



Who can apply for a Kidshelp Kambodscha scholarship?

Congratulations... to students now studying in grade 12 who will soon be considering their future. These guidelines are for students who may be considering a university course of study.

Kidshelp Kambodscha (Kidshelp) has supported many young students over the past 12 years to secure sponsors for scholarships to study at universities in Phnom Penh.

Use these guidelines to see who might qualify to ask Kidshelp to support seeking a sponsor. Kidshelp will decide all scholarship applications based on these guidelines.

Any scholarship application that does not meet these guidelines must be agreed between an individual student and an individual sponsor.

1: WHAT TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING

Khemara Kidshelp School (KKS) attendance and discipline record

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- Kidshelp reviews the KKS attendance and discipline record for every student who applies for a scholarship. This is because poor attendance or poor discipline at school could continue when a student is under their own supervision at university.
 - A student whose attendance at KKS in the last 2 years fell below 93% will only be considered if there was an exceptional reason for low attendance.
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KKS attendance of less than 3 years

- Kidshelp gives preference to students who have attended KKS for at least 3 years.
 - A student who did not attend KKS for at least 3 years may still be considered for a scholarship. This will depend on the number of KKS students accepted and the subjects chosen.
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KKS monthly school fees (if applicable)

- A student will only be considered for a scholarship if their KKS monthly school fees (if applicable) were fully paid in at least 22 of the last 24 months at KKS.
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Kidshelp Scholarship English test

- Every student who applies for a scholarship must take the Kidshelp Scholarship English test. It is normally held at KKS in November each year.
 - A student must achieve a pass grade in the test.
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- As part of the test, a student will be required to write a paragraph to explain their choice of university and course of study.
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Exam pass grades

- Every student who applies for a scholarship must achieve an overall pass at grade 12 State school exams to apply for a course of study at university.
 - Many university courses will require a high pass grade in a subject relevant to a proposed course of study. For example, a student who wants to study Mechanical Engineering will require a good pass grade in Mathematics.
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Scholarship applications within a family

- Kidshelp will give preference to the first scholarship student within a family.
 - A student may be considered for a scholarship if an older sibling has a scholarship and is still studying.
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2: PROPOSED UNIVERSITY AND COURSE OF STUDY

Proposed university

- Kidshelp will only consider scholarship applications for a university and course of study in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
 - Kidshelp will give preference to the university that charges lower fees if 2 or more universities offer similar degrees.
 - State universities offer a broad range of subjects. A student should generally consider state universities although where a private university offers competitive tuition fees, those may be considered.
 - For medicine a maximum tuition scholarship of \$1,500 will be considered. For all other subjects the maximum tuition scholarship shall be \$700.
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University entrance exam

- Some universities may accept students for a course of study only after they have successfully completed an entrance exam.
 - A student who applies for a course that requires an entrance exam must nominate an alternative choice. This is because their first-choice application may not be accepted if they do not achieve the required level in the entrance exam.
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Preferred subjects

- These are the preferred subjects that Kidshelp WILL consider for a scholarship. This is because they have the most potential benefit for Cambodian society:

Architecture, Computing, Dentistry, Engineering (Bio, Electrical and Mechanical), Law, Medicine, Midwifery, Nursing, Pharmacology, Social Worker.

Other subjects

- These are other subjects that Kidshelp MAY consider for a scholarship if a student can give a good reason for choosing this subject:

Accounting, Business Studies, Communications, English, International Relations, Marketing, Public Administration, Teaching, Tourism.

Subjects that will not be considered

- Kidshelp WILL NOT consider these subjects for a scholarship because they are not likely to lead to employment or economic advancement in Cambodia:

Drama/Acting, Fashion Design, Fine Art, History of Art, Music, Photography, Physical Training, Sport, Social Media.

3: UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS

Family's financial situation

- Khath Khemara and Hun Tharith will consider whether a family could afford to pay all or part of a student's tuition fees and accommodation. They will consider all factors in a family's financial situation.
 - If the family can afford to pay, a student may not be proposed for a scholarship, or the family may be required to pay a part of the costs.
 - If an older sibling in a family has previously been sponsored by Kidshelp and has completed their studies and is now in employment, their income will be considered as part of the family's financial situation.
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Accommodation with family

- Kidshelp's preferred option is for a student to live with family in Phnom Penh. This is because the scholarship cost will be lower.
 - Kidshelp scholarships WILL NOT cover any costs for accommodation with family.
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Dormitory and other accommodation

- Kidshelp operates girls' dormitories and WILL NOT contribute to accommodation costs for girls outside of the dormitories.
 - Kidshelp does not operate boys' dormitories. Kidshelp MAY be able to contribute up to \$40 a month towards the cost of accommodation. A scholarship payment may be offered, based on review and recommendation by Hun Tharith.
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4: WHEN A SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE WITHDRAWN

Change of university or study subject

- A scholarship student MUST have permission from Hun Tharith AND their sponsor BEFORE making any change to their university or course of study.
 - A scholarship WILL be withdrawn if a student changes their university or course of study and later informs Kidshelp of the change.
 - A student living in a girls' dormitory must also immediately leave the dormitory if their scholarship is withdrawn.
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Poor attendance or poor behaviour

- A student will receive a written warning from Hun Tharith if their university expresses concern about their poor attendance or poor behaviour. This includes not attending classes and not completing assignments as required by their university during the year.
 - A scholarship WILL be withdrawn if a student's attendance or behaviour are not resolved after receiving a written warning from Hun Tharith.
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Suspension from university because of poor behaviour

- A scholarship MAY be withdrawn with no prior written warning from Hun Tharith if a student is suspended from university for more than 2 weeks because of poor behaviour.
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Repeating a university year

- A student must contact Hun Tharith to discuss their situation if they do not successfully complete their end-of-year exams. This MUST be done BEFORE any commitment to repeating the year.
 - A scholarship MAY be withdrawn if a student does not successfully complete their end-of-year exams.
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