
FAQ'S

☑ ***Can the family use the money I send for non-educational purposes?***

No. The money does not go directly to the families. Instead the money is paid to the schools for tuition and to purchase a school uniform and supplies.

☑ ***Can I sponsor a child for one year?***

We are looking for families that are committed to helping educate a child for an extended period of time. It is substantially more work to try and find new sponsors each year. In addition, most of our sponsors have built a special bond with the children and their families in Nepal.

☑ ***How much does a year of education cost in Nepal?***

A Nepali child can be educated for a year for Cdn \$80.00. In addition, you can send a child to private school for Cdn \$265.00 per year

☑ ***Can I correspond with the child?***

Absolutely! Depending on the child's age and English language skill, correspondence is a great way to know you are significantly impacting a future generation of Nepali's. Gifts, cards or drawings can either be mailed or given to a member of the Nepal Education Fund when they are traveling to Nepal.

For both existing sponsors and those wanting to be informed about what we are doing at the Nepal Education Fund, please help us keep our contact list updated by providing your contact information:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

SCHOOL ASSISTANCE

- NEF Assists Poor Schools in Nepal
- With donation money and ongoing fundraising NEF is gradually being able to help poor village schools with improvements
- We have provided new school desks and benches, sports equipment, books, first aid kits and maps to a school in the village of Hattiban
- In the remote village of Chimhola we are providing desks, books, upgrades to floors, learning tools, etc. This is an ongoing project to help this school improve and make education more viable for its 400 students
- These projects help many children and are important to upgrading education in these extremely poor regions
- One time donations or a regular contribution to these projects are always appreciated. Again all your dollars go directly to the project
- NEF is registered as a charity with the Social Welfare Council in Nepal

MEMBERSHIPS

If you do not wish to sponsor a child, you may become a member of NEF and receive all updates, newsletters, etc. The cost of this is \$50 PER YEAR. Your membership will go toward school projects as outlined above.



Nepal Education Fund

*Providing Underprivileged Nepali
Children with an Education and
Hope for the Future*

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INTRODUCTION

- The Nepal Education & Shelter Fund is a small privately run charity started in 2004 to help educate children in Nepal. These children are from very poor families who cannot afford the yearly school fee nor the cost of school uniforms and the requisite school supplies. Some of the children have never attended school while others have had to drop out as their parents can no longer afford to send them because of financial hardship.
- The Nepal Education Fund currently has over 140 children sponsored to go to school from caring families in Canada, England, US, Australia, and New Zealand.
- Trusted Nepali friends select the children and help run this programme. If a selected Nepali family is committed to educating their children, the children are registered in school, uniforms are purchased and school supplies bought. In addition, the children are regularly monitored to check upon their progress.

ABOUT THE CHILDREN

- The children range in age from 4 year to 18 years. Some are just starting school and others are trying to finish school. All come from similar impoverished backgrounds and typically live in one small room with their parents and siblings. Being a predominantly Hindu nation, Nepal has a distinct caste system that places both social and financial constraints on those in the lower castes. The primary method of breaking out of poverty associated with the lower castes is to become educated.
- In all cases, the parents are very supportive and want their children to receive an education, as they know this is their primary chance for a better life. Education is held in high esteem in Nepali society. In most cases, the parents themselves are illiterate (52% of the total population is illiterate) so they are eager for their children to have a better future that comes with an education.

EDUCATION COSTS

- The cost to sponsor and educate a child for one year is Cdn \$80.00 (or \$265.00 for private school). This pays for the school registration for the year, the three mandatory annual exams, a school uniform, a school bag and supplies.
- There are no administration costs in this programme, so all your money goes directly to funding your child's education for a year.
- In return for your generosity, you will receive a photograph of the child along with information about the family. In addition, we produce a newsletter twice a year to keep everyone up to date on the success of the Nepal Education Fund. The blog is updated weekly.
- Your sponsored child will also be monitored and any change in their situation is reported back to you.