



Our new students 2024

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! Over 50% of our past scholarship students now regularly donate to pay the school fees of poorest children in our village, whose parent are unable to pay.

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. In the first years after Covid, the timing of grade 12 exams, university academic years and entrance exams, where required were extremely variable but are returning to a regular cycle with one academic year in one calendar year and most universities will see the 2025 year start mid-December 2024 to mid-January 2025.

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 choses to stay there), the tuition fees and our administration 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 administration fee is then divided equally among all sponsors of the student.



The cost for a student place in one of the females only dormitories increased to 500 EUR in 2023 for new students and we are pleased we have been able to hold this fee until at least end 2025. Our current leases are due to be renewed in 2026 and we will try and maintain the current fee level. The dormitory charges only cover costs and break even. Due to much lower numbers of boys, it would be economically difficult to operate a boy's dormitory and so students who are not able to live with a family member in Phnom Penh, are provided a monthly allowance toward accommodation. All students must provide their own food and transport.

The tuition fees depend on the field of study and the choice of university. Usually, tuition fees at university range between 500 EUR (e.g., for some IT or language courses) and 1,500 EUR (for medicine/pharmacy) per annum. Most degree courses are 4 years, but architecture, engineering, pharmacy and medicine are between 5 and 8 years. When agreeing to sponsorship we ask sponsors to commit for the duration of the students' studies, but we understand that very occasionally circumstances may change. We ask if this happens that we receive earliest possible notice so that an alternate sponsor may be found. Kidshelp will try to ensure that no student is forced to stop studies mid-course due to a sponsor withdrawing.

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. This fee level was set in 2022, and we are pleased we will maintain this charge for 2025.

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

1 EUR = 1.09 USD, 1 USD = 0.92 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.
- As a sponsor you may have as much or as little contact with your sponsored student as you choose. You will however always receive an annual report but bear in mind, the timing is dependent on the university providing a formal transcript of results and some university administration departments are slow in issuing these. If you are in contact with your sponsored student, they can give you regular feedback on their progress.




Visal Veasnaboth		
Subject:	Information Technology	
Duration:	4 years	
Annual cost:	460 EUR - Tuition fees 500 EUR - Dormitory 100 EUR - Administration fee	
Total annual cost:	1,060EUR per annum	
Where:	Royal University of Phnom Penh	

Veasnaboth has attended KKS for past 10 years and being from a poor family was sponsored by Kidshelp during his schooling. His mother is a teacher and father a hairdresser in the village.

Veasnaboth achieved 65% in the KKS English exam and grade C pass in his grade 12 exam.




Seang Sohenglong		
Subject:	Accounting	
Duration:	4 years	
Annual cost:	500 EUR - Tuition fees 500 EUR - Dormitory 100 EUR - Administration fee	
Total annual cost:	1,100 EUR per annum	
Where:	Norton University	

Sohenglong has attended KKS for 4 years. He is from an extremely poor family. His father left their home when he was young. His mother grows vegetables to sell and is a scarf weaver. He lives with his extended family but both uncle (who is father of one of our existing scholarship students) and grandmother are ill and unable to work. His mother is the only income earner in the household. He was encouraged by his family to leave school earlier to earn money, but he was determined to continue to study.

Sohenglong achieved grade C in his grade 12 exams




Khoun Sokheng		
Subject:	Electrical Engineering	
Duration:	4 years	
Annual cost:	525 EUR - Tuition fees 500 EUR - Dormitory 100 EUR - Administration fee	
Total annual cost:	1,125 EUR per annum	
Where:	Norton University	

Sokheng has attended KKS for 4 years. His father is a construction builder and mother a housewife. His family and home is towards poorer range of homes in the village. His attendance at KKS is good although his English is poor.

Sokheng achieve a grade D pass in grade 12 exams.

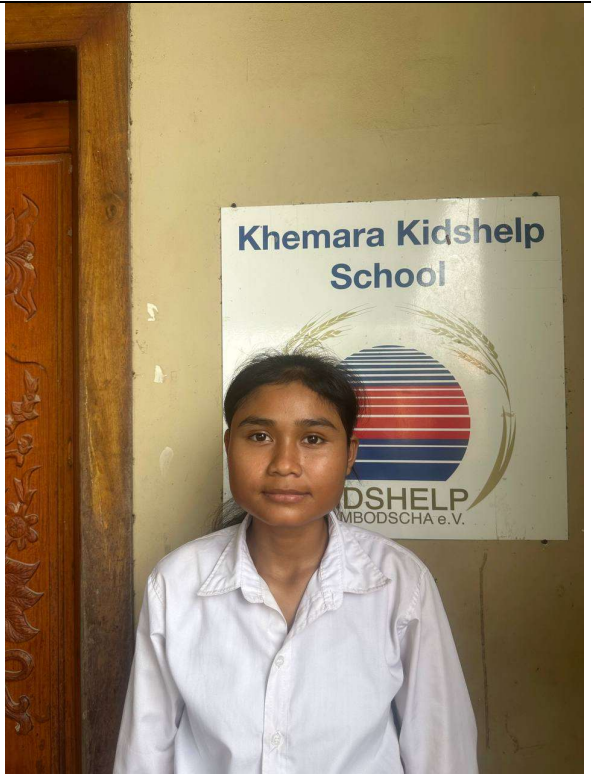


Sovan Srey Vin		
Subject:	English for Teaching	
Duration:	4 years	
Annual cost:	545 EUR - Tuition fees 500 EUR - Dormitory 100 EUR - Administration fee	
Total annual cost:	1,145 EUR per annum of which 250 EUR is already secured so 895 EUR required	
Where:	Institute of Foreign Languages (Royal University of Phnom Penh)	

Srey Vin has attended KKS for the whole of her school years (12) and being from a poor family was sponsored by Kidshelp during his schooling. Her father is a taxi driver, and her mother sells snack along the main road close to KKS. She has two sisters currently attending KKS.

Srey Vin achieved first place with 85% in the KKS English test and achieved **grade A** in her national grade 12 exam. This puts her in the top 1.7% of students who entered the grade 12 exam. RUPP has not yet published their policy on discount for students achieving grade A or B but this is expected shortly.




Em Sreynou		
Subject:	Food Technology	
Duration:	4 years	
Annual cost:	600 EUR - Tuition fees 500 EUR - Dormitory 100 EUR - Administration fee	
Total annual cost:	1,200 EUR per annum of which 300 EUR is already secured so 900 EUR required	
Where:	Institute of Technology of Cambodia	

Sreynou joined KKS as an English student in her grade 12 year after joining Hun Tharith, our grade 12 English teacher's class at the state school. She is from a large, poor family in the village where some of her siblings were forced to leave high school because of lack of money. Her family are rice farmers.

Sreynou achieved second highest score of 84% in the KKS English test and a D in the grade 12 state exam. She wants to study food technology at Institute of Technology of Cambodia, where she would be required to take an entrance exam. If she does not secure a place at the Institute, she would choose to study Food Technology at Royal University of Agriculture.




Neang Oudom		
Subject:	Information Technology	
Duration:	4 years	
Annual cost:	460 EUR - Tuition fees 100 EUR - Administration fee	
Total annual cost:	560 EUR per annum	
Where:	Royal University of Phnom Penh	

Oudom joined KKS as an English student in her grade 12 year after joining Hun Tharith, our grade 12 English teacher's class at the state school. His father sells beverages, and his mother sells groceries from their home.

Oudom's English is good, and he achieved 82.5% in the KKS English test. He achieved grade C in the grade 12 state exam. He would be able to stay with his brother in Phnom Penh and therefore not require accommodation.

High commitment to study at KKS and one of top students in state school.



Sophorn Sotheary		
Subject:	Public Administration	
Duration:	4 years	
Annual cost:	540 EUR - Tuition fees 500 EUR - Dormitory 100 EUR - Administration fee	
Total annual cost:	1,140 EUR per annum	
Where:	Royal University of Law and Economics	

Sotheary has attended KKS for 3 years. Her father is a truckdriver and her mother a housewife. Her sister has been on the teaching staff at KKS for 4 to 5 years and has a younger brother at KKS. Her family would be considered poor and are unable to pay the KKS school fees and is subsidised by Kidshelp. Her family home is very close to the banks on Mekong River (circa 1m) and considered at risk of erosion (awaiting government decision on rehousing).

Sotheary achieved 81.5% in the KKS English exam and a grade D in the grade 12 state exam. At KKS she seldomly absent from class and is normally amongst the top group in the class.



These were the profiles for our nominated scholarship candidates for the academic year 2025 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