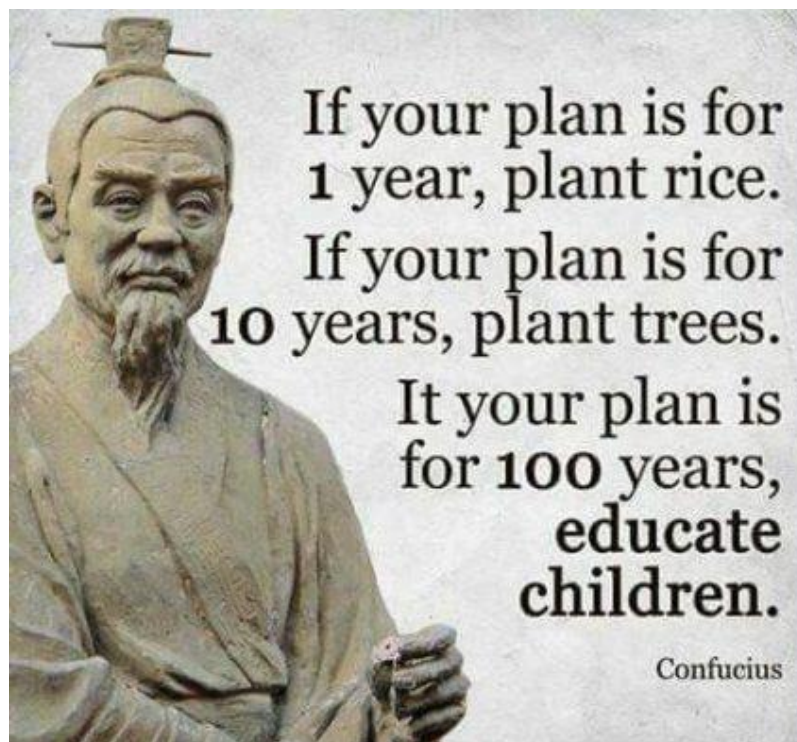


# Education Scholarship Support

## Information Pack



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# Friends of Nepal - Adelaide Inc.

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## ABOUT US.

"Friends of Nepal- Adelaide Inc. (FONAI) is a registered Australian charity. We began our scholarship program in 2013, following a visit to Nepal & seeing first hand how disadvantage of birth is perpetuated by lack of educational opportunities.

FONAI is partnered with registered NGO 'Mission for Modern Social Development -Nepal,' (MMSD-N), to manage the program in Nepal.

MMSD-N chairperson, Bhim Kumar, is the current education scholarship manager.

Rajeev Raz is the FES coordinator.

Rajeev administers the daily operations of the scholarship program from FONAI/MMSD-N shared office in Golfutar, Kathmandu.

The partnership is reviewed annually.

## Nepal Contact Details

FES coordinator Rajeev Raz MMSD Nepal [mmsdnepal1@outlook.com](mailto:mmsdnepal1@outlook.com)

### Office

FONAI/MMSD-N

Budhanilkantha Municipality,

Ward 08, Man Bahadur Marg, Tallo Bhangal,

Kathmandu, Nepal.

Phone: 977-1-4371833

## MONITORING FES PROGRAM

FONAI members visit Nepal regularly to monitor programs.

We work closely with members of the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek, The Rotary Club of Blackwood, Friends of Pulteney and the Children's Future Fund in Germany.

## Our Committee.

Friends Of Nepal-Adelaide Inc is managed by a committee of seven (7.)

Denise Roscrow - Chair Person & Secretary

Sue Wymond - Treasurer

Lynne Rawson – Fundraising Chairperson

Ainsley Roscrow – Student mentor

Malcolm Lindquist

Jo Bouchier

Bernie Jarvis

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## Our Goals

To provide funding support for severely disadvantaged Nepalese undertake education and/or vocational training to better their lives and prospects, that would otherwise be denied to them.

## Statement of Ethical Principles

Friends of Nepal-Adelaide Inc is committed to:

- Removing financial barriers for severely disadvantaged Nepalese to access education.
- Prioritising funding allocation so it goes where it is most needed.
- Being aware of the issues affecting students and advocating for their interests, particularly girls.
- Supporting efforts to encourage all students, to aspire to and plan for education beyond high school.
- Respecting the dignity and protecting the privacy of students, and ensuring the confidentiality of student records and personal circumstances.
- The highest level of ethical behaviour & professionalism.
- Respectful collaboration with our key stakeholders.
- Conducting annual reviews of all programs to ensure the best outcomes for students.

## Financial.

- FONAI committee manages the daily operations in Australia.
- FES Coordinator & Education Manager manage daily operations in Nepal.
- Audits of our Australian & Nepali accounts are completed as per required regulations in both countries.

## Key Stakeholders.

- Mission for Modern Social Development- Nepal
- Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek (Adelaide S.A.)
- Rotary Club of Blackwood (Adelaide S.A.)
- Children's Future Fund – Germany
- Friends of Pultney Grammar School, Adelaide S.A.

## About The Education Scholarship Program. (FES)

It is open to Nepali residents who:

- Were born and currently reside in Nepal
- Are aged between 16 and 20 at the time of application – (exceptions will be considered on merit as many Nepali people are late starters to education.)
- Can demonstrate severe disadvantage in their personal and/or family situation or education opportunities
  - Is only available for study in Nepal.





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## SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

### **SCHOLARSHIP A: 'FULL SCHOLARSHIP'**

This scholarship provides funding for all study & living costs for duration of course.

### **SCHOLARSHIP B 'LIVING ALLOWANCE SCHOLARSHIP'**

Scholarship B is awarded to *FES* scholarship recipients whose Institution of Study fees are funded by donors who are in partnership with *FONAI*.

This scholarship provides funding for all living costs for duration of course.

### **SCHOLARSHIP C: 'COURSE FEES SCHOLARSHIP'**

This scholarship is a 'Full Course Fees & expenses' scholarship. It is awarded to *FES* scholarship recipients whose living costs are self-funded or funded by donors who are in partnership with *FONAI*. This scholarship provides funding for all study costs for duration of course.

### **SCHOLARSHIP D: 'TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP'**

This scholarship provided funding for transition/preparation courses (computer skills, English language classes) which the student may require to be successful, or are course prerequisites. A transition scholarship may also be awarded after graduation, to support a student's transition to work.

## **FES PROGRAM 2018/19**

*FONAI* currently supports ten (10) students.

Eight (8) of the students are boys & two (2) girls.

Five (5) of these students are completing senior high school & five (5) are completing post-secondary or vocational training studies.

Four (4) students have *FONAI* fully funded scholarships (Scholarship A) & four (4) students have living allowance scholarships with course fees funded by donor partner the Children's Future Fund in Germany. (Scholarship B)

Two (2) students are currently on transition scholarships as they complete internships. (Scholarship D)

In 2018, *FONAI* will address the gender imbalance in the program.

*FONAI* will prioritise girls, who face significant challenges to continuing education, in future intakes to the program.

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## Education in Nepal - Background to FONAI's work.

Formal school education in Nepal officially spans a period of 12 years, at the successful completion of which a student graduates with a certificate of Higher Secondary Education (10+2).

- (a) Primary Level
- (b) Middle School/Lower Secondary Level (S.L.C.)
- (c) High School/ Secondary Level
- (d) 10+2/ Higher Secondary Level (HSL)

### Current situation

Although official government policy is for free education to year 12, the majority of the schools in the country have not been upgraded for the lack of funds and resources to the 10+2 level. (HSL)

The old high school system with School Leaving Certificate (SLC) examination at the end of 10 year still persists. This is the highest level of education for most Nepalese people.

Students who wish to continue HSL must attend private schools if they wish to receive an education of an acceptable standard.

Higher education consists of Bachelor, Master and Ph.D. levels. Depending upon the educational stream and subject, a Bachelor's degree may require three to five years of study; two years is the typical course.

It is almost impossible for the Dalit, lowest caste children, whom FONAI supports, to access either Higher Secondary level, (years 1+2) or Higher Education level without funding support.

They face many barriers as well as poverty! These include backgrounds where higher education is not valued, especially for girls, illiterate parents, widespread discrimination due to the caste system & living challenges as they have to leave villages to access education in cities.

FONAI's decision to focus funding support for these young people to achieve these levels of education on levels requires a long term commitment from our group & our donors. Graduates often require Transition scholarships as they enter unpaid internships to complete course requirements.

It requires us to limit the number of scholarships we can sustain as students may require support for up to 5 years.

Without our support, these young people would not be able to continue their studies & would face uncertain futures.

Gaining educational &/or vocational training qualifications enables them to live independently & give back to their country. It breaks the cycle of poverty of their birth.

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## FES SPONSORSHIP DETAILS

### Student Sponsorships

- Education Scholarships are a minimum of \$500 annually.
- Sponsorships can be paid in full or in two instalments.
- All funding is applied to support educational costs and identified care and health needs of scholarship students.
- FONAI retains no more than 5% of each scholarship to cover administration costs, including insurance, money transfer fees and the maintenance of our web site.
- Sponsors receive regular communication from FONAI about the students, their progress & well being.
- Sponsors receive regular newsletters.

### Other Donations

- Sponsors who wish to make specific item donations can request information from FONAI.

### Volunteering

FONAI has close associations with many schools & charitable organisations in Nepal. If you are interested in volunteering or visiting Nepal to meet our partners &/or students, we are happy to help. Contact us for more information.



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## Education Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions.

### Why Sponsor Through Friends Of Nepal – Adelaide Inc?

We are all volunteers & have no political or religious affiliation. We exist solely to support further education for severely disadvantaged students in Nepal.

### How Do I Know That The Students Are Genuinely Disadvantaged?

Students are recommended to us by our stakeholders in Nepal.

### How Do I Apply To Sponsor A Student?

Complete the application form included in this information package & email or mail to FONAI

### What happens once I have submitted my application?

On receipt of your application you will receive a Scholarship information package which includes:

- FONAI Information & contact details
- Information about the students & courses of study
- Account & payment details
- Current Newsletter

### How Do I Pay?

Accounts are emailed on receipt of application & six months after this date.

Payment options are full annual fee or payment in two instalments of \$250 by direct deposit or by cheque. We cannot accept cash.

Payment details are supplied on receipt of your application.

Receipts will be issued on request.

### What Do I Receive During My Sponsorship

You will receive regular communication from us informing you of the students well being & progress & an annual student report. In addition you will receive newsletters which update you on items of importance & inform you of upcoming fundraising events & social events.

### How Long Does Sponsorship Last?

Typically, student sponsorship lasts until completion of study &/or the finding of employment.

### What Happens If I Can't Continue As A Sponsor?

There are other ways you can help that don't involve the same commitment. If your circumstances change and you do want to stop, you can do so with a simple phone call. We will or arrange to make up any funding shortfall in other ways.

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## Education Sponsorship Application Form

Please email this form to address below or post to FONAI 23 Centre Way, Belair 5052

Name: .....

Contact Details: .....

City: ..... State: ..... Postcode: .....

E-mail: ..... Phone: .....

### SPONSORSHIP

#### Payment Options

Please circle preferred option

- Annual Payment \$500
- 6-month Installment option - \$250 twice annually

**Payment Method:** (please tick relevant box)

- Cheque - made out to Friends of Nepal- Adelaide Inc
- EFT Direct Deposit into the FONAI Account  
BSB: 015-210 Account Number: 3004-64253  
Reference with 'FONAI' & your Name

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#### Office Use Only:

Date Received:    /    /

Sponsorship Amount: \$ .....

Payment Method: .....

Sponsorship Start Date:    /    /

Date Welcome Letter Sent    /    /

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