



Friends of Nepal - Adelaide Inc.

Proud Supporters of Education for the Youth of Nepal

Education Scholarship Applicant Frequently Asked Questions.

What is the Education Scholarship Program?

The scholarship program provides funding for a young person who does not have the financial resources or family support to undertake tertiary studies &/or vocational training. The program provides a life-changing experience for a young person. It is hoped that successful graduates of the program will develop skills, knowledge & friendships that will enrich not only their own lives, but those of others & of Nepal.

How do I apply for a scholarship?

All applications for funding support through our Education Scholarship program must be made through our manager in Nepal or by contacting Friends of Nepal –Adelaide Inc. An application pack will be sent on request.

Am I Eligible For An Education Scholarship?

You are eligible if:

- You have successfully completed years 10 or 1+ 2 of secondary school.
- Can demonstrate past success in your studies – achieved good grades.
- Can demonstrate extreme disadvantage, socially & economically.
- Are aged between 16 & 20 at time of application
- Were born in & live in Nepal

If you do meet the above requirements you may apply for special consideration. Each application will be considered on merit.

What Are The Different Types Of Scholarships?

Scholarship A – Full Academic Scholarship.

This scholarship provides funding for all course fees for the duration of study. This includes course fee, computer, stationery & books. The living costs of the student are also funded. Living costs may include rent, electricity, garbage fees, food, transport, clothing & personal items.

Scholarship B – Kick Start Scholarship

This scholarship provides funding for all the living costs of the student for the duration of the study. Living costs may include rent, electricity, garbage fees, food, transport, clothing & personal items.

Scholarship C- Academic Merit Scholarship

This scholarship provides funding for all course fees for the duration of study.

SCHOLARSHIP D: 'ENABLING SCHOLARSHIP'

These are short term scholarships which may be awarded in conjunction with Scholarship A & C. Funding is provided for 'enabling' course (computer skills, English language classes) which the student may require to be successful, or are course prerequisites, before commencing study or during the course of an existing scholarship.

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Do I Get To Choose The Institution Where I Want To Study?

FONAI will consider all reasonable requests based on you meeting the eligibility requirements to study at the Institution of your choice & in FONAI's ability to sustain funding for the duration of the scholarship. If these conditions cannot be met you may be asked to consider other options for study.

Can I Use The Scholarship To Study Overseas?

No. The scholarship program is limited to study in Nepal. You can request a suspension of your scholarship while you explore other options. However during this suspension you will not receive any funding from FONAI & will have to pay for all of your own expenses, living included.

What If I Get The Chance To Study Overseas During My Course?

While we want you to be able to take advantage of all the opportunities you get, it is unlikely that we would have the funds to enable this to happen. We recommend that you ask the Institution for advice, if this opportunity arises.

Do I Get To Choose My Living Arrangements?

It is FONAI policy to place all FES students on Year 1 +2 in hostels for the duration of the scholarship. FES post secondary students must also live in hostels for the first year of their scholarship. Students can request other living options only after successfully completing a full year of post secondary studies scholarship. Each request will be considered on a case by case basis.

What If I Have Problems During My Study?

If you have problems you must immediately contact your mentors in both Nepal & Australia. Please do not think any problem is too small to let us know about. We encourage you to inform us immediately you have any concerns about your studies &/or living situation. While we can't solve everything, we will do our best to help you! We want you to be successful in your studies!

Can I Use The Scholarship Money For Something Else If I Change My Mind About My Studies?

Definitely not! The scholarship money must be used only for YOUR own living & study costs. You cannot use any of the money to help your family or your friends, or transfer it to a different course. If this rule is broken the scholarship will be cancelled immediately.

Can I Change The Conditions Of my Scholarship During The FES?

If you want to change anything about your FES you must apply in writing to FONAI. Each request will be considered on a case by case basis.

Can I Contact My Sponsor Direct?

No! For everybody's protection all communication must go through our manager in Nepal or directly to FONAI committee member.

What Happens If I Break The Rules Of My Scholarship Agreement?

We will discuss this matter with you & your Nepali mentor. If a satisfactory explanation cannot be given, or the one given is not accepted, the scholarship will be cancelled immediately & your scholarship will be terminated.

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