

Cleveland Shambhala Meditation Center

MEMBERSHIP



WHY? Membership...

Is a **powerful way to express appreciation** for what the practice provides and a clear acknowledgement of the value you feel Shambhala has in your life.

Supports the financial sustainability of the Center & helps keep tradition of meditation & Dharma teachings alive & **Available to Others**

Provides an opportunity to be with others who share practices, teachings, questions, and a **Vision of an Enlightened Society**

WHAT? As a member you...

- **Participate in Community**
- **Deepen Your Connection**
- **Offer Your Energy & Service**
- **Provide Financial Support***

WHO?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Regardless of race, ethnicity, age, class, gender identification, sexual orientation, physical ability, class, or walk of life

WIIFM?

What's In It For Me

**Meditation Instructor
Discounts on Programs
Members Lending Library
Advanced Training
Global Network & Online
Programming
Membership Pin
Shambhala T-shirt**



What does it mean?

It means being a part of a global network of people who have confidence in the fundamental goodness of humanity, and the power of that goodness to shift the social and environmental dynamics of our planet.

HOW MUCH?

Our Members offer a wide range of monthly contributions starting at \$5/month

*Our **Giving Levels** (back side) are a guide to help determine what is right for you

No one is excluded from Membership because of money

Members often increase monthly donations over time as they become more involved

HOW? To become a member just fill out the Membership Form available at the Center or online.

Questions?

Contact Membership Coordinator - Becky Gardner
ClevelandShambhala@gmail.com

Already a Member?
Consider increasing your contribution or Setting up recurring payments



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*More on the Financial Aspect of Membership & Giving Levels

Generosity comes in many forms, but financial generosity is vital in our society. The organizations, products, services and ultimately the values that people invest in are the ones which thrive and grow. **Making a monthly financial commitment is a clear acknowledgement of the value that you feel Shambhala has in your life and in the world.**

Dating back to the historical Buddha, generosity has been cultivated as a means to support the sangha of practitioners and as a virtue to develop unto itself.



Member contributions cover the majority of the center's operating expenses throughout the year.

Regular monthly contributions provide the Shambhala Center a stable stream of revenue by which we can create an operating budget to maintain this unique place and programming throughout the year.

As a practice, generosity looks different for people in different situations. **Below are some suggestions to use as a guide to help determine the right monthly donation for you.** Some find it helpful to think about the value they put on other items in their life when making this decision. Can you give a latte? A dinner out? A pair of shoes? Is the work of Shambhala as important as a gym membership? What does generosity mean to you?

Every level of support is helpful and appreciated! Membership dues are offered as recurring donations. Members often increase their donations over time as they become more involved with the community.



Bud (Growth) - \$5/mo. and up

Like spring, which offers a new beginning, giving at this level inspires our Center's growth by providing basic upkeep and keeping things fresh. (Recommended for students/low income.)



Leaf (Adorning) - \$25/mo. and up

Giving at this level helps maintain an uplifted environment-providing a beautiful and relaxed atmosphere for us to work with our minds. (Recommended for Individuals.)



Branches (Outreach) - \$55/mo. and up

Giving at this level helps Shambhala make the dharma accessible with free events & offering programs at a discounted rate. (Recommended for couples/families by blood or affection.)



Trunk (Support) - \$80/mo. and up

Those who give at this level provide the core of financial stability to accomplish the vision & aspirations of Shambhala and support Center growth and culture.



Root (Stability) - \$150/mo. and up

Growing into the earth, roots provide long-term stability for the Center by establishing a secure foundation of support to weather any storms. They ensure the life and continued benefit of the Cleveland Shambhala Meditation Center.

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