



### **Job Posting for - Smartha/Sri Vaishnava Archaka**

Hindu Temple and Cultural Center in WA, USA is seeking a Sri Vaishnava/Smartha priest with proficiency in one or many of pancharatra, smartha, vaikhanasa agamas.

Please apply only if you meet the following qualifications.

1. The archaka must be from Smartha/Sri Vaishnava/Vaikhanasa agama and knowledgeable with Pancharatra agama as well
2. The archaka must follow pooja process to be conducted according to the Vaikhanasa Agama; all mantras should be recited per this agama (naivedyam, arati, upacharas); Concluding mantras also must be as per the Vaikhanasa agama while being able to influence the prayer services with a blend of both agamas
3. The archaka must also know Smartha pooja principles
4. The archaka must have proficiency in Darvida Vedam and must be knowledgeable and experienced in conducting various programs, with a special focus on Dravida Veda and Sri Vaishnava Sampradaya. i.e., Alwar Thirunakshatrams, Thirumanjanams, Kalyanotsavams, and other Utsavams conducted in Sri Vaishnava temples.
5. The archaka must be proficient in poojas, abhisekhams of Sri Venkateshwra and Sri Laxmi, Vishnu Sahasranaama, Dhanurmasa, Sri Srinivasa Kalyanam, Upacharas: Aarati, Naivedyam, Satrumurai, Theertha Gosti Slokams to name a few
6. He must have command on pancha sukthaks, aittareeya Upanishad, Maha Narayanopanishad, and other standard components of the vedam.
7. He must have a good command on English and must be able to give a lecture on Bhagavtha Gita, Srimad Bhagavtham, Ramayanam, and Nalayira Divya Prabandham.
8. He must have at least 5 years of work experience in Sri Vaishnava temples or similar.

### **Other Requirements**

9. The archaka must be able to cook prasadam as needed basis
10. The archaka must help in cleaning and keeping the sannidhis/garbha grtuha clean
11. The candidate must work cooperatively with the temple board members by adhering to the expectations listed in the offer letter/contract (if selected upon interview)
12. The candidate must be willing to perform services outside of the temple per the needs of the devotees from various backgrounds
13. Ability to drive a car is preferred
14. Must be willing to work cooperatively with other priests in conducting samoohika poojas, services and festivals
15. Must be willing to adjust the schedule as needed and per the religious services during festivals, special times and weekends

16. Must be able to use email and calendar services to manage pooja bookings /schedules