



Our new students 2023

Dear supporters of Kidshelp,

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

Our first scholarship holders started their studies in 2006. We were subsequently able to welcome our first Kidshelp graduate in 2010/2011. Many of our subsequent alumni have stayed in contact with us and help us as much as they can. For example, a young woman who studied with the support of Kidshelp is now a psychiatrist, and offers free counselling to existing scholarship holders who may have problems and feel the need to talk about them. Another student works in human resources management and even during her studies, she was able to explain to scholarship applicants the challenges of moving to and living in Phnom Penh. She continues helping scholarship holders to prepare for the job market. Since 2020, another graduate of our programme has been working as a doctor at the renowned Pasteur Institute. And a recent Information Technology graduate now supports our computers and internet at our school and our dormitories. Following the careers of these young people gives us great pleasure every year!

What began as a small pilot in 2006 has since developed into a full-fledged project that includes regular support and study counselling for current and future students. It ranges from the possibility of accommodation in one of our dormitories to the implementation of various training and workshops provided, on site, by volunteers and a number of guest presenters. Almost all our students achieve good to very good results and, so far, every graduate has found a job after completing their studies.

In Cambodia, 2022 saw the end of mandated Covid closures and resumption of some level of normality. The school-leaving exams were postponed from August to early December and the results were published on 22nd December. The Kidshelp English tests were approved by the education board and held in late November. We can introduce to you the candidates who have passed both the State and our own Kidshelp review based on their English ability, and family circumstances.

From an administrative point of view, it is always easiest for us if a single sponsor, fully finances the cost for a scholarship holder. Full financing meaning that the sponsor pays the costs for a place in the dormitory (if the student chooses to stay there), the tuition fees and our low administrative fee (see page 2). Since not everyone can afford this, some sponsors may decide to pay either the dormitory fees or the tuition fees. The administrative fee is then divided equally among all sponsors of the student.

The cost for a student place in one of the dormitories in 2022 was 450 EUR per year. This cost was based on historical data when we shared dormitory accommodation with another NGO who



subsequently stopped their graduate scholarship programme. It was also based on historical exchange rate. We were also forced to relocate one dormitory and renegotiate new 4-year leases on both dormitories in early 2022. The actual cost in 2022 was 500 EUR per student and this cost is reflected in the costings below. It is not expected that these costs will increase for next 3 years.

The tuition fees depend on the field of study and the choice of university. Usually, tuition fees at university range between 500 USD (e.g., for English) and 1,600 USD (for medicine/pharmacy) per annum. Most degree courses are 4 years, but architecture, engineering, pharmacy and medicine are between 5 and 8 years. Accountancy studied at Wanda Institute is the exception, being only 3 years.

If the fees for a certain subject at the different universities are approximately the same, we leave it up to the students to decide where they want to study. However, if a student wants to study at a significantly more expensive private university, we refuse to support this choice and refer them to cheaper alternatives. We only support studies at universities within the Kingdom of Cambodia. Some of our candidates are required to take entrance exams at renowned faculties and would need to study at different university if they do not pass these exams. Whilst others, wishing to study specialist subjects such as pharmacy or medicine will be required to pass a university entrance exam.

We charge an additional Administration fee of 100 EUR per year, per student, to cover the cost for student welfare support and dormitory management. In 2022 the actual costs were very slightly higher, but we will maintain this charge for 2023.

We use the following exchange rates to calculate the amounts in Euro:

1 EUR = 1.07 USD, 1 USD = 0.94 EUR

For more information about our scholarship programme, please visit our homepage (www.kidshelp-kambodscha.org) or connect with us on Facebook or YouTube – Kidshelp Cambodia -England and watch testamentary from some past and present students of how Kidshelp scholarships helped to change their lives.

If you are interested in providing one of our candidates with a scholarship, please contact us via info@kidshelp-kambodscha.org

Perhaps you can also persuade your family or your friends and colleagues to join and make it possible for a young person to study? It also happens from time to time those companies or foundations, which our supporters are associated with, take on sponsorships. Small organisations like ours, live on personal recommendations. It would therefore be great if you shared the profiles with everyone who might be interested in sponsoring this year's candidates.



Additional information:

- We issue donation receipts which can, for German taxpayers, be claimed for tax purposes.
- If you are a UK taxpayer and complete a Charity Gift Aid Declaration, we will be able to file a tax claim in UK, meaning for every £1.00 donated we will, after tax claim receive £1.25.
- For some of the featured candidates the costs of sponsorship are significantly higher. We would not advertise these candidates if we were not convinced that they could achieve great things with your help. Especially in the case of these candidates, we would like to point out that a sponsorship can be shared between several sponsors.
- Some of the applicants' profiles below do not include the costs for accommodation in our dormitories. This is because these candidates can stay with relatives living in Phnom Penh. Even though they live outside of our dormitories, we do stay in regular touch and monitor their progress and provide support, where necessary.



Chen Sopheak	
Subject:	Medicine
Duration:	8 years
Annual cost:	1,600 EUR - Tuition fees 500 EUR - Dormitory 100 EUR - Administration fee
Total annual cost:	2,200 EUR per annum
Where:	University of Health Services (UHS)



Sopheak lives with her parents. Her mother is a primary school teacher and father is a small rice farmer. She achieved overall B grade in state exams (any student achieving A receives a government funded scholarship). Her English test was average, but her verbal interview was good. She would be required to pass an entrance exam for UHS and although her state exams suggest she should pass. Historically only around 900 of students who sit the medical entrance exams are passed. If she is accepted into UHS, her parents may be able to contribute to part of the overall cost.

No surprise, Sopheak's ambition is to become a doctor.

If she does not pass the UHS entrance exam, she would consider studying Accounting at Wanda Institute. In that case her tuition would be 500 EUR per annum for 3 years.



On Tony	
Subject:	International Economics
Duration:	4 years
Annual cost:	700 EUR - Tuition fees 500 EUR - Accommodation 100 EUR - Administration fee
Total annual cost:	1,300 EUR per annum
Where:	Institute of Foreign Language part of Royal University of Phnom Penh



Tony lives with his mother who works as a cleaner in a factory. His parents split up 5 years ago and his father left the home and has not been in contact since. His state exams were satisfactory, his English test put him in top third. He would be required to pass a university entrance exam to be accepted to his chosen course. If he is not successful in the university entrance exam, he would take a year out and study and reapply to sit the entrance exam in 2024. When he has graduated, Tony wants to join an International Organisation or Corporation.



Sopheak Chanthoeurn	
Subject:	Accounting
Duration:	4 years
Annual cost:	600 EUR - Tuition fees 500 EUR - Dormitory 100 EUR - Administration fee
Total annual cost:	1,200 EUR per annum
Where:	National University of Management



Chanthoeurn lives with her grandmother, parents and 3 younger siblings. Her father works in construction, her mother sells grocery from their home. Her attendance at our English school has been good and she works consistently. She will benefit from the support of peers in the dormitory environment.

Chanthoeurn want to be an accountant.



Sopha Voleak		
Subject:	Accounting	
Duration:	3 years	
Annual cost:	800 EUR - Tuition fees 500 EUR - Dormitory 100 EUR - Administration fee	
Total annual cost:	1,200 EUR per annum 600 Euro of the fees have already been taken over by a sponsor, so someone is still being sought for 800 euros a year	
Where:	Wanda Institute At Wanda Institute, an academic year is designed to be covered in 8 calendar months. Candidates complete 4 academic years, within 3 calendar years. The annual tuition fees are 800 euros (600 euros per academic year).	

Voleak parents divorced, and both left the family home. Voleak now lives with her grandparents and younger sister. Her father is unemployed, her mother moved to work in Phnom Penh. Due to parents' situation, neither parent is able to support Voleak's studies.

Voleak performed well in her state exams and English tests. She says she would like to be an accountant.



These were the profiles for our nominated scholarship candidates for the academic year 2023 who do not yet have confirmed funding. All the candidates are talented and hard-working young people, and we are eager to help them.

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the candidates, please email us at info@kidshelp-kambodscha.org