

## The Student Files

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My major requires that I study a little bit of history, economy and political science, even though it emphasizes international political economy. I also like sociology. I sometimes get depressed because I feel like my participation in SGI-USA activities is lacking. I am easily overwhelmed by school pressures, too. Without the Gohonzon, I don't think I could have made it this far.

I need to balance study, my marriage and activities — and it seems to be difficult at this moment. My husband, Blake, is also an SGI member and a student at the University of Minnesota. We got married and moved here more than three years ago.

Even though I haven't seriously introduced my classmates to Buddhism yet, I let them know about our activities and beliefs. Especially our activities to destroy ethnocentrism and establish a harmonious international society.

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