***

Name:

Address:

City,

State,

Zip:

Home phone:

Work phone:

Cell phone:

e-mail:

Faith Community:

Faith Community Representative/Supervising Clergy (if applicable):

1. Please describe how you have come to recognize a call to become a Spiritual Director:

2. Please describe your own experience in receiving spiritual direction. What has been most helpful to you in Spiritual Direction? What has been most transformational for you?

3. How will your training as a spiritual director help the people of Colorado live out the vision¹ of SDCO?

4. Which training programs have you investigated?

5. Why have you chosen the particular program that you have?

¹ See the Vision Statement on the front page: *We envision....*

6. If you are currently serving as a Spiritual Director, describe the context in which this has been taking place. How long have you been engaged in this ministry? What experiences affirm you in this ministry?

7. Are you currently participating in Peer Supervision or consultation? Have you made any attempts to seek this out?

8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?

11. Have you asked your local church, faith community or other sources for funds?

12. How much are you requesting?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Please ask your references (at least 3 references is required) to fill out the attached recommendation form and mail, or e-mail it as directed.

We ask that these references include a representative from your faith community. These references may also include any of the following: your own Spiritual Director, your spiritual formation training program site coordinator, a person who has received Spiritual Direction from you, or someone who knows you well and can speak to your ongoing spiritual formation training.

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Scholarship Reference Form

The applicant named below has applied for a Spiritual Direction Training Scholarship from Spiritual Direction Colorado. Your response to the following questions will assist the Committee in evaluating the applicant.

Name of Applicant:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Describe the characteristics of this applicant which show him/her to be especially suited to the ministry of Spiritual Direction:

3. Describe the special strengths and areas of growth of the applicant as they apply to the ministry of Spiritual Direction:

4. We hope that eventually all persons entering the ministry of Spiritual Direction will undergo a formal discernment process. If this has been done with the applicant, describe the process:

5. Please add any other comments that might be helpful to the committee in evaluating this application for a scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include your contact information:

Name:

Address:

City,

State,

Zip:

Home phone:

Work phone:

Cell phone:

e-mail:

When completed, please mail or e-mail this form to:

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Guidelines for Practicing Spiritual Directors

Spiritual Direction Colorado (SDCO) seeks to keep those ministering as Spiritual Directors in a collegial relationship with each other within the State. It is in this spirit that we inform you of several guidelines for Spiritual Directors practicing in Colorado.

- ❖ We encourage all Spiritual Directors to attend a workshop on the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct. For example, the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado offers regular training workshops on the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct². Your own faith community may offer a similar type of workshop.
- ❖ If you decide to charge a fee or receive a donation for your ministry of spiritual direction it is suggested that you carry liability insurance³.
- ❖ Each Spiritual Director is encouraged to study, and to have on file a copy of the Code of Ethics for Spiritual Directors⁴.
- ❖ Each Spiritual Director is expected to be in regular personal Spiritual Direction, and to be in regular Supervision.
- ❖ It is also expected that each Spiritual Director will seek out opportunities for Continuing Education.

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² Information on the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Training Workshops can be found on the Diocesan Website at www.coloradodiocese.org

³ Information on personal liability insurance can be obtained through Spiritual Directors International (SDI) @ www.sdi.com

⁴ Available at SDI.