

Loti Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who was Loti?

Joan (Loti) Mason-Grant was a treasured friend, a dedicated and thoughtful yogi, a passionate activist, and a wise teacher. A professor of Women's Studies and Social Justice and Peace Studies at King's College in London Ontario, and a graduate of the Nosara Yoga Institute, she encouraged critical thinking about our place in the world, and facilitated transformation and growth on our planet. She was a fearless leader in the areas of social justice, environmentalism and sustainability, and gender inequality.

Loti believed that it was through daily, mindful, conscious practices like yoga that we could transform our lives and reconnect with our deepest self, each other, and the Earth. She taught that a shift in our daily practices rather than abstract, intellectual ideas, was the key to cultivating an embodied sense of hope that had the power to make changes in the world around us. Loti believed that we become what we practice.

2. What is the value of the scholarship?

The Loti Scholarship has two different components:

- 1) The 200-hr Cross-Disciplinary Yoga Teacher Training (foundational certification) full course scholarship. One 200-hour scholarship is awarded each year, and is valued at the cost of one DevaTree 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training. There is no cash value for this scholarship.
- 2) The 300-hr Advanced Yoga Teacher Training (post-200 hr) scholarship, which provides a 500-hr level Advanced certification. One 300-hour scholarship is awarded every two years (given out next in 2019), and is valued at the cost of DevaTree 50-hr and 100-hr training modules equaling 300 hours of training. There is no cash value for this scholarship.

3. What are the requirements to apply, and how are the successful applicants chosen?

This scholarship is open to applicants who demonstrate the following:

- A commitment to the practice of yoga, not necessarily limited to asana or physical yoga
- Financial need – based on household income, exceptional circumstances taken into consideration
- A current and ongoing practice of community outreach and/or volunteer work
- A desire to bring the transformative practice of yoga into their life in a deeper way
- A commitment to giving yoga back to the community where there is a need
- 200-Hr Recipients: Agreement to give 20 hours of volunteer yoga back to a community organization or group

- 300-Hr Recipients: Agreement to give 30 hours of volunteer yoga back to a community organization or group
- Agreement to write 2 articles or blogs about their experience in YTT, or in volunteering.
*see question # 8.

All applications will be reviewed by the DevaTree Scholarship Committee, which is composed of Tamika Schilbe, Carolyn Burke, Brenda Dowell, and our Program Coordinator. The committee will take into account all of the above criteria in making its decision.

4. What is the application process?

Applicants must complete the online application form and submit it to our Program Coordinator at info@devatree.com, along with a 500-1000 word letter which details why you are applying, the unique things that make you qualified to receive this scholarship, and how you will give back to the community if you are awarded the scholarship.

5. I've already registered for the program can I still apply?

If you are registered for a program that has not yet started, then you can still apply for the Loti scholarship. If you are awarded the scholarship, any program deposits that you have paid will be refunded.

6. I've already completed half my 300-hr can I still apply?

The 300-hour Advanced Yoga Teacher Training Scholarship is not available retroactively for those who have partially completed their studies. Only those who have not yet begun their 300-hour training are eligible to apply.

7. Is my information kept confidential?

Yes, all information submitted to DevaTree will be kept in strict confidence and used only by DevaTree faculty to determine eligibility for the Loti scholarship.

8. What is the written article for?

When you are awarded the Loti scholarship, you agree to write 2 articles sharing your experiences, either about the training(s) that you are taking part in, or about your community volunteer work. The intention of these articles is to grow awareness about the transformative effects of yoga, and may be published on the DevaTree blog, at DevaTree's discretion.

DevaTree staff is available for writing support as needed for these. Applicants who do not have experience with writing should still apply!

9. How long do I have to complete my certification?

The successful applicant for the 300-hour Advanced Certification agrees to complete their training within 2 years of being awarded the scholarship. The successful applicant for the 200-hour Foundational Certification agrees to register for the training within a year of being awarded the scholarship. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration.

10. When will I hear back?

The deadline for submitted applications is January 19, 2018. Applicants will be contacted in January, once the scholarship committee has made its decision.

All scholarship applications must be completed in full. Applications that are submitted past the deadline, or do not have all parts completed, will be disqualified. If for any reason applicants need support completing the application form, please contact us.