TRIAD HINDU TEMPLE

Shukla Yajur Veda Priest

Triad Hindu Temple
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Job requirements and application instructions

Triad Hindu Temple invites applications from qualified, experienced and service oriented priests. This position combines formal Shukla Yajur Veda proficiency with demonstrated independent experience in Chandi Havan and Devi or Mata ceremonies. Applicants must document both areas of training.

Traditional education and academic knowledge

- Formal Shukla Yajur Veda study through a Veda Pathashala or established Guru Parampara. State the Shakha, Guru, institution, years studied, portions completed and certifications.
- Demonstrated proficiency in mantra recitation, Vedic svara, prayoga and ritual application according to the studied Shakha.
- Veda Adhyayanam and prayoga training are expected. Krama or other advanced study, Sanskrit education and Shrauta or Smartha ritual training are additional qualifications; specify completion level.
- Sound knowledge of Durga Saptashati or Devi Mahatmyam, Chandi Path and their ritual application. Vedic study and Devi ritual training should be described separately.
- Knowledge of relevant Shanti Mantras and Devi related recitations appropriate to the candidate's tradition.

Core pujas and ceremonies

- Substantial independent experience conducting Chandi Havan or Homam, including preparation, recitation, offerings, Poornahuti and closing procedures according to the trained prayoga.
- Chandi Path, Devi Puja, Durga Puja, Navaratri worship, Kalasha Sthapana, Devi Abhishekam and Alankaram.
- Navachandi experience is preferred. Shata Chandi participation or leadership is highly desirable; specify role and approximate number of ceremonies.
- Lalitha Sahasranama, Kumkumarchana, Deepa Lakshmi Puja, Varalakshmi Vratham, Lakshmi and Saraswati Puja, and Durga and Lakshmi homams, within documented training.
- Experience with Mata ceremonies, including Mata Jagran or related community observances where consistent with the candidate's tradition.

Specialized and major ceremony experience

- Sri Chakra Puja and Navavarana Puja experience is highly desirable where the candidate has the requisite traditional training and authorization. Clearly state the scope of that training.
- Prana Pratishtha, Kumbhabhishekam, Mandala Puja and large multi priest ceremonies are significant advantages.
- Provide examples of Chandi ceremonies independently led, including scale, supporting priests, materials and the candidate's responsibilities.

Common requirements and responsibilities

Shared responsibilities

- Conduct daily Nitya Puja and assigned special services, collect sponsor Sankalpam details and support festivals, homams, samskaras and home pujas within the priest's qualifications.
- Maintain sanctity, cleanliness and orderly preparation of sanctums, ritual materials and puja areas. Coordinate with other priests, volunteers and temple administration.
- Explain the meaning and sequence of ceremonies to devotees, children and families in clear, respectful language.
- Follow the temple's religious calendar and operating procedures, including scheduled evening and weekend services.
- Prepare Naivedyams taking turns with other priests and taking care of temple kitchen
- Also taking care of Sai Mandir Arathis and Abhishekams taking turns with other priests.

Communication and driving

- Functional English fluency is strongly preferred, including the ability to collect Sankalpam information and explain a ceremony in simple English.
- Fluency in multiple Indian languages is a significant advantage. List speaking, reading and writing proficiency as fluent, conversational, basic or none for each language.
- Languages may include Sanskrit, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Gujarati, Marathi, Bengali and others.
- A valid driver's license and ability to drive a car are a plus, but not mandatory. State license status, driving experience and willingness to travel locally for devotee services.

Professional expectations

- Devotion, punctuality, reliability, personal and ritual cleanliness, and respectful service to devotees of all ages.
- Cooperation with priests from different Hindu traditions and respect for the temple's diverse linguistic, cultural and regional community.
- Willingness to learn additional services where consistent with the candidate's training and tradition, while identifying ceremonies that require further training or supervision.

Application package

Please clearly indicate the position applied for as Shukla Yajur Veda Priest. Attach the following documents for consideration.

1. Detailed resume or CV covering education, traditional training, temple employment history and years of experience.
2. Copies of Vedic, Agamic, Sanskrit, academic and priest training certificates, as applicable. Include specialized prayoga training and details of the issuing institution or Guru.
3. Puja and Ritual Experience Portfolio listing all pujas, homams, havans, samskaras and festivals the applicant is qualified to perform. Distinguish independent leadership from assisted participation.
4. Details of Prana Pratishtha, Kumbhabhishekam and Mandala Puja experience, including deities, dates or years, tradition and the applicant's role.
5. Language proficiency list covering speaking, reading and writing; driving experience and license status, if applicable.
6. Two or three professional or religious references with contact information, preferably including a Guru or Acharya and previous temple management. Attach recommendation letters where available.
7. Recent photograph.

Puja and Ritual Experience Portfolio

For each ceremony, provide the ceremony name, whether you can lead independently or have assisted, years of experience, approximate number performed, tradition or Agama and relevant notes. Include services beyond the examples in this job description.

Interview and competency assessment

Shortlisted candidates may be asked to complete live recitation, a practical puja demonstration or walkthrough, a specialty homam walkthrough, an unprepared Sankalpam and a brief English conversation. Assessments will follow the candidate's stated Shakha, Agama and Sampradaya. Credentials and references may be verified before final selection.

The committee will record ceremonies the candidate can lead independently, areas requiring further training and any outstanding verification.