

# Asha Scholarships – Proposal for 2018-19

## **Background**

Asha Chennai scholarships is the oldest project of Asha Chennai. We have been executing the project from 2002-03. It has continued uninterrupted till now. The intention of the project was to support children who are at risk of disruption to their education because of economic hardship. These are typically children going to private schools who for various reasons cannot just shift to a government school and children going to colleges. For school children we do not look at their performance as a criteria for selection as education is a universal right for all children.

## **Student Covered and Scholarship Amount**

Here are some details about the scholarship students from 2017-18.

Total number of students: 124 out of whom 4 were rejected during the year.

Outgoing students from this: 17.

Expected continuing students: 103.

This academic year, 2018-19, we will be starting the AQ Series for the new scholars. We are not planning to increase the number of students supported by the project. We are proposing for 110 students. The amount per student that we give are as follows and we intend to keep to the same amount for 2018-19 as well.

1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Std: Rs 12,000.

11<sup>th</sup> and 12 Stds: Rs 17,000.

Diploma / College: Rs 20,000.

## **Spoken English and Career Counselling**

We have sporadically supported students for spoken English and other classes. We have also provided career counselling to the college and 12<sup>th</sup> std students / their parents. We hope to continue doing similar activity this year as well and have retained the same budget for these heads.

## **Administration**

Malliga is working as the coordinator for the scholarships project for 50% of her time. Note she works 60% time. So 50% of her salary which amounts to Rs 6000

per month will be borne by the Scholarship project. Besides this the following expenses are required.

- Conveyance for home verification
- Postage
- Stationery Xerox
- Tea/Snacks/Refreshments.

We require Rs 72,000 for Malliga's salary and we have allocated Rs 33,000 for all the other administrative expenses.

**Budget for 2018-19**

Budget Item	Last Year Budget	Last Year Actual	Budget for 2018-19
Scholarships for 130 students. Note 2017-18 budget was for 140 students.	21,75,000.	16.25 Lakhs Note this includes 3 <sup>rd</sup> disbursement of 16-17 but not that of 17-18.	16,50,000.
Travel Expense reimbursement	10,000	2868.	10,000
Career Counselling and Spoken English / other classes.	2,00,000	0	2,00,000
Admin Expenses	1,05,000	95094.	1,05,000
Contingency	20,000		20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>19,85,000</b>