University (or College) Scholarship Award Program

Our mission is to eliminate poverty. The most powerful way to do this is educating girls. Thus, each year we provide a number of Scholarship Awards to high-achieving high school girls (and some boys also) so they can attend university or college and pursue their chosen career path in service to their local communities.

Application and Selection:

1.) An applicant must be proposed by the leader from a Sponsoring Organization – one of the nonprofit organizations currently supported by the SE Asia Foundation.
2.) An application must be submitted, in English, in advance of any published closing date.
3.) Successful applicants will be selected by the SEAF Country Director, and its Founder, taking into account the applicant’s:
   a. Personal story, including family background and history
   b. High school academic record, including extracurricular activity
   c. Chosen course of study and the reasons for that choice
   d. Commitment to academic excellence at university
   e. Aspirations for and commitment to improving the quality of life in their communities
   f. Agreement with and commitment to pay-back provisions
   g. Recommendation from the Sponsoring Organization

The Scholarship Award:

Successful applicants will receive a four-year Scholarship Award in an amount of at least $2,000 and up to a maximum of US$6,000 depending on the university selected and desired course of study. A $350 personal computer allowance will also be provided for university scholarships.

Pay Back Provisions:

1.) While attending university (and during school breaks) the student must do at least 1,000 hours of meaningful volunteer work with the Sponsoring Organization – or with another, more suitable organization endorsed by the Sponsoring Organization.
2.) Within the three years after graduation, the student is required to “pay back” with a $1,000 cash donation to the Sponsoring Organization, or by performing another 1,000 hours of meaningful volunteer service.
3.) Alternatively, volunteering a total of 2,000 hours during the four years attending university would completely fulfill the above requirements.

Sponsoring Organization Requirements:

1.) Propose the applicant and assist with the application process.
2.) For successful applicants, receive the Scholarship Award funding and, in conjunction with the student, determine the most suitable manner for managing and disbursing that money.
3.) Monitor the student’s university performance. Identify any significant difficulties encountered and counsel for correction.
4.) Report student achievement to the SE Asia Foundation semi-annually.
5.) Maintain accurate records of the student’s volunteer hours with own or the alternate organization.
6.) Coordinate with the graduating student to arrange for the cash or alternative payback provisions.

Parent’s Requirements:

1.) Agree to emotionally support the student while in university, and to not ask or require the student to stop their studies to support the family or for any other reason.
2.) Pay to the Sponsoring Organization a minimum of $3.00 per month for the Scholarship Award.
   a. Such amount may be increased to as much as $10.00 per month at the discretion of the parents.
   b. This money will be held in a separate account in the parent’s name.
   c. Upon graduation, this money – including a 50% bonus – will be returned to the parents.
   d. Should the student fail to graduate – for any reason at all – this money will be forfeited to the Sponsoring Organization.