

**Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level Scholarships**  
(*Scholarships for the students of southern Solukhumbu*)

**Scholarship Guidelines – 2020**

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**1. Background**

Himalayan Trust Nepal is dedicated to achieving holistic, community-led, sustainable mountain development guided by the vision of Sir Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa friends in the Everest region. It supports in the field of education, healthcare, culture conservation, environment and livelihood improvement programmes through an inclusive, innovative and locally driven approach. Himalayan Trust Nepal aims to enhance the quality of life of the people of Solukhumbu District through the integrated development programme of health, education, environment, livelihood and culture conservation of the area. Currently, HTN is implementing five-year Quality Education Programme in Solukhumbu with the funding support of Himalayan Trust New Zealand and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) of New Zealand in 16 Schools of Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality (KPLRM) and 16 Schools in Solududhkunda Municipality in Solukhumbu district. Providing scholarship to the students of Solukhumbu district is a part of Quality Education Programme. There are two types of scholarship under this program: a) *Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Scholarship (SEHM)* for 24 SEE graduates of Sir Ed built schools every year, and a) Bachelor level scholarships for the students of Solukhumbu to complete their study in the specified subject areas. Bachelor level scholarships includes *Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality and Himalayan Trust Scholarship* for the students of Khumbu region, and *Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level Scholarship* for the students of southern Solukhumbu.

This scholarship guidelines is particularly focused on *Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level Scholarship*, the scholarship is targeted to the students who are the permanent residents of southern Solukhumbu. The guidelines includes objectives of the scholarships, subject areas, selection and eligibility criteria, scholarship conditions, payment and management.

**2. Objectives of the scholarships**

The overall objective of the scholarship scheme is to produce qualified local human resources as per the needs and the demands of the southern Solukhumbu region. The specific objectives are given below:

- a. To provide scholarship to the students of southern Solukhumbu region for bachelor level education and produce human resources as per local needs
- b. To encourage local youths in pursuing higher education for employment opportunities at local level
- c. To support socially and economically disadvantaged students to pursue higher level education to overcome poverty and exclusion issues

**3. Eligibility Criteria**

- Applicant must be a permanent resident of southern Solukhumbu district.
- Applicant must have completed SEE level education from Solukhumbu.

- Applicant must be eligible and able to fulfil the entry requirements of institutions/university for bachelor level study.
- Consideration will be given to applicant's academic achievement, commitment to return to Solukhumbu after completing the study and financial need who is socially and economically disadvantaged. Students with low economic condition must submit a recommendation letter from their local government office.

Documents required to submit with Scholarship Application are given Annex 2.

#### **Applicants not eligible to apply:**

- Applicants who completed their education in abroad institutions
- Applicants who are receiving Government or any other scholarship for the same level of study
- Applicants who submits false documents

#### **4. Subject areas and scholarships amount**

Considering the long-term benefits to the Solukhumbu in terms of education (teachers) and other identified skill shortages, following subject areas are identified for the scholarship scheme. Students who are willing to study the specified subjects will be awarded the scholarship amount as mentioned below in Table 1.

**Table 1: Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level Scholarship for Southern Solukhumbu**

SN	Subjects	# Seats	Total Course Duration (months)	Per Month	Total
1	B.Sc. - Forestry science	1	48	7000	336,000
2	B.Sc. - Agriculture	2	48	7000	672,000
3	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)	1	48	7000	336,000
4	Bachelor of Laws (LLB)	1	36	7000	252,000
5	B.Ed. (Science, Math, English & Social Study)	4	48	7000	1,344,000
6	B.Sc. - Pharmacy	1	48	7000	336,000
7	B.Sc. - Nursing	1	48	7000	336,000
8	B.Sc. - Optometry	1	48	7000	336,000
9	Bachelor - Tourism	1	48	7000	336,000
10	Bachelor - Computer Science and IT	2	48	7000	672,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>			<b>4,956,000</b>

#### **5. Selection criteria**

The selection criteria for the scholarship includes consideration of hardship, exclusion, potential leaders, and necessary future skills building for Solukhumbu. This scholarship aims to improve the long-term benefits to Solukhumbu in terms of education (teachers) and other identified skill shortages, but also support vulnerable individuals and families to break the cycle of poverty and exclusion.

Scholarship applicants who meet the eligibility criteria are assessed by the Scholarship Committee. Selection criteria includes:

- Academic merit which includes Grade Point Average (GPA) at grade 12
- Entrance examination result of proposed institution including university test such as CMAT/KUMAT
- Equity criteria - out of total scholarships, at least 50% must be female students and 40% must be students of low socio-economic condition (at least 50% which must be female).
- Applicant's commitment of returning to Solukhumbu and work after completing study as far as opportunities available.

## **6. Selection Process**

- The HTN will issue a public notice to call applications from the potential applicants one month prior to the beginning of entrance examination for bachelor levels. Notices will be circulated through local FM for wide coverage, and social media of HTN. Considering the duration of the scholarship scheme, the first notice will be published in first year for all seats, and second call will be published in the second year if there are remaining vacant seats.
- The application deadline for the scholarships will be decided by the HTN and the applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- The HTN Scholarship Committee reviews the applications and publishes the name list of potential applicants. The committee suggests the applicants for the preparation of the entrance examination.
- Based on the selection criteria given in clause 5, the committee selects the applicants who are successful in entrance examinations and award scholarship as per the allocated scholarship seats.
- The applicants need to complete the standard scholarship application form as given in Annex 1.

## **7. Scholarship conditions**

- Applicant must have commitment to return and work in Solukhumbu after completion of their study as far as opportunities are available.
- Scholarship recipients must complete the study within the time period of the institution/university and they cannot change their subject areas once they agreed at the beginning of the study. If the scholarship recipients leave the study, they must return the scholarship amount to the respective organizations they received.
- Scholarship recipients must attend classes regularly and pass through in each semester/annual examination. If the students are not able to get through their exams, the scholarship will not be continued for next session.
- It is students' responsibility to maintain their progress and inform the Scholarship Committee about their progress by submitting fee receipts from college and mark-sheets as an evidence. Also, students will need to submit one-page progress story of their annual achievements.
- After completion of final examination of Bachelor level, each scholarship recipient will need to submit a copy of their certificates to the committee with a one-page report stating in what way the scholarship helped to achieve their career goal. Students who are not able to submit their documents will not receive the final month scholarship payment.

- Scholarship recipient students will need to agree the scholarship conditions and sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as given in Annex 3.

## **8. Termination of scholarships**

The Scholarships will be terminated under the following conditions:

- If the applicant is not able to fulfill the scholarship conditions as stated in clause 7 of the guidelines
- If the applicant is found to submit false documents for the scholarship application
- If the applicant is expelled from the institutions
- If applicants are legally punished due to their involvement in illegal act
- If they receive dual scholarship

## **9. Scholarship Payment and Management**

Successful student will receive Rs. 7000/- per month as scholarship amount. HTN will transfer the scholarship amount to all recipients' bank account on quarterly basis. The students will need to open a bank account at Rastriya Banijya Bank and provide the account number to HTN Scholarship Officer.

The HTN Board will form a Scholarship Selection Committee of Board members and Staff members. The committee will be responsible in processing, selection and monitoring of scholarships. HTN Scholarship Officer will keep all the records and profile of the students, track their progress and submit annual report to the Scholarship Committee.

## **10. Scholarship Duration**

The maximum duration of the scholarship is four years for bachelor level. However, the academic period from the month of enrolment to the month of the final examination is considered as the total duration of the scholarship. The first payment is made from the month of enrolment, for which students will need to submit an evidence of college enrolment. The last payment of the scholarship will be the month of the course completion as per the academic calendar of university and college.

# Annex 1: Scholarship Application Form

## Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level Scholarship

Attach recent  
passport size  
photo

Only completed applications will be considered. Do Not Leave Items Blank.

### ***Personal Information***

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (DD/MM/YY)  
Permanent Address: Rural Municipality \_\_\_\_\_ Ward No. \_\_\_ Village/Town \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Address: Rural Municipality \_\_\_\_\_ Ward No. \_\_\_ Village/Town \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name Father \_\_\_\_\_/Mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Address: Rural Municipality \_\_\_\_\_ Ward No. \_\_\_ Village/Town \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (father/mother)  
Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Gross Annual Earnings of Parents: Rs. \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Academic Background:***

Name of Recently Graduated School/College: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of School/College: Rural Municipality \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village/Town \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
Level and Course completed: \_\_\_ Level (SLC, Plus Two, Bachelor) \_\_\_ (Science, Education, etc.)  
Year of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point/Percentage: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Course Information***

Name of Degree/Course to Pursue: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Major Subject: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the College/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: Rural Municipality \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village/Town \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

### **How did you know about this scholarship?**

\_\_\_ from school                      \_\_\_ from friend                      \_\_\_ from local media  
\_\_\_ from relatives                      \_\_\_ Other source.....

**Currently, do you have any other scholarship or sponsor?**                      Yes \_\_\_                      No \_\_\_

**If yes, who is supporting?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Motivation and Commitment**

(Please answer the following questions, use extra sheet if the space is not sufficient)

**What do you want to be in future?**

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**Where do you want to live and work in future?**

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**What made you to choose this course in Bachelor level?**

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**Why do you need a scholarship? Since this Scholarship mostly the tuition fee, who is supporting rest of your cost?**

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Signature of Applicant

Date:

## **Annex 2: Documents required to submit with application**

1. Completed Scholarship Application Form (Annex 1)
2. Two recent passport size photos
3. Copy of citizenship
4. Proof of entrance examination result and university test result (CMAT/KUMAT etc) to get admission to the proposed institution
5. Proof of admission to the college/institution
6. Copies of all certificates of prior qualifications – transcripts and character certificates
7. A recommendation letter from an applicant's school/college
8. Recommendation letter from local government – for the applicants who are diligent but socially and economically marginalized

### Annex 3: Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed between Himalayan Trust Nepal and Mr./Ms. [Name of scholarship recipient], Bachelor Level Scholarship recipient, inhabitant of ...[Name of village]... ward no. .... of ...[Name of Rural Municipality].. of Solukhumbu district. Himalayan Trust Nepal has decided to award Mr./Ms. ...[Last name of student] .. who is the SLC/SEE graduate of ...[Name of School].. to complete Bachelor level in ..[name of faculty/subject] for the academic period of ...[starting academic period]..... to ...[last academic period].....

As a scholarship recipient, Mr./Ms. ..[Last name of student] agrees to follow the HTN scholarship conditions as stated below:

Scholarship conditions:

- Scholarship recipient is committed to return and work in Solukhumbu after completion of their study as far as opportunities are available.
- Scholarship recipients must complete the study within the time period of the institution/university and they cannot change their subject areas once they agreed at the beginning of the study. If the scholarship recipients leave the study, they must return the scholarship amount to the respective organizations they received.
- Scholarship recipients must attend classes regularly and pass through in each semester/annual examination. If the students are not able to get through their exams, the scholarship will not be continued for next session.
- It is students' responsibility to maintain their progress and inform the Scholarship Committee about their progress by submitting fee receipts from college and mark-sheets as an evidence. Also, students will need to submit one-page progress story of their annual achievements.
- After completion of final examination of Bachelor level, each scholarship recipient will need to submit a copy of their certificates to the committee with a one-page report stating in what way the scholarship helped to achieve their career goal. Students who are not able to submit their documents will not receive the final month scholarship payment.
- Scholarship recipient student agreed the scholarship conditions and sign this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

On behalf of scholarship recipient:

On behalf of HTN:

Name of Student: .....

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Position: .....

Date: .....

Signature:  
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Date: .....

