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Practice Term Student Application – Spring 2010

Becoming a Term Student is a way to give focus to a Practice Term. Following through with a commitment for 90 days helps to solidify the position Dharma takes in our lives and challenges us to follow our yearnings for a more authentic way of life. The commitments are generated in consultation with the Term Teacher and should include the following elements:

- **Zazen Schedule:** daily zazen at home or the Zendo.
- **Attendance at three Thursday evening term meetings:** Three Thursday evenings have been designated for joint meetings with the Fall Term Trainees: February 18, April 1 and May 6. Absences other than emergencies for these three evenings will need to be arranged before the start of Term.
- **Zendo Upkeep:** Term students are expected to help with the functioning of the temple by taking up a practice position (doan-ino [presenter], groundskeeper, jisha, jikido [time-keeper], shika [greeter], tenzo), participating in work days, bringing refreshments or other volunteer work. For more information about practice positions and/or volunteer work in the zendo, please contact the current practice position leads; these are listed on the Zendo bulletin board.
- **Sanzen:** Ejo is available on a regular basis for private meetings. Term students should plan to meet with Ejo at least 5 times during the term.
- **Dharma Study:** We will be studying the Buddhist Ancestors. You may like to study the Tuesday night text and attend the Tuesday classes or study something else that interests you.
- **Participation in Retreats:** we will have two short retreats at the Zendo and one long. Retreats are optional.

If you would like to be a Term Student then do the following:

1. Complete an application with your proposed training schedule. Bring it to a meeting with Ejo and get his approval (he will stamp it at that time). You may bring your application to Sanzen or meet with Ejo after services on Sunday, January 31st from 11:30 a.m. You may also email your application to ejo@eugenezendo.org.
2. Sign and have spouse/partner sign as well, if applicable.
3. Make a copy of your application for your own reference.
4. Bring your application to the Term opening ceremony on February 14th. Applications should be in an envelope and be accompanied by an 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 Student. There is no set amount.

Please attach a separate sheet outlining your proposed zazen schedule, participation in retreats, zendo upkeep, sanzen and dharma study.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse/Partner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Ejo's Seal