

## **Tsubaki Grand Shrine Scholarship for Unitarian Universalist Seminarians at non-UU theological schools**

The Tsubaki Grand Shrine Scholarship is available to Unitarian Universalist seminarians (in candidate status) attending non-UU theological Schools who have an interest in international and interfaith engagement. Scholarship recipients will be provided with expenses for travel to the [Tsubaki Grand Shrine](#) (TGS) in Suzuka, Japan as well as room and board at the Shrine for two to three weeks. The dates for visits are flexible, but tend to be scheduled during the Summer and Fall. Starr King School for the Ministry and Meadville/Lombard Theological School have similar programs for their students with TGS.

TGS is one of the oldest Shinto shrines in Japan, dating back to the first century BCE. The long-standing relationship between Unitarian Universalism and TGS has its roots within the [International Association for Religious Freedom](#).

This scholarship was established by Guji Yukiyasu Yamamoto, the 97th guardian priest of the shrine:

- to promote international and interfaith understanding,
- to provide opportunities for Unitarian Universalist seminarians to develop a deeper understanding of shrine Shinto tradition, customs, and practices, and
- to further develop close relationships between the Tsubaki Grand Shrine and Unitarian Universalists.

### **Application Procedure:**

1. Complete an application form and submit no later than 5 p.m. April 1, 2011 to the International Resources Office, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.
2. The application must include an essay explaining your interest in this scholarship, your preparedness for an international interfaith experience, and how you expect this experience to inform your training for ministry.
3. All candidates must include a letter of recommendation from an academic advisor and a minister in Final Fellowship with the UUA.
4. All application requests MUST be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

### **Application Review:**

Applications will be reviewed and approved by the UUA's Director of International Resources. Award notification will be sent to applicants by May 30, 2011.

### **Expectations:**

Scholarship recipients will be in the position of representing Unitarian Universalism while they are visiting TGS and must be prepared to fulfill this responsibility effectively. The UUA's Director of International Resources will provide preparatory materials for scholarship recipients.

Within one month of returning from their visit, scholarship recipients must submit a report about their experience suitable for publication to the UUA's Director of International Resources and their academic advisor.

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APPLICATION 2011-2012**

**To be filled out by applicant Please print clearly or type!**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your cultural, racial or ethnic background (optional)

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Candidate's Sponsoring Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Theological School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return your application by April 1, 2011 to**

**Office of International Resources  
25 Beacon Street  
Boston, MA 02180**