

Name: _____

Practice Term Student: Trainee Application - Fall 2010

If you would like to be a Practice Term Trainee check that you are able to fulfill the requirements:

Requirements for Practice Term Trainee:

- **Attendance at Thursday evening term meetings:** Weekly attendance is mandatory. Absences other than emergencies need to be arranged before the start of Term. It is not appropriate to become a Term Trainee if you are planning long trips during the Practice Term.
- **Regular attendance at other Zendo meetings:** Attendance at either a Sunday or Tuesday each week.
- **Term Training Schedule:** This should include regular (6 days a week) zazen (at least 40 minutes), and chanting service (either at the Zendo or a simplified service at home), as well as some attendance at sesshin (retreats) and other programs.
- **Dharma Study:** Regular study of the term topic, including assigned homework. The Fall '10 topic is the Six Paramitas (the "perfections" of the bodhisattva path).
- **Sanzen:** Regular sanzen with Ejo. (Generally at least once every other week)
- **Training or Lead Zendo Position:** All Term Trainees will be assigned to a Zendo Position (doan-ino [presenter], groundskeeper, jisha [attendant], jikido [time-keeper], shika [greeter], tenzo [cook]) if not already participating in one of those positions.
- **Zendo Upkeep:** Trainees are also expected to participate in some upkeep activities like daily samu, work parties, fundraisers, special projects etc.

If you feel that you can fulfill the requirements then do the following:

1. Consult with Ejo about being a Term Trainee and your training schedule.
2. Fill out this application and sign. If you have a spouse/partner you'll need to review the application with them and have them sign as well.
3. Ejo will review your application and return it to you with his seal.
4. Make a copy of your application for your own reference.
5. Bring your application to the Term Opening ceremony on September 19th. Applications should be in an envelope and be accompanied by a money offering to the Term Teacher. The offering is your participation in the reciprocal relationship of the "generosity of teaching" and the "generosity of assets" within this special arrangement of Term Trainee and is a way for you to show your gratitude. There is no set amount.

Please attach a separate sheet outlining your proposed training schedule.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse/Partner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Ejo's Seal