

Dear Applicant,

Attached is the application for tuition assistance for the Radical Aliveness Institute Program. While you may apply for tuition assistance only after you have been formally accepted into the program, the following information may be important for your decision to continue your application to the upcoming school year and beyond.

The RAI Board of Directors and Tuition Assistance Committee ask that you carefully consider the following award criteria and requirements before you apply for any financial assistance. The intention here is to ensure that the Tuition Assistance program completely supports the mission and values of the school. If you are able to make the commitments required of tuition assistance recipients as well as being willing to embody the spirit with which these funds are given, you will be asked to sign the tuition assistance agreement in the link below and submit it with your application.

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

When we review applications and speak with applicants, we evaluate a number of factors:

**Need:** Does the applicant demonstrate need such that s/he would not be able to attend RAI without some form of financial assistance?

**Self-Responsibility:** To what extent is the applicant stepping up to cover as much of the cost of the RAI program as possible? This is important both as one of the values of the RAI training and also to leverage the limited funds that we have to disburse.

**Complexity:** Who is the applicant and what does s/he bring to the school? Our intention with this criterion is to support the school's desire to reflect the world in all its complexity.

**Giving to the World:** What does the applicant intend to do with the RAI training to further the healing and growth of individuals, communities and the earth? While a concrete post-program plan is not required, we do look for applicants who have a purpose or intention to connect the RAI program with bettering the world.

**Giving to the School:** In return for receiving tuition assistance, the Tuition Assistance recipients (individually and as a group) agree to be active participants in the fundraising team that is responsible for raising the annual target funds through the yearly drive for the Tuition Assistance Program.

This means driving the effort, engaging the student and alumni body and creating fundraising opportunities to ensure the yearly goal is met. Mentoring and support will be given.

Tuition Assistance recipients are also asked to attend any RA Community Nights in their area to help support and promote the Institute and the work.

## **FUNDING INFORMATION**

### **1. Maximum Tuition Percentage Funded**

In order to support applicants in self-funding the RAI program as much as possible and to leverage limited resources, the following funding levels are available:

School Year	California Residents	Outside California	International Residents
2020/21	25%	40%	55%
2021/22	20%	35%	50%

The Committee reserves the right to award above these levels in rare cases for students who find themselves in temporary and unusually challenging financial circumstances.

**2. Use of Tuition Assistance.** Tuition assistance may only be used for the school year for which it was awarded and can only be received if the student completes the full school year. If the student does not complete their school year, they will be responsible for paying back the tuition assistance amount that has already been expended on their behalf for the portion of the year in which they participated. The only exception will be if students need to drop out for personal health reasons.

**3. Disbursement of funds.** For students opting to pay their tuition on a payment plan, the year's scholarship funds will be disbursed evenly over the length of the payment plan. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

## **AWARD SPIRIT, REQUIREMENTS AND AGREEMENT**

Tuition assistance is made available solely through the generosity, commitment and belief in RAI of our donors, many of whom are graduates desiring to pay their valued education forward in impactful ways. You will be receiving this education, and the RAI and its donors will be investing in you as a contributor to the RAI mission. When you apply for tuition assistance, we ask that you do so with a full awareness of the investment that is being made in you.

If you choose to apply, as part of your application you will be asked to acknowledge the spirit with which financial awards are given and to make the following commitments:

1. You agree to fulfill all requirements completely and on time, as specified in the 2020-2021 RAI Student Handbook. This includes homework, project work (if applicable), personal process sessions, supervision sessions (if applicable), class attendance and financial payments. You recognize that not completing any of the above

requirements on time puts further disbursement of your tuition assistance funds in jeopardy.

2. You agree to complete the year for which you receive this assistance. If you drop out of the program prior to completion, you agree to immediately refund the total amount of financial assistance you have received for this program year thus far.

3. If you are accepting financial assistance for the Professional Program, you have considered the rigors of the program and assert, on good faith, that it is currently fully your intention to complete the two years and meet all the requirements to be certified as a Radical Aliveness Practitioner.

Signed:

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Date 

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