

Tibetan Nuns Project

Provide debating scholarships to the nuns



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ABOUT THE \$100 SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE INTER-NUNNERY DEBATE

For centuries, Tibetan monks have held an annual month-long debating session called the Jang Gonchoe, which is an integral part of their Buddhist practice. The practice of debate joins logical thinking with a deeper understanding of Buddhist philosophy. It is an essential part of monastic education in the Tibetan tradition. Until the 1990s, Tibetan Buddhist nuns were excluded from this form and level of education and the Tibetan Nuns Project has worked hard to open up this opportunity for the nuns and make debate a core part of their education.

Since 1995, the nuns have held their own Jang Gonchoe, a month-long inter-nunnery debating session. This is a unique opportunity to build capacity and equality for the nuns, to help ensure that a centuries-old tradition continues and expands to include the nuns, and to foster the dharma for future generations.

Each \$100 scholarship helps to cover a nun's expenses so she can attend the annual inter-nunnery debate, such as travel costs to and from her nunnery, food, and accommodation. The number of nuns wanting to participate in the Jang Gonchoe is increasing steadily. Each year, between 400 and 500 nuns take part from about eight nunneries in India and Nepal. All nuns and nunneries are welcome to join when they can but the main obstacle to participation is funding.

Please provide a \$100 scholarship to enable a nun to attend the Jang Gonchoe.

To give a scholarship you can:

1. Make a gift online at www.tnp.org
2. Call our office in Seattle, US at 1-206-652-8901 (Monday-Friday, 8-4) and make a donation via credit card.
3. Mail a check to:
The Tibetan Nuns Project
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815 Seattle Boulevard South #216, Seattle, WA 98134 USA
4. Give a gift of securities. Please see <https://tnp.org/donate-securities/>

Some testimonials and thanks from the nuns

"Last year the Jang Gonchoe was an excellent one. We debated until midnight each day. We were overjoyed to share our ideas and thoughts. There were about 400 nuns and all were full with enthusiasm and eager to debate with one another."

Tenzin Nyidon, Dolma Ling Nunnery & Institute

"I would like to thank you so much for supporting our education. It is all because of your support that I'm getting all these opportunities to study dharma in Dolma Ling. It has been 10 years now since I'm studying here. It is only through debate and discussion with teachers and dharma friends that has helped me to improve my knowledge and understanding of the teaching in a much better way."

Tenzin Chonyi, Dolma Ling Nunnery