Dear Friends and Family,

I am writing to ask for your support! I would like to attend the[*2014 Permaculture Design Certification Course (Weekend Series)*](http://www.PermacultureSeries.org)in Western, Massachusetts. The dates are January 18 - 20, March 21 – 23, and April 11 – 13, 2014 and the course is run through a small business called Sowing Solutions.

* You can view the course website here: [www.PermacultureSeries.org](http://www.PermacultureSeries.org)

**About the Course:** The Permaculture Design Certification Course at Sirius EcoVillage has run annually for the past 13 years. Other students who have graduated with a *Sowing Solutions* Permaculture Design Certification have become land caretakers, built straw bale homes, joined natural building teams, coordinated university campus-wide permaculture gardens, incorporated permaculture design into their existing landscape businesses, turned their lawns into gardens, started edible plant nurseries, designed their home landscape to produce abundance and ecological benefit, experienced daily living at other ecovillages and intentional communities, became educators and authors, incorporated permaculture design thinking into their healing arts practice, and are enjoying rare fruits and edible perennial foods outside their doors!

**Permaculture is** a vision, design system, and global movement that draws on patterns and principles found in nature to meet human needs, while regenerating the natural world and creating abundance.

**Why Support me?** I am preparing myself to become one of many critical thinkers and designers working to create a more sustainable future. As a supporter, you will help provide me with the tools needed to restore, reclaim, and regenerate the earth’s delicate natural systems and my community - leaving the planet replenished for future generations!

Your donation of any amount, along with others’, will help me to realize my goal. The tuition for this course is $1200 total, but my fundraising goal is [FILL IN AMOUNT].

Permaculture, I believe, will offer me a set of tools to help me realize my goal of [FILL IN YOUR GOAL(S)/VISION(S)]. As many of you know, my background is in [FILL IN RELEVANT BACKGROUND INTERESTS/EXPERIENCE and LINK IT TO PERMACULTURE].  *E.g. :My aspiration to learn permaculture stems from my vision to create viable solutions to global challenges that will simultaneously serve people and the land to which we belong.*

If you wish to support me and/or this vision, you can make a contribution by check to [YOUR NAME HERE], and return it in the envelope provided (*any* amount will help!).  Thank you kindly for your support in this endeavor. If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me at [YOUR EMAIL/PHONE NUMBER HERE].

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME HERE]