

Asha Scholarships – Proposal for 2020-21

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 is to support children who are at risk of disruption to their education because of economic hardship. 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 2019-20.

- Total number of students: 109
- Outgoing students from this (students who will complete college education): 12.
- Expected continuing students: 97.

This academic year, 2020 - 21, we are not planning to increase the number of students supported by the project on account of the uncertainties caused by the pandemic. We are proposing to support 97 students only. The budget for this year works out to Rs 23,70,600/ and the details are explained below. The amount per student that we propose to give are as follows:

- 1st to 10th Std: Rs 15,000.
- 11th and 12 Std: Rs 20,000.
- Diploma / College: Rs 25,000.

SPOKEN ENGLISH AND CAREER COUNSELLING

There is lot of uncertainty about when schools and colleges will reopen for the coming academic year due to the Covid Pandemic. The next financial year is expected to be shorter than normal. Hence we have not budgeted for Spoken English and Career Counselling support for students.

ADMINISTRATION

Malliga is working as the coordinator for the scholarships project on a part time basis. So one third of her salary which amounts to Rs 4300 per month will be borne by the Scholarship project. Following expenses have been budgeted

- Malliga's salary – Rs 51,600
- Rent for work station used in Asha office – Rs 24,000
- Conveyance for out-station students, home verification – Rs 10,000
- Postage, stationery, refreshments etc – Rs 15,000

BUDGET FOR 2020-21

Budget Item	Budget 2019-20	Budget 2020-21	Total Amount Rs
Scholarship for 97 students	22,50,000	20,50,000	
Travel expense reimbursement	10,000	10,000	35,000
Career counselling, spoken English and other classes	2,00,000	nil	40,000
Admin expenses	90,600	100,600	2,75,000
Contingency	20,000	20,000	0,50,000
Total	25,70,600	21,80,600	