

Connection Grant Application

A unique opportunity for seekers who request a one-time grant that supports connection and the finding of a common core within different traditions or world view orientations as envisioned in the Beads on One String Mission Statement below:

Beads-on-One-String is a non-profit-corporation dedicated to the exploration of the unity of all life and whose abiding interest is in humanity's common endeavor to understand, experience, and creatively express the Oneness that lies at the heart of all.*

This search is independent of existing traditions yet actively appreciates and connects people from all religions, backgrounds and cultures, sacred and secular.

We intend through education, pilgrimage, film and media, arts, sciences, and companionship to invite opportunities to explore and experience this unity.

**Beads-on-One-String is the term used by Avatar Meher Baba on a visit to England in 1932 and recorded by Pathe News. A version of this message also appears as a forward to His seminal book God Speaks, (New York, 1955 Dodd Mead, 1973, Sufism Reoriented.)*

Please send this application and any additional materials by mail or email to:

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Overview of the Grant:

These grants could include, but are not limited to the following:

- Spiritual Pilgrimage: Assist individuals seeking to participate in a Religious or Spiritual pilgrimage to renowned holy sites within the intent of the Beads on One String mission statement.
- Education: Multi-Religious or spiritual education consistent with Beads on One String mission statement.

The purpose of the grant is to further inform and enhance the mission of Beads on One String. As such, recipients of the grant will be required to file a report that describes their experience of their activity, and if possible to provide any avenues for future follow-up for others.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

Grants are available to all individuals around the world regardless of sex, age, color, nationality or religious background. While the program does not emphasize any particular form of religious practice or worship, it seeks to provide support to persons motivated by spiritual values. The program awards stipends to persons with a wide range of beliefs, practices, and philosophies. However, preference will be given to those who demonstrate a commitment to the recognition of linkages and connections across varying traditions and world views, who have a well thought out project, and are considering full time dedication to furthering the interests of the Beads on One String mission statement.

Acceptance Criteria:

Preference shall be given to those scholarship applicants who, in written narratives and personal interviews, demonstrate:

- Clearly stated values and devotion to a spiritual cause
- An interest in pursuing a life-long formal devotion to a spiritual tradition
- Previous experience and study of world Religion, philosophy, and mysticism.
- Calling to dedicate oneself in service to humanity

The number and amounts of scholarships may vary yearly and will be determined based on a recommendation from the Scholarship Committee and voted effective by the board of directors. Each grant can be up to \$500. This grant must be used within the calendar year.

Recipient Responsibilities:

As the purpose of the grant it is to further inform and enhance the mission of Beads on One String each recipient is required to write an article or create a short video clip exploring this connection that could possibly be used for the Beads work including workshops, seminars or the website.

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Dates and time frame of work: _____

Site of work: _____

Amount requested: _____

How did you hear about Beads on One String? _____

