

# Soulcraft Apprenticeship and Initiation Program Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: ­­­\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Gender Identification: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility Requirements**: (1) At least one prior vision fast (need not have been with Animas).

(2) At least one prior Animas core program (i.e., an Animas Quest, Soulcraft Intensive, Soulcraft Journey, or Advanced Intensive).

List all previous Animas programs you have attended (use reverse for more room if needed)

Program Year Guides

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Check all tracks in which you plan to enroll (see SAIP brochure for descriptions)

\_\_\_ Soulcentric Vision Fast Guiding \_\_\_ Soulcraft Leadership

Please email to soulcraft@animas.org this completed page plus a letter including (and **limit your response to no more than 10 pages**; if we need to know more, we will ask!):

* An introduction. Tell us something about yourself — even if we already know you.
* If accepted, what would be your purpose in enrolling in SAIP? In what setting(s) do you see yourself using the skills you would develop through SAIP?
* Tell us about your most recent vision fast: Who went out? What did you learn? Who returned? What did you bring back for your people? Who *are* your people?
* List, briefly, your previous soul-oriented and nature-based study, training, and experience, especially those that combine both aspects. Please include your previous experience with rites of passage, other ritual, vision fasts, wilderness travel, first-aid, search and rescue, depth psychology, ecopsychology, psychotherapy (as client as well as therapist), and spiritual disciplines.
* Please describe your premises and beliefs about soulcraft.
* What is your understanding of underworld guiding and of soul-initiation guiding? Include your definition of these phrases.
* Please briefly describe what you know about your "soul work" or the gift that only you can offer the world. Describe both (1) WHAT you are delivering (i.e., your soul images, symbols, story, motifs, qualities, truths, mysteries, archetypes, etc.) as you have discovered this through visions, numinous encounters, revelations, dreams, conversations with nature, etc. AND (2) the HOW: your preferred delivery systems (e.g., teaching, healing, managing, designing, writing, guiding, etc.).
* Describe one or more numinous experiences or revelations (and their context) that reveal that you have been called by Mystery to serve your people specifically as a nature-based soul-initiation guide (perhaps in addition to other roles). Please explicitly connect the dots between these mythopoetic events/ insights and your understanding of soul-initiation guiding.
* What is your assessment of your current state of wholeness (your degree of cultivation of each of the four facets of your Self)? Include all four facets, but please be as brief as you can.
* To what extent are you able to quickly return to wholeness when you (your ego) are hijacked by any of your subpersonalities? Please give brief examples of times and conditions in which you can do this and those in which it is difficult.
* SAIP is an extremely challenging initiatory and apprenticeship experience that often upends the applecart of a trainee’s current life. What tells you that you are psychologically and spiritually prepared for the risks and rigors of this training?
* Briefly describe your relationships with your parents and siblings.
* What do you know about the pattern of your romantic relationships? Does your current relationship, if any, fit with that pattern?
* What are your areas of special interest within soulcraft and underworld guiding?
* Please share any ideas you already have about how you would like to proceed with your SAIP program.

Please email your application to [soulcraft@animas.org](mailto:soulcraft@animas.org)

**Submission of this form acknowledges I have read and accept Animas Valley Institute’s Policies and Procedures - http://www.animas.org/policy/policies-procedures**

Please also mail a non-refundable $50.00 application fee to:

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