

Guide to Sliding Scale Fees

Benefactor (125%) — Supporting Others' Practice

This rate allows those with greater financial capacity to extend generosity outward. By selecting the Benefactor Rate, you help cover the cost for participants who need a reduced rate, strengthen SFZC's financial foundation, and ensure that practice remains accessible to all.

Standard (100%) — Sustaining Our Practice Environment

This rate reflects the full cost of offering high-quality, sustainable practice opportunities for our community. Choosing the Standard Rate directly supports everything that goes into your practice day — nourishing meals, teacher support, and the staff and facilities that make these programs possible.

Member (90%) — Member Rate

This near-full rate honors SFZC's members and committed practitioners. It reflects a substantial contribution to the true cost of the sit while recognizing members' ongoing support of the sangha. (Please only select this tier if you are currently an SFZC member.)

Sliding Scale 1 (50%) — Supported Rate

This rate offers a meaningful discount for those who can contribute something toward the cost but need support to attend. Selecting this tier helps balance accessibility and shared responsibility within the community.

Sliding Scale 2 (25%) — Access Rate

This rate supports participants who face meaningful financial constraints or systemic barriers to access. This option upholds SFZC's commitment to offering the Dharma to all those who seek it, expanding access to those who could otherwise not attend.