



Policy Guidelines – 1 November 2002

- The scholarship program of the Foundation constitutes a purely voluntary gesture of social service by its promoters and donors. It is a private initiative that does not depend on the government or any of its organizations for resources and therefore is free to conduct its affairs as deems fit within the framework of the laws of India.
- The scholarships shall be granted only to students pursuing studies in mainstream courses (consisting of subjects such as the sciences, mathematics, computer science, English, local languages, social sciences, economics etc. in mainstream schools. Scholarships shall not be awarded for studies in non-mainstream subjects such as religion, astrology etc. and to students studying in non-mainstream institutions such as pathsalas, madarasas etc.
- The scholarships shall be available to all children without distinction of mother tongue, caste, religion and gender – scholastic merit and family income shall be the sole criteria for selection.
- Only one child per family shall be awarded scholarship.
- Beneficiary students shall
 - be in class 8 to class 12.
 - be from Bangalore and surrounding areas where the postal address reads Bangalore.
 - be in reasonable health with no chronic disorders.
 - have a family / guardian who is supportive – encouraging the child to pursue education.
- The total scholarship amount per child per year shall not exceed Rs. 3000.

- The documentation must be complete before release of payment.
- The total scholarship amount shall not be paid all together at one time. Payments shall be made in convenient installments spread over the year based on regular submission of marks cards and other documents showing performance of the child.
- The scholarship amount shall be used to cover fees, books, uniforms, shoes and other necessary items directly obtained through the institution where the child studies.
- Payments shall be released by cheque directly to the institution where the child studies and not directly to the child or its family. No cash payments shall be made.
- The scholarship is freshly granted each year for a period of one year, based on a review of the child's performance during the previous year and availability of resources. The continuance of the scholarship from one year to the next is not automatic. For the scholarship to be renewed, the student would have to ensure that his/her documentation with the Foundation is kept up-to-date.
- The above guidelines notwithstanding, the award of the scholarship shall be at the sole discretion of the selection committee. The committee shall not be required to provide any reason for awarding or not awarding a scholarship to a specific applicant.
- The scholarship shall be terminated if any of the information provided to the Foundation is found to be incorrect.
- The Foundation reserves the right to terminate a scholarship at anytime without assigning a reason.
- The beneficiary children are expected to participate in the activities organized by the Foundation to help them in self-development.
- The policy of the Foundation shall be subject to change from time to time.