

Funding Requested : \$1500-\$2000

Nominations from :

1. Lakshmi Suryanarayanan, Principal, Olcott Memorial school
2. Dr. K.V. Parthasarthy, Retd. Prof. and ex-Principal of Sri. Vivekananda College, Chennai
3. Others (2 students)

Details from Lakshmi and two other nominees will be received shortly.

Asha Stars: Rajesh Elayavalli, Sumathi Vinay Iyengar

All nominations will be subject to review and approval by Asha Chennai volunteers.

Nominees of Dr. K.V. Parthasarathy

1. Daughters of Sivaramakrishnan

Name class fees paid

S. Sowmya XI B Rs. 8630

S. Aishwarya V Rs. 5290

S. Sivapoorni II Rs. 5040

They are intelligent and ambitious in their future program. Sowmya expects merit quota admission in B. E. and she is interested in Electronics/Electrical group.

2. Son of Sri Pattabhiraman

Name P. Vasudevan, Class XII, Fees paid Rs. 2625

Wants to do B. Com in Vivekananda College, annual fees Rs. 2000. He wants to pursue other allied courses in Commerce and Accountancy like ACS etc.

3. Sri Kuppan (peon)

He is a sincere and devoted peon. His son is handicapped and is doing X class (English medium). Another son is also in the X class, he deserves all encouragement for further studies. School fees nominal.

4. Mohan

He is also a sincere peon of our college, his son in elementary school, and deserves all encouragement.

Signature statement from nominator.

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K. V. Parthasarathy

Nominees of Lakshmi Suryanarayanan

1. **K. Subbulakshmi**- first daughter of Karthikeyan and Visalakshi.

Karthikeyan the father of two daughters Subbulakshmi and Vijayalakshmi is an accounts assistant in a private company at Rs2000 pm. The mother, works for an export house for anything between Rs600-1000p.m. with arbitrary lay off periods.

Subbalakshmi. She has completed her BSc Microbiology from SRM College of Technology a reputed college in Chennai, with 63% in June2002. During the three-year course she has assisted her professor in his research work. She met her transport needs to and from college through taking tuitions for children near her residence. She studied with a 70% loan from State bank of India, Adyar Branch, Chennai and a 30% contribution from an elderly sponsor who had also put her through senior school as well. This elderly person has met the interest on the loan @ Rs500/month till date. The BSc course cost has been around Rs85000. The loan repayable by Subbulakshmi is Rs72000 with interest @ 12%p.a. on securing a job. While her previous sponsor is willing to help her to some extent she is not confident of supporting her through the MSc course because of a big increase in her own medical expenses.

Subbulakshmi wishes to qualify further for better employment prospects. Her teachers at college are encouraging her, as she is a bright student and a hardworking one as well. Further, with her present qualifications well paying jobs are difficult to find. The prospects are very bright now in India for biotechnologists. A two-year MSc course will add meaning to effort put in by her, her family and her sponsor.

Subbulakshmi has written entrance tests to qualify for admission to MSc. in Biotechnology in reputed institutes like Anna University Chennai and JNU New Delhi. She is sure she will get admission. The fee for a year at Anna University is likely to be Rs 8000/annum. The costs of books, stationery, transportation/hostel will be around Rs24000/annum.

We are exploring the continued loan assistance from SBI, with a very high chance of securing the loan. This will require a 20% margin from the student's side.

I propose (assuming that she gets her admission) that Asha helps to see her through the MSc course.

Asha could initially arrange for a scholarship/ an interest free loan of the tune of **Rs20,000** as soon as it is reasonably possible. After her admission in August '02 we will be in a position to ascertain the real cost of the course and decide on quantum of funds required further.

Helping Subbulakshmi would be to qualify would mean taking the family of four towards reasonable living conditions.

Subbulakshmi is a socially committed and responsible youngster. She will be with us at Asha in improving the lives of the lesser privileged.

2. **K. Vijayalakshmi** - second daughter of Karthikeyan and

Vijayalakshmi is in StdXI at the Baynes Memorial School Chennai 601302 with Pysics, Chemistry, Maths, Biology group.

She secured 83% in the Matriculation Exams of March2002.

Vijayalakshmi wishes to pursue a career in space technology.

So far her schooling expenses were borne by the same person who is sponsoring her sister, while her father paid the monthly fees through after office work as porter in the same company where he is employed.

School fee details are as follows:

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June Special Fees	: Rs3420	Rs3420
Monthly fees		
for@ Rs280pmfor 12 months	: Rs 3360	Rs 560 (June& July02)
January special Fees	: Rs 1380	---
Notebooks only	: Rs 770	Rs 770
Exam Fees	: Rs 100	----
Total	: Rs 9030	
Other Expenses		
Uniforms	: Rs 1240	Rs 1240
Text Books	: Rs 164	Rs 164

I propose that

Asha help Vijayalakshmi through 11th and 12th stds with Rs **10000** /year.

Both sisters speak English fluently; hence higher education in the English medium is possible.

They will be definitely in a position later in life to not only return the loan extended to them but also contribute to Asha's endeavour to help the under privileged.

3. **T. Karthik** is in Std XII at the Arignar Anna Government Higher Secondary School, Besant Nagar, Chennai-90, with Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology through the Tamil medium.

He passed his Std10 (S.S.L.C.) from Olcott Memorial High School, Chennai-90 with 80.2%. Stood first in school.

His father has deserted his family. His mother works as a helper in the kitchen at The School KFI, Chennai-20 on a salary of around Rs.2500 pm.

Karthik has a younger sister studying at Avvai Home School, Chennai-90. They live in a rented house close to the schools, hence rent eats up a big chunk of the mother's earnings.

Karthik wishes to pursue a course in Engineering. He is hard working and diligent. He knows he has to score at least 85% average and pass The DOTE exams with high marks. He has been put into tuition classes outside school hours for Maths and Chemistry and we are looking to get help for Physics as well. The school does not charge fees being a Govt. school, neither does it provide stimulation to the children with potential. Right now Karthik is getting support to the tune of Rs 750 pm for his tuitions and transport. He is showing good promise in his tuition classes. He would need to go to special coaching classes from March2003 to be able to compete evenly with the more privileged sections of society to get a seat in a good engineering college. He will be able to write his entrance exams in Tamil. He would also be doing a bridge course in English from March2003 to July2003, so that he will be well prepared to face the rigours of an engineering course.

Considering that this boy is ready for such hard work and has motivation and determination, I propose that

Karthik be considered for an Asha scholarship of **Rs10,000** for this academic year.

If he is able to get good engineering background he will make a change to his family as well as give a boost to aspiring students leaving Tamil medium schools. He is a sensitive person with a social commitment.

4. K. Raja- (18+ years old)

Raja has completed his DME from Central Polytechnic with 77% in June2002. He opted for the course as he got a merit seat in the polytechnic. At present he is restructuring the Olcott school science lab to make it child friendly, creating a Junior lab for the younger students and a Prayoga centre for the older students. He landed this job because his basic science concepts were sound. He scored well above the graduates and post graduates who came to our interview. Raja is a member of the Tamilnadu Science Forum and has attended some of their programmes including the People's movement rally at Tharamani on 07/07/02. Raja volunteers time for helping students with difficulties at least an hour everyday.

Raja is the last of seven children. He was an infant when his father deserted his family. His elder brother left home and is believed to be with his father. His 5 elder sisters are married and settled. He and his mother live in a rented house. Raja has supplemented family income including paying off debts incurred for marriages, right through the years at high school and college, working during vacations at ice-cream parlours and distributing newspapers every morning. He also has a part time job in the evening on the beach retrieving solar lamps hired out to vendors on the Besant Nagar beach.

Raja is planning to write the services exams-the IAS or the Indian Forest Service. He is very interested in conservation and is an active participant in turtle conservation project in Chennai.

I propose that Raja be considered for an **Asha Fellowship** of **Rs18000/year**. He will actively help in Asha Chennai educational activities. He would be taking up a graduate course in Physics in an evening college next year or a graduate correspondence course in psychology, after he gets some advice on which course would be more helpful in preparing for the IAS exams.

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