

# BUDDHIST MEMBERSHIP CARD

*PROUDLY DISPLAY YOUR BUDDHISM CREDENTIALS!*

## Official Buddhist



*Add your photo here*

The individual identified below has professed their faith and resolve to follow and take refuge in our teacher Shakyamuni Buddha, his teachings (Dharma), and the monastic community (Sangha). Therefore, they shall henceforth be called a Buddhist.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Triple Gem Refuge Date \_\_\_\_\_ Location / Temple \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_





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## INSTRUCTIONS

**Are you ready to become an “official” Buddhist?  
Fantastic!**

### STEP ONE

Learn how to become a Buddhist by reading my article:  
[www.alanpeto.com/buddhism/triple-gem-refuge](http://www.alanpeto.com/buddhism/triple-gem-refuge)

### STEP TWO

You will need to take refuge in the Triple Gem. Ideally, you will want to have this ceremony at your local Buddhist temple with a Buddhist monastic.

### STEP THREE

After you have taken refuge in the Triple Gem (The Buddha, The Dharma, and The Sangha) you are now an “official” Buddhist!

If your temple or organization has not provided you with a certificate of taking refuge, or you are looking for a fun ‘membership card’ to have, look no further than the one to your left! Carefully using scissors you can cut it out, add your photo and information, and proudly display it wherever you would like.

**Note:** *This membership card is intended for entertainment purposes only. A “membership card” does not make you an official Buddhist...your **actions** do!*

**Your Membership Card contains the five colors of Buddhism:** Blue (spirit of universal compassion and wisdom), Yellow (the Middle Way), Red (blessings of practice), White (purity of the Dharma), and Orange (the wisdom of the Buddha’s teachings/Monastic community). The Buddhist flag, found in the lower right-hand corner, contains all these colors.

**The “Dharma Wheel” in the background is a universal symbol of Buddhism.** The eight spokes represent the Buddha’s teachings on the Eightfold Path. The overall “circle” represents the perfection of the Dharma/Dhamma (Buddha’s teachings). And finally the inner circle or hub represents the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

