TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
A Jodo Shinshu Temple

# Toronto Buddhist Church - Bishop Ishura Travel Grant Application Form

**Introduction:** The Toronto Buddhist Church is pleased to offer the *Bishop Ishura Travel Grant* to support members of our community in their pursuit of educational, spiritual experiences that promote the teachings of Buddhism, deepen personal growth, or foster interfaith dialogue. This grant is named in honour of Bishop Ishura, a prominent leader who dedicated his life to the advancement of Buddhism and its values.

**Eligibility:**

- Open to all registered members of temples associated with the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple of Canada, Sunday school, Youth group, or an offspring of a member of temples associated with the JSBTC.
- Applicants must be pursuing educational, spiritual activities that align with the values of Buddhism.
- The grant is be used for travel related to religious pilgrimages, academic conferences, study programs, and other relevant activities.

## Application Form

**Personal Information:**

- **Full Name**: _____ **Date of Birth**: _____
- **Address**:
  Street Address: _____City: _____
  Province: _____Postal Code: _____
- **Phone Number**: _____**Email Address**: _____
- **Membership Number (if applicable)**: _____

## Travel Details:

- **Destination**: _____

- **Purpose of Travel**: (e.g., pilgrimage, conference, study, cultural exchange, etc.)

- **Dates of Travel**:
  Departure Date: _____. Return Date: _____

## Travel Objectives and Impact: *(please attach additional sheet to answer these questions)*

- **How will your experience enhanced your knowledge and interest in Buddhism?**
- **How will this travel experience support your spiritual growth or Buddhist practice?**
- **How do you think you might be able to contribute your knowledge and interest to your temple or other JSBTC temple?**
- **How do you plan to share or apply what you learn or experience through this travel with the JSBTC community?**

## Financial Information:

- **Estimated Travel Costs**:
  Airfare: $_____
  Accommodation: $_____
  Meals: $_____
  Other Expenses (please specify): $_____
  Total Estimated Costs: $_____
- **Amount Requested from the Bishop Ishura Travel Grant**: $_____
- **Other Sources of Funding (if any)**: _____

## References:

Please provide at least one reference from a member of a temple associated with the JSBTC who can speak to your character, commitment to Buddhist practice, or the relevance of your travel to the church community.

**Reference:**
Name: _____Relationship to Applicant: _____
Phone Number: _____Email Address: _____

## Additional Information:

Please attach any additional information or documents that may help the selection committee understand the value of your travel experience. This may include a detailed itinerary, letters of support, or any other relevant materials.

## Signature:

I, the undersigned, certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Toronto Buddhist Church may request further documentation or conduct interviews as part of the selection process. I also agree to provide a report or summary of my travel experience to the church upon my return.

**Applicant's Signature**: _____ **Date**: _____

## Submission Instructions:

- Please submit your completed application form along with any required supporting documents to the **Toronto Buddhist Church**.
- Applications may be submitted via email to tbc@tbc.on.ca or by mail to:
  **Toronto Buddhist Church**
  1011 Sheppard Avenue West,
  Toronto, ON M3H 2T7

For any questions or further information, please contact the Toronto Buddhist Church at tbc@tbc.on.ca or phone 416-534-4302

**Thank you for your application. We look forward to supporting your journey and spiritual growth!**