



# SYLVIA LANKA CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

INSPIRE OUR FUTURE



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### “Inspire our Future” Scholarships Programme

Sylvia Lanka Foundation is a Charity organization established in London and mainly helps children in Sri Lanka who are vulnerable, capable, and talented for education. Most of these children come from impoverished families, and the parents cannot provide financial support for their education. Therefore we (SLF) came forward to help and support these children.

We are proud to state these children have shown progress after the enrolment to Sylvia Lanka Foundation. We trust this scholarship programme will generate well-educated people and it will allow them to find high quality employment.

Unlike countries in Europe, children do not receive grants or loans from the government to start or maintain their primary education or financial support to move into and sustain University education. Therefore, we aim to provide these children with scholarships. Up to GCES, we gave them a grant of £15 per month, and GCES A/L is £25. It will be £ 50 per month once they select to University.

### Summary of the project which funds are required for and a breakdown on how the funds will be sent -

#### OUR GRANT

**Up to GCSE -** Child gets £15 per month plus £50 worth of Uniforms, shoes, Educational materials for the year.

**Up to GCSE A/L -** Child gets £25 per month plus £ 75 worth of Uniforms, Shoes, Educational Materials for the whole year.

**University Children -** The child gets £ 50 per month.

Besides the above grant, we provide a new uniform, shoes, school bags, and educational materials every year. The total cost for the above per child will be around £50 & £75.

At present we are sponsoring 21 children. And will be starting our next programme on 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2021.

These grant children used for lunch, transport, and educational materials.

**Project Location** Kandy, Katugastota, Badulla, Nugegoda, Ampara

**There is a need for our project -** We are a small charity, and for this children scholarship program, we contribute from our membership, some time we get donations. And before the COVID 19, we reached our community and collected funds for this programme. Nowadays, which is a bit difficult if we continue this project, we need to get funding, if works poorly due to COVID 19.

**How will our project benefit the public –** Education helps lower crime rate. That is because the educated can differentiate between what is right and what is wrong. Research has shown that increasing the high school completion rate by just 1 percent for all men ages 20-60 would save lot of money in the country per year in reduced costs from crime. This is true for other regions as well.

**What difference do we want to make?** Once you have earned your college degree, you are to start your journey to real life get a job, pay taxes, and so on. Your parents and the people around you may have already been picturing you sitting behind an executive desk. Because of several years of schooling, you should make sound decisions on various stuff, such as if you should get a car or a house, which expenses to prioritize, how to pay off your school loans, and more. Moreover, you should be able to help the community by participating in projects to improve your neighbourhood, such as organizing programs to aid the less fortunate citizens, encourage the children and teens to study, and other social activities.

**It gives empowerment** - Education helps turn weakness into strength. Education gives us the confidence to stand for ourselves. It improves our decision-making capabilities, makes us mobile and gives us access to social networks. Many research have proven that in countries where women are subjected to gender bias, education helped them stand up against marital violence, improved their decision-making capabilities and helped them take charge of their own lives.

#### **How we track our children, progress**

Sylvia Lanka Foundation scholarship program has originated with the school's cooperation. Every school where these children attend, we have a teacher responsible for these children regarding their progress? We speak to them once a month, and they use what's app if there any incident we should know. Even some school they admire our scholarship they have written to us. Every term, the teaches they are sending the term test results. With this information, we have an idea about the child progress.

**Children intake to Scholarship programme** - We have chosen these children from around Sri Lanka. Once we receive the applications, our local representatives speak to the school principal, check all the information, and dig into family background and child education. After all the checks completed only, we welcome these children onboard. Most of these children are from impoverished families, and their parent has no proper income or are single parents due to death or left the family. They cannot feed their three meals; most of these families have two meals a day. Other than the grant, we supply dry rations, clothes, stationeries for these families. We have noticed most of the children grades in the classes have increased after we start the grant. From the school, they are sending the term reports to us. We trust these children will do best if we back their education, and we aim to support until they complete University.

**How we find Funds now** - At the movement, we have raised funds to sponsor 21 children. And funds are coming from sponsorships, donations, and our membership. Previously we conducted events to raise funds. Everything stops now. Our one-year cost along for children scholarship program will need £12 K for 50 children.

For us to carry out this duty, we need help and support from donors. It is challenging with the present situation, and the children families are having a horrible trouble COVID-19. The Families in Sri Lanka these people most do day jobs, and due to COVID-19, there are no jobs available, which severely affects these families.

**Once children leave after University, the new child will join the programme to continue year by year. SLF Scholarship programme is an ongoing programme.**