

Application for Residency

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License #: _____ State: _____

Passport #: _____ Country: _____

SS#: _____

Insurance provider: _____

Insurance policy number: _____

Attach photocopies of the above documents.

Are you a US citizen? _____

Citizenship status? _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Today's Date: _____

Date you would like
to move into the Temple: _____

REFERENCES:

(name, relationship, phone number)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please send a current photo of yourself and a letter telling us about yourself.

1. Why do you want to live at the temple?
2. What is your experience with the practice of Zen or other traditions?
3. What is your educational background?
4. What is your work background?
5. What do you have in the way of talents, training, expertise, hobbies, etc.? Do you have skills with building, maintenance, sewing, foreign languages, computers, business, accounting, office work, calligraphy, etc.?

Signature: _____



"Living in the Temple definitely makes getting to zazen easier. You just get up in the morning and walk to the dojo downstairs."

— Jason Spees

Past and Present Residents Share their Experience Living in the New Orleans Zen Temple

Mag Ritchey, a lawyer and Louisiana native, spends a lot of time traveling for her work, but chose to live in the Temple because "I wanted to contribute to the day-to-day life of the sangha."

John Calhoun, originally from Denver, once thought the Temple too large and spacious for the few people who live there, but now he says, "having my daily schedule revolve around samu as well as zazen has let me focus on my practice without the distractions of the outside world. Now I have only the distractions of my mind to contend with."



"When you live with other people, the group becomes a mirror."

— Taisen Deshimaru

Jason Spees lived in the Temple for over a year when he first arrived from a small town in Texas. "I learned about diet, plants, cleaning and aesthetics. I made some very close friends that are probably on the same level as war buddies. Through zazen I began to understand a bit about my own existence, pitiful as it may be, and to become familiar with my own body and its energy."

Mario Goertner returned to his native Germany after living in the Temple for eighteen months, first part-time while he interned at Covenant House, a social services agency, then full-time. While living in the Temple was not the typical "American" experience, it was a memorable way to experience America.