



HELP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Since 2010, HELP have run a successful scholarship programme which has supported the educational journey of over 350 young people. This information pack provides you with an overview of the programme, and ways which you can support.



WHY SCHOLARSHIPS?

Less than 5 out of 10 students in Sindhupalchowk District continue their education after SLC and of these, only two continue to graduate 10+2 (equivalent to British A-levels). This is strongly linked to the impossibly high cost of attendance as well as a lack of effective guidance.

Through our scholarship programme, we aim not only to provide vital funding for young people who would otherwise lose access to higher education, but also to inspire leadership, entrepreneurship and problem solving skills essential for creating future young leaders.

Graduates of the scheme have returned to their communities as teachers, become involved in local politics, pursued further study, often in fields such as medicine and nursing. Some graduates have chosen to go onto working for organisations working towards sustainable development.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

Support

The transition of studying in Kathmandu is often a challenging and strange experience for the students, who have come from rural backgrounds. With a member of staff actively devoted as a communication point, we provide a solid and secure support system for our students.

Training

We host several training days throughout the year. We mentor the students in developing key leadership and critical thinking skills. This also provides the students with the opportunity to meet the other scholars in their cohort, who become vital friends and acquaintances in Kathmandu to share the experience with.

Community

Upon completing their studies, we ask our Scholarship students to return to their home communities for three months and to volunteer their time and skills. Nurturing such skills has a trickle down effect on the social and economic situation in rural Nepal, particularly when educated young professionals return to their communities. They unconsciously become role models for the future generation, inspiring these skills and the possibility of this future in others.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Form Distribution & Collection

We distribute the application forms among various schools as soon as the SEE results are released. Last year, around 162 students from 36 schools applied for the scholarship.

Essay Review

In the application form the students are required to submit three essays. The selection team review these essays and choose the students who are successful in moving forward.

Interview

Those who are shortlisted are invited for an interview. The interview team look for students with a passion for further study in their chosen subject, as well as a natural confidence.

Final Result

Last year, 61 students were selected to receive the scholarship. The final decision was influenced by the interview stage, as well as other factors such as the students' background.

Scholarship Award Ceremony

The selected scholars are invited to a formal programme to celebrate their achievement alongside the other students in their cohort. Guest speakers are invited, who give speeches on empowerment and leadership to inspire the students.

FUNDING

If you would like to support our Scholarship programme, please visit our website:

www.help.org.np

Sponsoring a HELP scholarship student for one year costs **£250** and subsidises their education costs.