TRIAD HINDU TEMPLE

Vaishnava 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. The priest will lead Vaishnava daily worship, sevas, festival ceremonies and homams, with particular responsibility for Sri Venkateswara and other Vaishnava deities.

Traditional education and academic knowledge

- Formal training in a recognized Vaishnava Agama and Sampradaya through an Agama or Veda Pathashala, Sanskrit institution, Matha, Peetham or established Guru Parampara.
- Pancharatra or Vaikhanasa Agama training is highly desirable. Clearly identify the principal tradition, Guru, institution, years studied and qualifications; proficiency in both is not assumed.
- Sound Sanskrit knowledge, accurate mantra pronunciation and appropriate Vedic svara in the candidate's trained tradition.
- Knowledge of Vishnu Sahasranamam, Purusha Suktam, Narayana Suktam, Sri Suktam and relevant Vedic Suktas and Shanti Mantras.
- Divya Prabandham and traditional Vaishnava liturgy are desirable where applicable to the candidate's Sampradaya.

Core pujas and ceremonies

- Independent daily and festival worship for Sri Venkateswara or Balaji, Maha Vishnu, Lakshmi Narayana, Lakshmi Narasimha, Sri Rama Parivar and Krishna, within the candidate's training.
- Experience with Andal, Sudarshana, Garuda, Hanuman and associated Vaishnava deity services is desirable.
- Suprabhatam, Thomala Seva, Archana, Abhishekam or Tirumanjanam, Alankaram, Naivedyam, Deepa Aradhana and Sahasranama Archana.
- Kalyanotsavam, Dolotsavam, Vaikuntha Ekadashi, Sri Rama Navami, Krishna Janmashtami and Narasimha Jayanti ceremonies.
- Sudarshana, Lakshmi Narasimha, Purusha Sukta and Sri Sukta homams; other Vishnu and Lakshmi ceremonies within the candidate's training.

Temple practice and preferred experience

- Significant temple experience and the ability to independently manage the daily worship sequence in the applicable Agama.
- Knowledge of Pavitrotsavam, Brahmotsavam and major Utsavam procedures is highly desirable.
- Prana Pratishtha, Kumbhabhishekam and post consecration Mandala Puja experience is highly desirable. State deities, tradition and role in each ceremony.

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 Vaishnava 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.