

Shri Guru-Charan Ashraya

- Chant a minimum of 16 rounds of Hare Krishna maha mantra every day.
- Read Srila Prabhupada's books everyday.
- Serving continuously under or favourably connected to a ISKCON approved temple/Bhakti Vriksha/Namahatta/Gurukul etc for minimum last 6 months.
- Follow the four regulative principles as instructed by Srila Prabhupada – No illicit sex, gambling, intoxication including coffee & tea, meat eating including eggs, onion & garlic.
- Following a daily sadhana program including rising early, chanting, a simple morning program consisting of one arati, Srila Prabhupada Guru Puja & attending/ hearing Srimad Bhagavatam class
- Implement the Krishna Conscious practices at home.
- Fast on Ekadashi and festival days.

How to Apply?

- **Download and Print** Shri Guru Charan Ashraya Form – English | Hindi
- Fill bio-data form.
- Following requirement must be fulfilled **by your immediate authority (ISKCON Preacher/Counsellor):**
 - Conduct and examined written test
 - Oral Questionnaire test
 - Preacher/Counsellor recommendation letter (Format is mentioned on above downloaded form)
- **Scan and submit** filled bio-data, recommendation letter, passport photo to BAVS Office. (Email, WhatsApp or Post).
- Once you complete above steps, please contact your immediate authority or BAVS Office to get the HH Bhakti Ashraya Vaisnava Swami Maharaj Pranati if you don't have it.

*** Note:** Those who have already gone through interview process by HH Gopal Krishna Goswami Maharaj; they can skip the written and oral questionnaire test.

Harinam Diksha

- Chanting a minimum of 16 rounds of Hare Krishna maha mantra every day for the past one year.
- Minimum of 6 months after taking Sri Guru Charana Ashraya. (It's **must to take shelter** before applying for Harinam diksha.)
- Reading Srila Prabhupada's books every day for the past one year.
- Must complete reading of the following books of Srila Prabhupada:

- 1. Srila Prabhupada's biography (brief version)
- 2. Life comes from life
- 3. Science of self-realisation
- 4. Rāja-Vidyā
- 5. Perfect question and perfect answer
- 6. Beyond birth and death
- Following the four regulative principles as instructed by Srila Prabhupada for the past one year – No illicit sex, gambling, intoxication including coffee & tea, meat eating including eggs, onion & garlic.
- Following a daily sadhana program including rising early, attending mangala arati, guru-puja and Srimad Bhagavatam class for the past one year, either at home or at the local temple the devotee is in touch with.
- Serving continuously under or favourably connected to a ISKCON approved temple/Bhakti Vriksha/Namahatta/Gurukul etc for minimum last 12 months.
- Avoiding eating bhoga (food not offered to Lord Krishna) for the past one year.
- Completion of ISKCON disciple course.

***Note: Please refer the Harinam initiation comprehensive checklist for more details.**

How to Apply?

- **Download and Print** Harinam Diksha Form – English | Hindi
- Fill bio-data form.
- ISKCON disciple course certificate.
- Initiation Acceptance oath.
- Initiation essay (For educated devotees).
- Following requirement must be fulfilled by your immediate authority (ISKCON Preacher/Counsellor):
 - Fill comprehensive checklist.
 - Conduct and examined written test. (Oral test for uneducated devotees)
 - Review essay on why they have faith/inspiration in diksa guru of choice.
 - Preacher/Counsellor recommendation letter.
 - Temple recommendation letter on ISKCON letterhead.
- Scan and Submit filled bio-data, both recommendation letters, IDC certificate, comprehensive checklist, Initiation acceptance oath, Initiation essay and passport photo to BAVS Office. (Email, WhatsApp or Post).
- After completing above, we will schedule the interview online or offline.

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Brahmin Diksha

- Following all the mentioned points for Harinam initiation.
- Harinam initiated for at least 12 months in ISKCON.

- Completed Bhakti Shastri course (only for educated devotees)
- Completed ISKCON disciple course (If not done during Harinam initiation)
- Devotees who are directly engaged in temple deity worship or temple deity kitchen on regular basis.
- Must complete reading of the following books of Srila Prabhupada:
 1. Bhagavad Gita
 2. Nectar of Devotion
 3. Nectar of Instruction
 4. Ishopanisad
 5. Srila Prabhupada's biography (brief version)

How to Apply?

- **Download and Print** Brahmin Diksha Form – English | Hindi
- Fill bio-data form.
- ISKCON disciple course (IDC) and Bhakti Shastri course (BSC) certificate.
- Initiation Acceptance oath.
- Initiation essay (For educated devotees).
- Following requirement should be fulfilled by your immediate authority (ISKCON Preacher/Counsellor):
 - Fill preliminary qualification checklist.
 - Conduct and examined written test. (Oral test for uneducated devotees)
 - Preacher/Counsellor recommendation letter.
 - Temple recommendation letter on ISKCON letterhead.
- Submit filled bio-data, both recommendation letters, IDC and BSC certificate, qualification checklist, Initiation acceptance oath, Initiation essay and passport photo to BAVS Office. (Email, WhatsApp or Post).

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