



August 12, 2009

Dear Student,

We are looking forward to a wonderful year together at One Spirit Learning Alliance! I have received your request for a Tuition Assistance Application. I am happy to provide you with this information.

We realize that financial challenges can sometimes interfere with your goal to complete your course of study. If you are committed to One Spirit, we are committed to you. One Spirit offers limited Tuition Assistance in the form of work-study exchange for both attending and distance learning students whose financial challenges prohibit them from enrollment. Some examples of work study service include administrative/clerical work, phones, audio/visual recording team, bookstore sales and support, seminary classroom support, program set-up/break-down, promotion and outreach, local community outreach, at-home research projects, or telecommuting digital office projects. We are open to other ideas that reflect your individual strengths and areas of specialization.

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Work-study exchange awards are awarded on a year-by-year basis and are contingent upon satisfactory course work. Inadequate academic performance or unfulfilled work-study obligations may result in the loss of tuition assistance.

Please complete the enclosed application, making sure to attach all required documentation, and return within two weeks. Incomplete applications can cause significant potential delays in the decision process and therefore may not be considered. After reviewing your materials, I will contact you so that we can have a personal conversation regarding your request.

If you have any questions after reviewing our Tuition Assistance Work Study Exchange Application, please call me at 917 359-1441 or email me at revkaren@onespiritinterfaith.org. I look forward to assisting you during your studies at One Spirit.

Have a blessed and joyous year!


Rev. Karen Osit
Bursar

Enclosures:
Tuition Assistance Application (2 copies)
Tuition & Tuition Assistance Policies & Procedures
Volunteer / Work Study Exchange Profile Form



TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

2009-2010

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Name: _____

Program for which assistance is sought: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ * Please star "★" the best number to reach you.

E-mail: _____

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1. **A detailed Letter describing your current financial situation.** The letter should address:
 - your current resources
 - why you need tuition assistance
 - the amount of assistance you are requesting
2. **Volunteer/Work Study Exchange Profile** Your profile information will aid One Spirit in assigning you work study projects appropriate to your skills, time schedule availability and status, if attending in New York or distance learning.
3. **A copy of your most recent federal tax return** (to complete your financial picture)
4. **Please sign this application and keep one copy for your records.**
5. **Please send all the above** to "Finance, One Spirit Learning Alliance," at the address below. After your application is received and reviewed you will be contacted by the Bursar to discuss and explore your application and financial needs.

APPLICATION:

I request financial assistance in the form of work-study to be applied to tuition for the academic year beginning September, 2009, only. I realize that I will have to reapply for assistance in subsequent years.

I have read the attached document "Tuition & Tuition Assistance Policies & Procedures, 2009-2010" and agree to the policies set forth therein. Specifically, I understand the following:

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- Continued assistance will be contingent upon good standing in all areas of my training program and successful participation in all assigned work-study. Failure to maintain satisfactory course work and service may result in a suspension of tuition assistance, suspension of academic studies, and/or withholding of ordination and graduation.
- Tuition assistance is part of my seminary education contractual obligation. If my financial situation changes and I am able to pay a larger portion of my tuition, I will inform the bursar.

I attest that this application including all attached materials are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Date _____



TUITION & TUITION ASSISTANCE

Policies & Procedures

2009-2010

TUITION PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- A Tuition Payment Agreement (TPA) must be completed and signed by the student.
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- The TPA indicates the available payment plan options.
 - A different payment plan may be requested in writing (at any time during the course of the program), explaining the need for the plan, and addressed to the Bursar c/o the One Spirit office.
 - Please do not vary from the payment plan unless it results in a reduced number of payments.
 - Payments must be received by the Bursar on or before the dates indicated on the TPA. Please plan ahead to mail payment to be sure that it arrives on time.
- Payment may be made by check, credit card, or money order. No cash will be accepted for tuition payment.
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- Payments made by check or money order:
 - Use the memo line to indicate which program the payment is for (e.g. Seminary, Spiritual Counseling, etc.).
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- Send payments to: Bursar, One Spirit Learning Alliance, 330 West 38th Street, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10018.

TUITION PAYMENT REGULATIONS

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- Outstanding balances that remain unpaid beyond August 31 of that year will be subject to a late penalty of \$25 per month.

Withdrawal and Deferment

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WORK-STUDY PROFILE

Name:

Address, Phone, Email:

Program:

One Spirit Learning Alliance could not keep going without the contributions of time and energy provided by the members of our community. We strive to create an inspired, engaging professional environment that holds a light-hearted love of the work and a living laboratory to practice the principles we value. As we offer our hands, minds and hearts, we come to know the ultimate value of our service: growth toward each other and toward Spirit.

We look forward to welcoming you to our team. Please answer the questions below so that we may get to know you better and determine the most synergetic match available.

AVAILABILITY – Please use this section if you can come into the office only.

Please indicate the hours you are generally available to contribute during the week:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For Distance Learners and Attending - Special notes about your availability:

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SERVICE INTERESTS

Please select all of the areas that you have experience in. Remember, we are all given individual gifts and talents. If you do not see something on the list, or even if you do, think about your life and the things that you do. Upon talking with many students we have found that many had skills they used every day that they had not considered for service that were of great benefit to One Spirit. Please include everything because the one thing you may not think to include just may be the "Jewel in the Lotus."

Please use the **Other/Details** section at the end of this list to add items or to give more details of your experience/skills for items you have selected.

- Artistic / Graphic Skills
- Audio and/or Video Work
- Bookstore Sales – (must live in NYC; staff One Spirit on site retail store during classes and events, fill orders for Internet orders, etc)
- Carpentry/Interior Design or Repair/ Interior Painting (One Spirit)
- Commencement Ceremony Support - 1st year students only
- Event Support (any non-program, elective, intensive or commencement related activities; provide logistical support to faculty or presenters for events such as running microphones, etc.)
- Facilities Assistance/Room Setup and Maintenance
- Fundraising/Development Experience
- Flower Gardening (supply One Spirit with fresh flowers for your seminary class)
- Grant Writing
- Independent Fund Raising - (i.e. Massage, Reike, Acupuncture, Sewing, Fabric Design, Embroidery, Knitting, Crocheting (prayer caps), other design work or manufactured products, Garage Sale, Car Wash, Bake Sale)
- Intensive Retreat Support (assist in intensive that is not your own)
- Internet Outreach
- Journalism/Writing Skills
- Layout and Design (Reformatting existing articles, brochures, catalogs or booklets)
- Media Team (must live in NYC; record, edit, produce & duplicate One Spirit audio-visual materials. Skill level depends on assignment)
- Office Assistance (must live in NYC; general office support such as telephones, mailings, inventory, filing, etc.)
- Office Cleanup and Organization (must live in NYC)

