



Our new students in 2018

Dear friends and supporters of Kidshelp Cambodia e.V.,

Another year has passed and we would like to again invite you to support young, talented people from Cambodia by enabling them to study in Phnom Penh.

Ever since we awarded the first fellowships a few years ago, we have been able to continuously improve and expand our support for our protégés, who mainly come from underprivileged families in Kandal Province, Cambodia. The full-fledged project that has meanwhile grown out of this, includes the comprehensive support and study counselling of all current and future students, the possibility of accommodation in one of three dormitories in Phnom Penh and the implementation of various further training measures by our volunteers and the permanent staff on site. Almost all of our students achieve good to very good results and so far, every graduate has found a job afterwards.

Many of this year's candidates have previously attended our English school and we are confident that they will have little difficulty understanding their classes at university. Language is important since much of the materials and some classes are held in English language. Last year we set a new record by awarding a total of 14 scholarship. At the same time only 5 students finished their studies. This is due to the fact that fewer scholarships were awarded in previous years and that around half of the students who completed their Bachelor's degree in 2018 subsequently start a Master's degree. As a rule, we do not pay a for these master degrees fully, since we prefer to provide more young learners with a chance to avail a Bachelor degree. If, however, the performance of the student in question during their Bachelor studies was good, it often happens that the sponsor(s) also provide partial financing for their Master studies.

Since the total number of scholarship holders to be supervised will continue to rise in the short and medium term for reasons mentioned above, and since our local staff want to guarantee high-quality advice for students, we have agreed to award around 10 scholarships per year over the next few years. Nevertheless, we remain flexible. This is only a reference point. If we



happen to identify more than 10 talented and needy applicants in a specific year, we won't necessarily tell some of them that they have no chance of getting support. And if there are fewer than 10 suitable candidates for any reason, we will pay tribute to that fact and award fewer scholarships accordingly.

From an administrative point of view, the most gratifying thing is, of course, when a sponsor fully finances the studies of his protégé - in other words, when he/she covers the costs for the place in the dormitory, the tuition fees and our administrative charges. Since not everyone can afford this, many sponsors decide to pay either the dormitory fees or the tuition fees. The administrative charges are then divided equally among the sponsors for one student.

The costs for a place in one of the dormitories currently amount to 300 Euros per student. This means that this year we are well below last year's costs. Which is due to the fact that we were lucky enough not to have to carry out any major repairs and that there were also no relocations to be made (last year, two out of three dormitories had to move because the landlords proclaimed that they needed the flats for their own use). Because we will be billing administrative charges separately for the first time this year, we will be able to reduce the amount for the dormitory from 420 to 350 euros. 350 because the costs of relocations and repairs can rise quickly and often unexpectedly and we then have to be liquid. Should we nevertheless achieve surpluses, these will be reinvested in the project.

Tuition fees vary between \$500 (e.g. for a teacher training course) and \$1,500 (for medicine) per year, depending on subjects and universities. If different amounts for similar subjects are given below, this is because the applicants want to study at different universities or because the student in question is eligible for a discount. If tuition fees at the different universities are roughly the same, we leave it to the students where they want to study. However, if someone wants to study at a much more expensive private university, we reject this and refer to cheaper alternatives. Some universities offer discounts for applicants with better high-school grades. For example, English at Norton University costs USD 440 for applicants with an "E" and USD 420 for applicants with a "D"



Since we have already introduced a surcharge for project and administration costs into our sponsorship project for school children during the last 12 months, and want these costs to be fairly distributed among all projects and sponsors, we decided to introduce administrative charges of 100 euros per student. As with all of our projects, the same ground rule applies here too: All potential profits that we generate during one year from these charges will subsequently be reinvested for statutory purposes only. This means all potential profits will ultimately directly or indirectly benefit students again.

For the sake of transparency, a note on the calculation of our fees: We have calculated that in 2017 we spent an average of USD 150 (currently equivalent to around 130 euros) on student support. Through good management and favourable exchange rates, we have at the same time generated a surplus which we included in the calculation of fees. Accordingly, we reserve the right to adjust administrative charges year after year.

For the calculation of the amounts in Euro we use the following exchange rates:

1 EUR = 1.1 USD, 1 USD = 0.91 EUR

Further information about our university project can be found on our homepage (www.kidshelp-kambodscha.org) or on our Facebook page. You are more than welcome to pass this info sheet and the student profiles on to friends and acquaintances. It sometimes happens that companies or foundations, that our supporters are associated with, take over sponsorships. If you are in contact with a foundation or company that finances such social projects, we would be pleased if you consider supporting our students.

If you are interested in fully or partially funding one of our candidates, please contact us at info@kidshelp-kambodscha.org. Perhaps you can also persuade your family or colleagues to help to enable a young person in need to study at university.

We issue donation receipts for all contributions to student sponsorships, which can be claimed for tax purposes.



Finally, a note on the candidates striving to become a teacher: In order to become a teacher for high-school, the candidates have to study for four years and then spend one year at the Institute for Teacher Training, for which they have to pay no tuition fees. In the last year we would therefore only charge the cost for the dormitory and the administrative charges.



Noun Sreynoch



Field of study

English Literature

Duration: 4 Years

Cost per year

455 EUR (Tuition fees)

100 EUR (Administrative charge)

Total: 555 Euro

Sreynoch has an older sister whom we have been supporting since last year. As we usually prefer to support candidates from as many different families as possible, her chances of receiving a scholarship were therefore initially lower than those of many other applicants.

The fact that she passed her high-school exams with grade B – something that only two other fellowship holders have achieved during the history of this project - more than compensates for her sister already having received one of our scholarships and makes her someone whom we absolutely want to support further.

After finishing her studies, Sreynoch wants to stay at university and teach. She decided to study at the renowned Institute for Foreign Languages (IFL) of the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP). For this she has to pass a very difficult entrance examination in mid-October. If she doesn't succeed, she wants to enrol at the same university for biology. We are sure that she will be able to successfully complete both subjects.



Thea Sreymom



Field of study

English Literature (teaching)

Duration: 5 Years

Cost per year

385 EUR (Tuition fees) +
100 EUR (Administrative charge)

Total: 485 EUR

Sreymom's parents are also smallholders and their salaries vary considerably depending on the season. It is already foreseeable that the harvest this year will be small, because the monsoon was extreme and many rice fields were washed away. The family is therefore happy that Sreymom's older sister has found a job as a receptionist at a television station in Phnom Penh. There she earns 200 dollars per month and can give a little of her salary to the family in the countryside. The other siblings still go to school.

Sreymom herself already speaks very good English and would like to become a teacher. She says her parents are old and often ill. Therefore, she wants to find a good job and support the parents. In addition to working in a state school, she thinks the idea of working as a teacher for an NGO is especially good. She thinks that one day she would like to go abroad and help children from needy families just as Kidshelp does for the families in her village.

She does not need the financing for a place in the dormitory because her sister lives near her future university and the two want to move in together.



Hout Sreyneang



Field of study

Hospitality and Tourism Management

Duration: 4 Years

Cost per year

350 EUR (Dormitory) +
385 EUR (Tuition fees) +
100 EUR (Administrative charge)

Total: 835 EUR

Sreyneang is the youngest of a total of 6 siblings and the only one who finished her high school exams. That alone already makes her a great candidate to receive a fellowship. The fact that she has been sponsored for 10 years under our project for school children and that all of her siblings are already working, has probably made it possible for her to stay in school in the first place.

This does, however, not mean that her siblings will be able to also finance her studies. They all have very simple jobs or are housewives and already have to support their own families.

The dream of Sreyneang is to manage a hotel after her studies. She already speaks good English and is not too shy to talk.

We think that Sreyneang finding a sponsor and becoming the first person in her family to finish studying could potentially open many new doors for her and the people around her.



Roeurn Chandy



Field of study

Accounting

Duration: 4 Years

Cost per year

385 EUR (Tuition fees) +
100 EUR (Administrative charge)

Total: 485 EUR

Chandy's mother - like so many other housewives in the village - weaves scarves and can earn up to 75 USD a month. Her father is a smallholder and earns some additional money as a driver and singer at weddings. Despite all his efforts, he does not earn more than USD 100 in most months.

Her brother, who was four years older, had successfully applied for a scholarship to study IT provided by another NGO. He has just finished his studies and found a job in Phnom Penh. He offered her to move in with him.

We notice that the candidates from the financially weakest families often have modest plans. This is understandable and also applies to her. She wants to study finance in order to learn how to handle money and to earn a good salary after her studies. Chandy hopes that someone will agree to finance her and help her to put this plan into action.



Samnang Korng



Field of study

Management

Duration: 4 Years

Cost per year

350 EUR (Dormitory) +
385 EUR (Tuition fees) +
100 EUR (Administrative charge)

Total: 835 EUR

In conversation with Korng we felt reminded of our conversation with Chandy (see above). His mother weaves scarves as well and his father earns his money as a driver. He also has an older sister who works as a saleswoman in Takmao.

What impressed us about him was that despite the difficult financial situation of his family, he passed the high school exams and he did not pass it with the weakest grade "E" but with a "D". We see this as an indication that he has a lot of potential.

Overall, he makes a calm and prudent impression. He wants to study management because he thinks that this will ultimately allow him to find a lucrative job in a private company that allows him to support his family. This may not sound very romantic, but it is an honest and very understandable wish if you had to fight poverty for your entire life. He says quite openly that he sees studying as a way to improve the situation of his family. We want to help him with that.



Kun Kanha



Field of study

English Literature

Duration: 4 Years

Cost per year

350 EUR (Dormitory) +
400 EUR (Tuition fees) +
100 EUR (Administrative charge)

Total: 850 EUR

Kanha is the youngest of five siblings and would be the first person from her family to visit university. This could not only help her to open many doors for herself but also could enable her to improve the situation of her family.

Her brothers and sisters are doing simple jobs (such as hairdresser). The parents are quite old. The siblings therefore do not want them to continue working. Since there is no pension system, Kanha's siblings have to pay for their parents' support themselves. This arrangement is made possible by the fact that one sister works as guest worker in South Korea in a factory for polystyrene. She earns 1000 USD per month. Since this is not a lot of money in Korea and her visa is limited to 4 years, one cannot expect her to pay for the studies of Kanha as well.

Kanha herself says that she likes communication and languages. That's why she has been learning Khmer, English and Chinese in recent years. She would like to study English and then work in communication - in a job that allows her to talk regularly to people from around the globe.