

Couples Program & Gestalt 12-day Program – 201: Scholarship Information

GATLA is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing excellence in Gestalt Therapy and Couples Therapy training. We grant limited scholarships to qualified participants who otherwise could not afford to attend the training. In the case of participants from countries with very limited economies, we anticipate granting such individuals scholarships for several years as significant training takes several years — especially if the participant has little other training opportunities available to him/her. This takes up a significant portion of GATLA's scholarship funds. We are also committed to financially assist advanced students and new professionals from all countries.

Persons requesting scholarship assistance are asked to pay as much as they can toward the full costs thereby allowing more people to share in scholarship money. Therefore, previous scholarship recipients will be asked to pay at least what they have paid previously.

The granting of scholarships is fundamentally based on three factors:

1. The assessed financial “need” of the individual applicant.
 - Income, savings and other assets and general financial resources of the applicant.
 - The economy of the country of origin of the applicant (e.g. especially some “developing” countries where therapists, psychologists and psychiatrists, etc. make between \$50-100 per month). In such a situation, asking full fee (e.g. for the European Summer Residential program: US\$3595 – \$3895) would be asking them for more, SEVERAL YEAR'S income as compared to asking less than TWO WEEK'S income from many “first” world country professionals. Clearly, full time professionals are not equal financially.
 - The exchange rate of the applicants local currency to the U.S. dollar. For example, with the declining exchange rates for the Russian Rouble, people from that country would have to pay twice what they paid previously – even if our fees remained the same. In the last few years, the currency rate went from approximately 28 Roubles to the dollar to approximately 60
2. The equitable distribution of scholarship to those most in need of financial assistance and to those who apply early enough so that scholarship money is still available.
3. The availability of funds.

Since GATLA has no grants or other sources of funding, all monies awarded for scholarships come from tuition, accommodation, meals and fixed expenses paid by other applicants. Thus, scholarship funds are extremely limited and an attempt is made to award scholarships to those who are most in need.

Every effort is made by GATLA to be as equitable as possible in the distribution of our limited scholarship resources. We base our fees on our actual expenses including some small amount of money for scholarships. We are truly a non-profit organization. We do not inflate fees to accommodate negotiations and we would appreciate being petitioned for scholarships only by those with genuine financial need.

New Scholarship Guidelines

The earlier the request, the more likely scholarship assistance will be available.

No registration or scholarship request will be considered without a completed scholarship application form and A **DEPOSIT (MINIMUM US \$500.00)**. In the event the scholarship decision is not mutually agreed upon, the deposit will be fully refunded. If, however, GATLA and the participant agree on a scholarship amount, the deposit at that time becomes non-refundable.

When a scholarship offer by GATLA is less than the applicant's scholarship request, the applicant has ten days to consider and accept or refuse. If GATLA does not receive a response or hear from the applicant within ten days, the scholarship offer will expire and the deposit will not be refunded.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM – GATLA – 201

Name

Address

City, State, Country Postal Code

Phone

Email

- COUPLES PROGRAM SUMMER RESIDENTIAL
- GESTALT PROGRAM SUMMER RESIDENTIAL
- LOS ANGELES SIX WEEKEND TRAINING PROGRAM
- SEATTLE TRAINING PROGRAM

ASSETS

Cash in Bank

Any other financial support

Stocks & Bonds (value)

Autos (year, make, value)

Real Estate (value)

Other Assets (describe & state value)

(Please include any part of training expenses funded by a university or other institution)

TOTAL ASSETS \$

ANNUAL INCOME

Salary

Salary of Spouse / Partner

Securities Income

Rentals

Other (describe)

TOTAL INCOME \$

Less total expenditures \$

Net Cash Income \$
exclusive of ordinary living expenses**LIABILITIES**

Monies owed: Total

Individual debts & amounts

Real Estate Indebtedness

Other Liabilities

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$

ANNUAL EXPENDITURES excluding ordinary expenditures

Real Estate payment(s)

Rent

Income Taxes

Insurance Premiums

Property Taxes

Other - describe

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$

Total amount of scholarship you are requesting. Be sure to give us a specific dollar amount- not, "as much as possible".

Please complete the credit card information below. Once you have submitted the information above, we will respond to you with a scholarship amount we are able to offer. If we accept your proposal or you accept our counter offer, you have 10 days in which to register (including deposit) for the program online, by fax or by direct deposit to our bank account. If you do not do so during that time frame we will release that scholarship money to someone else and we will charge you a \$100 scholarship application fee. Nothing will be charged on your credit card if you refuse the scholarship offer we make to you or if you register after you have accepted the scholarship.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Name as it appears on your credit card _____

Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Amount authorized: _____