

## University Scholarship Program

*Our mission is to eliminate poverty. The most powerful way to do this is educating girls. Thus, each year we provide Scholarship awards to high-achieving high-school girls (and some boys also) so they can attend university 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 NGO – one of the NGOs currently partnering with the SE Asia Foundation.
- 2.) An application must be submitted, in English, prior to the beginning of the school term for which they are applying.
- 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 NGO

### **The Scholarship Award:**

Successful applicants will receive a four-year Scholarship award (typically ~\$4,000) up to a maximum of \$6,000 depending on the university selected and their desired course of study. A \$400 personal computer allowance *may* also be provided for university scholarships.

### **Pay Back Provisions:**

While attending university (and during school breaks) the student must volunteer at least 2,000 hours of meaningful volunteer work with the Sponsoring NGO – or with another, more suitable organization endorsed by the Sponsoring NGO.

### **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.

### **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 \$5.00 (or the equivalent in local currency) 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 whatsoever – this money will be forfeited to the Sponsoring Organization.