



Shiva-Vishnu Temple

Om Namah Shivaya Om Namo Narayanaya

Hindu Community and Cultural Center

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HCCC Priest Job Requirements

Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC), Livermore, California invites applications for full-time **Hindu Priest** for the Shiva-Vishnu Temple in Northern California to meet temple community's devotional and spiritual needs. Two positions will be filled: 1) A South Indian Shiva Agama priest (preferably Kannada-speaking) and ii) Another South Indian Pancharatra Agama priest.

Job Description

- Required to perform daily Vedic rituals / ceremonies and other priestly duties as approved by HCCC management, at the temple premises and at off-site devotee locations as appropriate.
- Must be willing to work a revolving schedule
- The job performance and lifestyle should comply with accepted Hindu customs and traditions

Qualification & Experience Requirements

1. Must be qualified as a Hindu priest in performing Shodasha Upachara Karmas including Aparakarma in the appropriate Sutra, with certification from a known university, Hindu Religious Organization or any Indian Government (including State Government), or other qualified authority.
2. Must be well versed in Vedic rituals and chanting.
3. Must have served as resident priest in Hindu Temples for at least five (5) years in India or abroad.
4. Working knowledge of English is essential and multi-lingual ability in Indian Languages, such as Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and/or Hindi desired.
5. Must have demonstrated communication skills and demonstrated ability of having good interpersonal skills to work with other priests, devotees, temple staff and management.
6. Must be experienced and willing to provide services in all Sanctums of this Shiva Vishnu Temple. The temple has installed and Consecrated sanctums for Lord Ganesha, Lord Shiva, Goddess Parvathi, Lord Muruga, Goddess Lakshmi, Lord Venkataswara, Goddess Andal, Lord Krishna, Lord Rama, Navagrahas, Lord Anjenaya, Lord Kala Bhairava, Goddess Dasabhuja Durga, Goddess Kanaka Durga as well as Chara Prathista of Utsava Murthis.
7. Must be willing to relocate to Northern California within a reasonable amount of time after acceptance and signing of the employment contract and fully co-operate in the Visa application process as necessary.
8. Multiple years of experience in independently organizing major festivals or celebrations (such as Ganesh Chaturthi, Shivarathiri, Janamashatami, Ramanavami, Skanda Shasthi, Satyanarayan Pooja, Kalyanautsavas, homas, vratams, pratisthas, brahmotsava, pavitrotsava, spiritual lectures, satsangs, etc.) is desirable.
9. Experience in *Alankaram* is required.
10. Ability to teach veda mantras, stotras / slokas and their meanings to devotees is desirable
11. Ability to lead Bhajans, chant Stotras and group spiritual activities is desirable.
12. Broader understanding of traditional Hindu rituals and festivals in various regions of India is desirable.
13. Multiple years of work experience in USA temples is preferred.
14. Ability to drive car and to travel independently is desirable.
15. Collegiate education with an undergraduate degree is desirable.
16. Basic knowledge in computer software applications (word, excel, email) is desirable.

HCCC Priest Job Requirements - Continued

Requirements for priest position

1. Trained and well-versed in one of the many branches of Shaiva Agamam (for Shiva-side priest position)
2. Trained and well-versed in Pancharathra Agamam (for Vishnu-side priest position)
3. Certificate in Agama Pravara, Vara or Pravesa, from recognized Government Institutions of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka
OR
4. Certificate from TTD in Uttara Bhaga or Poorva Bhaga
OR
5. Any other equivalent Certificate from a recognized institution.

Immigration Status

R1-Visa holders, US Permanent Residents (Green card), and US Citizens are preferred. However, HCCC is willing to sponsor an R1 visa for the selected candidate.

Employment agreement:

Initial employee agreement will be offered **with a probationary period of one year** of employment.

Salary and Benefits:

Salary and benefits will be commensurate with candidate's qualifications and experience.

If you wish to be considered for the vacant position, you will need to submit the following documents:

1. Download the Application form from temple web site, www.livermoretemple.org Fill the Application form or provide CV/Resume with all the information requested.
2. Include with your application form, Certificates and all relevant information that support your candidacy.
The set of information shall include, at a minimum
 - a. Transcripts / certificates, current Passport copy (showing name, validation date, date of birth, etc.), current visa papers.
 - b. Recording of Veda chanting.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation upon request.
 - a. Letter from Sanskrit/Vedic scholars, Letter from previous employer.
4. Names and Contact Phone numbers of three (3) references upon request. Temple Management may contact references and the persons writing recommendation letters for further information in the final selection process

Please return this form and all requested documents by email or by Post to:

Chairman Priest Selection Committee
Hindu Community and Cultural Center
1232 Arrowhead Avenue,
Livermore, CA 94550, USA Fax:
01-925-455-0404

email application form or for more information send email to:

resumehccc@gmail.com

Subject For the Application should be:

Application for Priest Position (CLICK HERE)