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170 Scholarships Awarded in 2014

We have awarded 170 new scholarships this year. We thank all our sponsors for making this happen! So far we have awarded a total of more than 1500 scholarships.

If you wait until you can do everything for everybody, instead of something for somebody, you'll end up not doing anything for anybody.

- Malcom Bane

Establishment of SLCSF's First Endowment Fund

We are happy to announce the establishment of our first endowment fund. The principal amount is invested in a fixed deposit in a Sri Lankan bank. The annual interest will be used to award one or more regular or memorial scholarships annually.

If you are interested in establishing an Endowment Fund for awarding regular or memorial scholarships, please send us an email to info@SLCSF.org.

Changes in Board of Directors

After serving the SLCSF as its Vice President for over 10 years, Mr. Sudu Vatagodakumbura had resigned as a result of limited time available for SLCSF activities due to other commitments. We thank Sudu for his significant contributions to SLCSF over the past years and confirming his continued support to SLCSF in the future years.

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Delerine Ratnapala as our Assistant Sri Lankan Coordinator. With many years of experience in the Sri Lankan banking industry, Delerine will be an asset to us not only in banking matters, but also in assisting our Sri Lankan Coordinator – Ms. Devika Jayawardena, in students' selections and other numerous tasks.

We invite your involvement in SLCSF activities by serving the Board of Directors in one of the following vacant capacities:

- Vice President
- Assistant Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer

If you are interested, please send us an email at: info@SLCSF.org for more information.

Make what change you are able to make now, and let the 'giving spirit' spread like a virus, infinitely touching the lives of people you may never meet, across boundaries you may never cross, in ways you may never imagine...

Memorial Scholarship Awards

Sponsoring a Memorial scholarship is an excellent way to ensure that the name of a deceased family member or anyone close to your heart continues to live on, while paving the path for an academically gifted student to become successful in life!

The sponsorship commitment and the selection criteria for these scholarships are the same as our regular scholarships.

This year we have awarded a record number of 67 memorial scholarships! The scholarships and their sponsors are:

Mr. & Mrs. D. D Abeyagoonewardena Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:
Mr. Vinee Abeyagoonewardene, NSW, Australia, in loving memory of his parents.

Master Rohan Abeyagoonewardena Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:
Mr. Vinee Abeyagoonewardene, NSW, Australia, in loving memory of his son.

Mr. Edmund Oliver Ranasinghe Bandara and Mrs. Henrieta Melrose Bandara

Awarded by:
Mr. Sanka Dassanayake, Vancouver, BC, in loving memory of his grandparents.

Mr. Piyasena Dematagolla Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Ms. Ruvini Dematagolla, Waltham, MA, USA, in loving memory of her father.

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Fernando Memorial scholarship

Awarded by:
Ms. Ursula Fernando, Winnipeg, MB, in loving memory of her parents.

Ms. Sriyangani and Ms. Kalyani Memorial Scholarships (6)

Awarded by:
Mr. Rohana Weerasekera, Whitehorse, YT, in loving memory of his sisters.

Mrs. Tikirimanike Kumarihami Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:
Dr. Lakshman N. Gamage & Mrs. Manike Dissanayake, Saskatoon, SK, in loving memory of Manike's mother.

Mr. Edward Seemon Panditha Memorial Scholarships (2)

Awarded by:
Mr. Chandima and Mrs. Sumudu Panditha, in loving memory of Chandima's father.

Ms. Muriel Peiris Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:
Mr. U. D. Niroshan and Ms. Ruwanie Perera, Victoria, BC, in loving memory of Niroshan's mother.

Mrs. S. Samarasekera Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:
Ms. Janaki Samarasekera and Mr. Shantha Athukorala, Surrey, BC, in loving memory of Janaki's sister.

Mr. Daya Samarasinghe Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:
Mrs. Sirima Samarasinghe, Mrs. Dayanthi Adihetti and Ms. Ayanthi Samarasinghe, Richmond, BC, in loving memory of Sirima's husband and, Dayanthi and Ayanthi's father.

Mr. Barbet and Mrs. Gunawathi De Silva Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:
Mr. T. Sisira De Silva, in loving memory of his parents.

Mr. Wijenayake Tennakoon Memorial Scholarships (2)

Awarded by:
Mrs. Eresha & Mr. Beumal Fernando, Edmonton, AB, in loving memory of late Mr. Wijenayake Tennakoon.

Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Weerasekera Memorial Scholarships (8)

Awarded by:
Mr. Rohana Weerasekera (6), Whitehorse, YT, in loving memory of his parents, and
Mr. Ruwan & Ms. Ruwani Ekanayake (2), in loving memory of their grandparents

Master Nuwan Wijayasinghe Memorial Scholarships (6)

Awarded by:
Dr. Mahendra and Mrs. Chandrani Wijayasinghe, Edmonton, AB, in loving memory of their son.

Mr. Albert Kathriarachchi Memorial Scholarships (5)

Awarded by:

Mr. Gayan Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of his grand father.

Mrs. N. W. Gunasekera Abeysundara Memorial Scholarships (10)

Awarded by:
Dr. Bandula Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of his mother.

Mr. S. W. Abeysundara Memorial Scholarships (10)

Awarded by:
Dr. Bandula Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of his father.

Five memorial scholarships and two additional memorial scholarships from the first SLCSF Endowment Fund have also been awarded, using funds donated by an anonymous donor.

Note: The recipients of these scholarships are included in the list of "New Grade 12 Scholarship Awards for 2014".

Thank you very much to all our memorial scholarship sponsors. Your generosity will keep the names of your beloved relatives and friends alive for ever in the minds of the children benefited by these scholarships!

No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.

- Aesop

Scholarship Sponsors for the Years 2014/15 and 2013/14

We are grateful to all our sponsors for their kindness and generosity! Without your donations, we will not be able to continue this scholarship program and help these children.

We would especially like to acknowledge the following donations in 2014:

- ❖ 12 scholarships sponsored by Mr. Rohana Weerasekera, Whitehorse, YT
- ❖ 10 scholarships sponsored by Mr. Asoke & Dr. Mrs. Nandanie Weerasinghe, Edmonton, AB

- ❖ 10 scholarships sponsored by Ms. Joanie Anderson, Vancouver, BC
- ❖ 6 scholarships sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Dilan Modder, Burnaby, BC
- ❖ 6 scholarships sponsored by Dr. Mahendra and Mrs. Chandrani Wijayasinghe, Edmonton, AB
- ❖ 6 scholarships sponsored by an Anonymous Donor, AB
- ❖ 5 scholarships sponsored by Dr. Chandana Weerasinghe, Vancouver, BC

With the pool of money we had from one-time donations, SLCSF has sponsored one additional scholarship this year.

The following is the list of our sponsors (including memorial scholarship sponsors) during the years 2014/15 and 2013/14. We sincerely apologize if we have missed any names or for any incorrect spelling.

Notes:

When more than one scholarship is sponsored, the number is indicated after the sponsor name. Two numbers indicate the number of new scholarships sponsored in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The list is sorted in the following alphabetical order: Province (or, Country), City and Last Name.

Anonymous, Calgary, AB (6+6)
Mr. Sarath Adikary, Calgary, AB
Dr. Patrick and Mrs. Srianthi Hettiarachchi, Calgary, AB
Mrs. Manel (Mano) Perera, Calgary, AB
Miss. Heshani and Mr. Gihan Abeysundara, Edmonton, AB
Mr. Rohan & Mrs. Sama Abeysundara, Edmonton, AB
Mr. Beumal & Mrs. Eresha Fernando, Edmonton, AB (2+1)
Mr. Demuni Jayasinghe, Edmonton, AB
Miss. Lukshani Jayasinghe, Edmonton, AB
Mrs. Shamani Jayasinghe, Edmonton, AB
Mr. Chalaka Liyanage, Surrey, BC (10)
Dr. Nimal & Mrs. Chitra Rajapakse, Edmonton, AB (4)
Dr. Sunil & Mrs. Nelum Ranasinghe, Edmonton, AB
Mr. Lakshaman & Mrs. Chandra Samarasinghe, Edmonton, AB (2)
Mr. Asoke & Dr. Mrs. Nandanie Weerasinghe, Edmonton, AB (10+10)
Dr. Mahendra & Mrs. Chandrani Wijayasinghe, Edmonton, AB (6+6)
Mr. Mahinda & Mrs. Nayanthara Witharana, Edmonton, AB (1+1)
Dr. Upali and Mrs. Chulani Hippola, St. Albert, AB
Mr. Vinee Abeyagoonewardene, NSW, Australia (2)

Mr. Kumar and Mrs. Muditha Basnayake, Burnaby, BC
 Ms. Charitha Dharmaratne and Mr. Upali Sirikumara, Burnaby, BC
 Mr. Dylan Modder, Burnaby, BC (6+9)
 Ms. Lisa Brown, Chilliwack, BC (4)
 Dr. Bandula Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC (20+6)
 Mr. Gayan Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC (5+5)
 Miss. Namal Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC (2)
 Dr. Nihal & Mrs. Tamara Ariyawardena, Coquitlam, BC (2)
 Mrs. Chandra Stokes, Mission, BC (2+2)
 Mr. Ryan Stokes, Mission, BC (2)
 Ms. Dhananthi Batcha, New Westminster, BC (1+1)
 Mr. Dhananjaya Gamalath, New Westminster, BC (1+1)
 Ms. Dona Patikiriarachchi, New Westminster, BC
 Mr. Gavesh Bandara, Port Coquitlam, BC
 Mr. Channa and Mrs. Gayani Lokugamage, Port Coquitlam, BC (2)
 Mr. U. D. Niroshan and Ms. Ruwanie Perera, Richmond, BC
 Mrs. Sirima Samarasinghe, Mrs. Dayanthi Adihetti and Ms. Ayanthi Samarasinghe, Richmond, BC
 Mr. Roshan & Mrs. Belle Fernando, Surrey, BC
 Mrs. Kaumalie Adikaram, Surrey, BC
 Mr. Chandradasa Gamachchige, Surrey, BC (2) Dr. A. Gunadasa, Surrey, BC
 Miss. Gayani Hewa Bandula, Surrey, BC (2+2)
 Mr. Sisira and Mrs. Indira Hewa Bandula, Surrey, BC (4)
 Mr. Viraj Opananda, Surrey, BC
 Mr. Chandima & Mrs. Sumudu Panditha, Surrey, BC (2+1)
 Mr. Palitha & Mrs. Sadhana Perera, Surrey, BC
 Mr. Pradeep & Mrs. Naz Perera, Surrey, BC (2)
 Miss. Minurika Perusinghe & Master Harin Perusinghe, Surrey, BC (2)
 Mr. Sena Ranasinghe, Surrey, BC
 Miss. Sajini P. Rangana, Surrey, BC
 Miss. Thanuji D. Rangana, Surrey, BC
 Mr. Hemal & Mrs. Hemi Ratnakara, Surrey, BC
 Mr. Kavi Ratnaweera, Surrey, BC
 Ms. Janaki Samarasekera & Mr. Shantha Athukorala, Surrey, BC
 Mr. Kirithi Senaratne, Surrey, BC
 Mr. Upul Seneviratne, Surrey, BC (3)
 Mrs. Kanchana & Mr. Hasantha Sirisena, Surrey, BC (2)
 Mrs. Ruwani Sodhi, Surrey, BC (2)
 Mr. Sudu & Mrs. Stella Vatagodakumbura, Surrey, BC (1+1)
 Dr. Ranil Waliwitiya (Active AgriProducts Inc.), Surrey, BC (2)
 Dr. Ranil, Mrs. Nilukshi, Miss. Thumri and Miss. Thunuvu Waliwitiya, Surrey, BC (2)
 Mr. Gamini and Mrs. Sumana Wijeratne, Surrey, BC (5+5)
 Mr. Karunitha & Mrs. Lakmini Wimalsooriya, Surrey, BC (4)
 Mrs. Joanie Anderson, Vancouver, BC (10+10)
 Dr. Upul & Mrs. Deepthi Atukorala, Vancouver, BC (2)
 Mr. Sanka Dassanayake, Vancouver, BC (2+1)
 Mr. Nimal & Mrs. Chitra Fernando, Vancouver, BC (2+2)
 Mr. Mahesh Joseph, Cosmos Auto Care, Vancouver, BC (2)
 Mr. Arjuna Perera, Vancouver, BC
 Dr. Nimal & Dr. Mrs. Daneshwarie Rajapaksa, Vancouver, BC (10)
 Mr. Achala Soysa, Vancouver, BC (1+1)

Dr. Chandana Weerasinghe, Vancouver, BC (5+5)
 Dr. Udaya Annakkage, Winnipeg, MB (2)
 Ms. Ursula Fernando, Winnipeg, MB
 Mrs. Sasanda Nilmalgoda, Winnipeg, MB (2)
 Mrs. Indira, Ms. Achini and Ms. Kanchini Ratnayaka, Winnipeg, MB
 Mr. T. Sisira De Silva, St. John`s, NL
 Mr. Nimal & Mrs. Rupa Dissanayake, Hamilton, ON
 Mr. K. B. Hippola, Ottawa, ON
 Mrs. Lalantha Hippola, Ottawa, ON
 Mr. Amaranantha Weerakkody, Scarborough, ON
 Miss. Isuri Weerakkody, Scarborough, ON
 Mr. Bandu & Dr. Mrs. Manel Imbulgoda, Waterdown, ON (2+2)
 Mr. Nalin & Dr. Mrs. Warunika Imbulgoda, Nepean, ON (2)
 Mr. & Mrs. Premaratne Pathirane, Toronto, ON
 Anonymous, Windsor, ON
 Ms. Chandra P. Andrahennadi, Saskatoon, SK
 Mr. Thilakarathna Basnayaka, Saskatoon, SK
 Dr. Del & Mrs. JoAnne Fredlund, Saskatoon, SK
 Dr. Lal Samarasekera, Saskatoon, SK (5+2)
 Dr. Lakshman N. Gamage & Mrs. Manike Dissanayake, Saskatoon, SK
 Mr. Jayantha & Mrs. Pearl Abeysundara, Ahangama, Sri Lanka
 Mrs. Kamala Ranasinghe, Gampola, Sri Lanka
 Miss. Hansika Ratnapala, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka
 Dr. Damith Senaratne, San Diego, USA (2+2)
 Ms. Ruvini Dematagolla, Waltham, USA (1+1)
 Dr. Eranda Harinath, Waltham, USA (1+1)
 Mr. Ruwan & Ms. Ruwani Ekanayake, Woodland, USA (2)
 Mr. Rohana Weerasekera, Whitehorse, YT (12+3)
 Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation (SLCSF), Canada (1+23)

We thank all the sponsors for their generosity and hope that they will continue to provide financial support in the future years.

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

- Unknown

Scholarship Awards - 2014

This year we have selected 170 scholarship recipients, based on their G.C.E. O/L results, income per family member and considering other special circumstances (such as deceased parents).

We congratulate the scholarship recipients for their academic achievements and wish them all the success in their future studies!

Miss. M.Lakshika Maddumage, Kekanadura
Miss. P.G.Vinodya Chathurangi, Ambalantota
Mr. D.Viraj Madhushan, Rathgama
Miss. W.G.Mihiri Nisansala, Ganegoda, Galle
Miss. K.W.Dilini Deepthika, Kalawana
Miss. M.Mahendran, Puloly
Miss. M.H.Fathima Thasneem, Sainthumaruthu
Miss. S.B.D.J.Chathurya Baduge, Dewalegama, Kegalle
Miss. B.S.M.Thakshila Cooray, Matara
Miss. W.J.U.Madurangi Welepitiya, Galigamuwa Town
Miss. L.D.Ranrekha Fernando, Dharga Town
Miss. S.W.Samanmali Jayalath, Ehetuwewa
Miss. U.T.Maddushani Gunawardhana, Polonnaruwa
Mr. D.A.Sampath Jayasinghe, Mathugama
Mr. P.D.V.Sandaruwana de Silva, Induruwa
Miss. W.G.H.N. Maduwanthi, Matale
Mr. A.G.Thilina Madhusanka, Etawala, Induruwa
Miss. W.Harsha Imalka, Thelwatta
Miss. W.A.I.Sandaruwani, Walasmulla
Miss. Ninthuja Nageshwaran, Vavunikkulam
Miss. A.G.S.Pathiraj Warnakulsuriya, Matale
Mr. K.V.Dananjaya Karunarathna, Godakawala
Miss. L.A.U.Sewwandi Lansakara, Ambanpola
Miss. Y.G.Imesha Chathumini, Dickwella
Miss. R.T.Piumika Kumari, Vatinapaha
Miss. A.M.Sepali Thakshila, Badulla
Miss. W.M.N.Gimhani Weerasinha Marabe, Kahawatta
Mr. A.L.Janitha Bandara, Matale
Miss. H.G.Ganusha Ishadi, Imaduwa
Miss. A.L.M.Swarnalatha, Thambugala, Danovita
Mr. W.J.Harsha Prabath, Ginthota
Miss. M.Sachini Ravihari, Haliwala, Galle
Miss. T.Danushka Yapa Bandara, Anuradhapura
Mr. Santhikumar Thenusan, Vavuniya
Miss. M.T.Thisari Dilhara, Danketiya, Batapola
Miss. H.M.T.Dinusha Dissanayaka, Pothuhera
Miss. E.G.N.Piyumika Nissanka, Kirindiwela
Mr. S.Dhananjaya Gunasingha, Lunuwila
Miss. H.L.Sanduni Nisansala, Walahanduwa
Miss. S.A.D.S. Wathsala Maheepala, Baduraliya
Miss. K.D.A.Piyumika Gunawardana, Pepiliyawela
Miss. K.Nethmi Abeynayaka, Embilipitiya
Miss. K.P.I.Pavithra Divyangi, Waralla
Miss. W.M.Ashini Hansika, Devinuwara
Miss. L.M.Nilusha Lakmini, Pelmadulla
Mr. K.G.Nadun Madushan, Suriyawewa
Mr. R.Tharindu Prasad, Deniyaya
Mr. Sivakumar Niroshan, Mannar
Miss. N.W.P.C.Dulanjali Ravihari, Ankokkawala
Miss. R.A.Dilki Madhushani, Horana
Mr. P.K.Kasun Dewapriya, Maliduwa, Akuressa
Miss. N.K.Jihani Sandunika, Matara
Miss. V.Dilki Shehara, Kekanadura, Matara
Miss. R.Prageetha Wijesekara, Thalgaswala
Mr. M.P.J.Udayantha Weerasuriya, Polonnaruwa
Mr. R.G.S.Sampath Perera, Kadawatha
Mr. K.K.S.Dishan Dhananjaya, Deniyaya
Miss. A.H.A.T.Eranga de Silva, Rathgama
Miss. E.M.S.A.Kumari Ekanayake, Nikaweratiya
Mr. N.Kavindu Palihakkara, Kottagoda
Miss. Y.M.H.N.Chandi Bandara, Kothmale

Mr. H.D.B.Chamod Jayasiri, Mudungoda
Miss. B.G.S.Apsara Gunawardhana, Kegalle
Miss. J.K.Roji Mendis, Boossa
Mr. N.P.L.Prabath Dharmarathne, Katugastota
Mr. A.M.Dhanushka Rathnayaka, Belihuloya
Miss. G.K.Shanika Rathnayaka, Ratnapura
Miss. S.D.Tharuka Dewmini, Devalapola
Mr. N.K.Thilanka Naimmana, Getaheththa
Miss. K.K.Umesha Sewwandi, Aluthwala
Mr. G.S.Nimnaka Wijayathilaka, Kalagedihena
Mr. P.M.O.Tharindu Munasingha, Wadduwa
Miss. Shani Abeywickrama, Embilipitiya
Mr. J.A.Thumula Dinisuru, Kamburugamuwa
Miss. S.L.K.Kavindi Silva, Dharga Town
Miss. P.H.M.Vimukthika de Silva, Rakwana
Miss. H.M.T.Hasangika Dayarathna, Padiyathalawa
Mr. S.H.P.Lahiru Subasingha, Wadakada
Miss. S.W.G.D.L.Kusumalatha, Galgamuwa
Miss. K.G.Kalpani Jayarathna, Galgamuwa
Miss. K.H.Kaushalya Silva, Darga Town
Miss. H.K.S.Navodhya Senarathna, Akuressa
Mr. W.D.T.Dhananjana Wickramasinghe, Pelmadulla
Mr. N.Kanchana Pathirathna, Kirilipana
Mr. G.K.P.Udaya Kumara, Dampahala
Mr. G.P.Hasintha Maduranga, Pitigala
Miss. Weerasinhage Ayoma, Katuwana
Mr. H.M.N.Sachinthaka Gunasekera, Welimada
Miss. S.Swarnamali Sudusinghe, Kamburupitiya
Mr. H.Kavindu Madushanka, Koswatta, Ranna
Miss. D.S.Anuradha Withanachchi, Kuruwita
Mr. I.D.T.Dilshan Jayasinghe, Uragasmanhandiya
Miss. G.Sudharshani Gunawardhana, Galenbindunuwewa
Miss. K.Dilini Sajeena, Wedawatta, Meegahatenna
Miss. M.D.Dilini Madushika, Kolonna
Miss. R.M.M.Nimesha Rathnayaka, Gurudeniya
Miss. K.G.D.Swarnakanthi Thilakasiri, Balangoda
Miss. W.Naduni Nawanjana, Batapola
Mr. W.G.N.Dayantha Senarathna, Menikhinna
Miss. Y.A.Hashini Anupama, Henegama
Miss. N.Thiyunuwan G.Punchihewa, Ingiriya
Mr. H.M.P.Indunil Madhusanka, Bibile
Mr. D.Ravindu Dissanayakem, Karandeniya
Miss. H.P.Piumi Ranasingha, Udugampola
Mr. G.S.Damith Premathilaka, Mahanuwara
Mr. W.M.Ravishka Wijenayaka, Ratnapura
Miss. D.M.Udeni Dilrukshi, Delwala, Ratnapura
Miss. J.M.Chamodi Hansika, Balangoda
Miss. P.K.Subashini Mekala, Walallavita
Miss. L.G.Y.Dedunu Karunarathne, Galagedara
Miss. H.L.Madhuwanthi Hewage, Ellawala
Miss. H.D.Y.Upeksha Gunasekera, Bibile
Mr. W.A.Samith Udayanga, Agalawatta
Miss. P.Ashani Kanchanamala, Chilaw
Miss. L.H.I.Dilki Wickramasooriya, Koslanda
Mr. R.D.L.Pradeep Jayawardhana, Ekiriya
Mr. D.M.S.Sandakelum Dissanayake, Mihintale
Miss. H.M.Sanduni Upeksha, Labbala
Miss. M.R.F.Razika Sabnam, Valaichenai 05
Miss. H.M.Dulangi Anuththara, Deniyaya
Miss. A.K.M.M.Chandima Manori, Mirissa
Miss. M.K.D.Vimarsha Nandasena, Eheliyagoda
Miss. K.Yathusha, Nelukkulam, Vavuniya
Miss. R.M.S.Ishara Rathnayake, Gampaha
Mr. K.M.A.Ishan Madusanka, Avissawella
Mr. V.G.V.Parami Ravinayake, Ratnapura
Mr. I.Kelum Madhusanka, Rambukkana

Mr. R.Udara Piyumal Ranneththi, Kirindiwela
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Miss. K.Dilhani, Kalawana, Ratnapura
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Mr. N.V.L.Chandeepa Widyarathna, Galle
Miss. P.R.Usha Kawmadie, Akuresssa
Miss. N.B.Jithmi Malsha, Ahangama
Miss. R.B.A.B.Sathsarani Rathnasekara, Matale
Mr. M.G.N.Navod Piumantha, Kalutara
Mr. A.T.Chanuka Pigera, Gonapinuwala
Miss. N.K.D.Dulani Kanchanamala, Alubomulla
Miss. M.H.V.Imasha Sewwandi, Anuradhapura
Miss. H.G.Sajini Ashana, Kirindiwela
Miss. G.Sachinthana Ranasingha, Akuresa
Miss. F.B.K.Sewwandi Amarakantha, Ratnapura
Miss. H.M.S.Nisansala Gunasingha, Saliya Ashokapura
Miss. D.M.H.Maleesha Disanayaka, Thalawa
Miss. B.S.T.Navodya Fernando, Panadura
Mr. M.A.Dilshan Karunarathna, Dewalegama
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Miss. G.G.Chathurshi Lankani, Wanchawala
Mr. W.K.Shehan Anuruddha, Tissamaharama
Miss. E.A.S.Maheshika Ekanayake, Gampola
Miss. S.Nimeshika Liyanage, Agalawatta
Miss. K.P.Sanduni Chathurika, Thelijjawila
Miss. J.D.Ruwanthi Shanika, Omalpe
Miss. K.G.Tharuka Lakshani, Galle
Miss. W.A.M.Erandathi Gunasingham, Dehiattakandiya

A Success Story....

Following is an article from a SLCSF scholarship recipient in 2008. Overcoming many hardships on the way, she is in the process of reaching her goal of earning an LL.B degree and becoming an Attorney-At-Law. She shares her success story with us...



Miss. Huvini Chinthani – now a final year student in the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

I am Huvini Chinthani. I got the financial assistance through a scholarship from Sri Lanka - Canada Scholarship Foundation (SLCSF) in 2008, when I was a student of Rathnavali Balika Vidyalaya, Gampaha.

I came to know about the Sri Lanka - Canada Scholarship Foundation via my sister's friend - Ms. Eradinie Hasini Lanka. I take this opportunity to thank her for letting me know about the SLCSF scholarships.

My SLCSF scholarship was sponsored by Dr. Upul Atukorala and Mrs. Deepthi Atukorala. Their sponsorship helped me in my higher education during the period from June 2008 to June 2010. Thank you Dr. and Mrs. Atukorala for your kind heartedness!

Throughout those two years, the financial assistance of the SLCSF was a great help for me as well as for my parents. At that time I had many financial hardships. Even though I had an earnest desire to study, I had no financial resources. It was very hard to pay for my classes. My parents were unable to bear up this burden, because my other two siblings were having their education as well. In such a moment, you extended your helping hand to me!

During those two years, in Rathnavali Balika Vidyalaya, I got certificates in almost every prize giving. In addition, at the end of the two years, I won both the Grade Prize (First among all four Art classes) and the Class Prize (First in the class). It was very hard to win these victories in a competitive school like Rathnavali Balika Vidyalaya. In all these achievements, the Scholarship Foundation was with me like my parents.

While in school, I was in Mass Media Unit and an active member of the Announcing Unit. Mr. Nishantha Kelum Kumara (the teacher in charge of Mass Media) helped me in improving as an Announcer in my previous school - Pasyala Maha Vidyalaya. I had participated in various Sinhala and English competitions in the school and had many victories. In addition to my academic studies, I was involved in many extra-curricular activities in the school, as well as in the university. All these involvements moulded me to emerge as an all-rounded person.

Due to my high academic rank in the Gampaha District, I gained admission to the Faculty of Law in University of Colombo. Now I am a final year student and I will be a LL.B Degree holder and an Attorney-At-Law by the end of 2016. These days I am studying further on International Relations. I am thoroughly interested in Human Rights, Children's Rights, and International Relations and Affairs. Therefore, I am following an International Relations Diploma course in Bandaranaike Center for International Studies (BCIS). My first and foremost goal is to begin my career as an Attorney-At-Law, specializing on social workers.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors of my scholarship – Dr. Upul Atukorala and Mrs. Deepthi Atukorala, and to the Sri Lanka - Canada Scholarship Foundation. Your humanitarian work is absolutely praiseworthy. Students like me with financial difficulties could make our dreams come true because of your helping hand. You had set an example to the whole world.

I too intend to involve with SLCSF someday in the future, once I complete my studies and practice as an Attorney. Then I would be able to provide assistance to financially disadvantaged, yet clever, high-spirited students of our country, and make their lives successful. It is my wish.

Messages from Scholarship Recipients to Sponsors

Following are some messages from students to their sponsors, extracted from the "Student Profile Cards" from this year's scholarship recipients.

In the following message, a student thanks the sponsor for his generosity and providing real strength to her as well as her parents, so that she can be successful in life through education, in spite of all the difficulties.

Message From Student to Sponsor:

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 කරමි.

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 ජීවිතය නම් කටුක මංපෙත
 නරභය කරනිනව අනිවැරැටි වී
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 උතුම් මැතිලිනි,
 බලකුමනිව මගේ හද බැනි ඉතාමය...!

In a poem, she expresses her heartfelt gratitude to the sponsor for extending the hands of humanity to her to overcome various roadblocks in the rough path of life, by lighting the lamp of knowledge to dispel the darkness of ignorance.

Message From Student to Sponsor:

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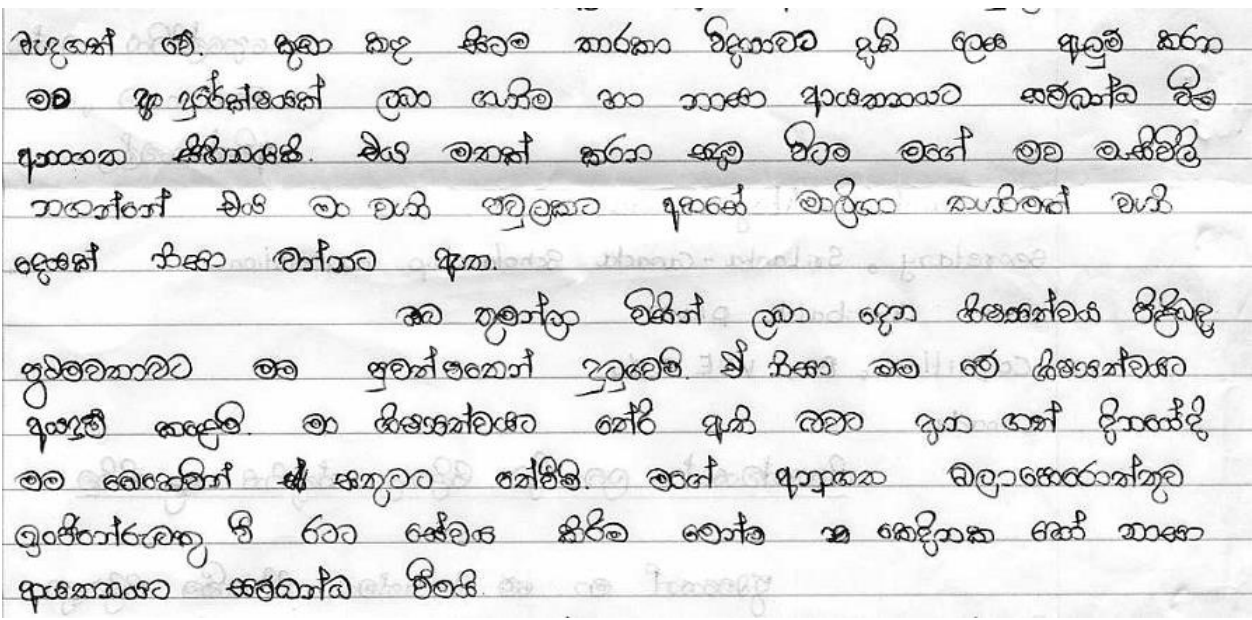
Another student compares his scholarship to a lamp post in the above message. He says with the light it provides, he can go a long way in successfully passing the GCE A/L (Advanced Level) exam in 2016. He wholeheartedly wishes his sponsor the strength and courage to help another innocent student, who is covered by the dark curtain of poverty.

Letters from our Scholarship Recipients

Following are some extracted portions of letters sent by the scholarship recipients to their sponsors this year. In their letters, they write about their future dreams, their family background and the numerous difficulties they are facing. It is amazing how these students, in spite of all their financial and other hardships, have achieved excellent results in the G.C.E. (O/L) examination simply through perseverance and determination.

Note: We have removed names and addresses from these letters to maintain the anonymity of the students and their sponsors.

Since his childhood, this student loves Astronomy and his future dream is to get a telescope and join NASA! Given their family background and current financial difficulties, his mother appears to think it as something impossible to achieve. However, his future plans are to become an engineer and serve the country first and then join NASA some day in the future. We hope that the SLCSF scholarship will pave the initial path towards realizing his dreams.



The image shows a photograph of handwritten Sinhala text on lined paper. The handwriting is in a cursive style. The text is arranged in two paragraphs. The first paragraph starts with 'මම ඉතිරි කරගත්...' and the second paragraph starts with 'මා මව්...'.

The following portion was extracted from a letter written by a memorial scholarship recipient. She was very impressed by her sponsor's action of choosing to donate money for sponsoring a memorial scholarship, instead of visiting Sri Lanka once a year and showing off by spending money on extravagant religious ceremonies in memory of the deceased parents. She makes a promise to pay tribute to her sponsor by following his example by becoming an educated lecturer someday, and extends her hand to thousands of children!

මාගේ පවුලේ මා සුමන මව, ජයා, සිහෝදරිකා සහ සුහෝදරිකා යනු සිටී. මාගේ සහෝදරිය 4 වන ශ්‍රේණියේ වූයෙන් ගනු ලබන පුතර සහෝදරියට තම මාස 9 ක් පමණ වේ. මාගේ ජයා යීවර රුකියාව සිදු කරනු ලබන පුතර ප්‍රවේණි ලාභයට ප්‍රාදායම පුප්‍රයේ පවතිනදා කටයුතු වලට පවා නොසැලැස්. යීවර රුකියාවෙන් ක්වේර මාසික ප්‍රාදායමක් නොලැබෙන පුතර සමහර දුනුවලට කිසිදු ප්‍රාදායමක් ලබා ගැනීමට මෙම රුකියාව තුළින් නොහැකිවී තිබේ. මේ තුළින්, මෙහි නිසා මෙතුමා මා හට ලබා දුන් මෙම ප්‍රාදායම ලද්දට මා යළි යළිත් මෙතුමන්ට තුන ප්‍රදානයවේ.

මේ තුළින්, මාගේ නිවස පවා තවමත් සම්පූර්ණ ලෙස වුදුකර නොගත් තනි කාමරයකි. සම්පූර්ණ නිවසක් පවා පුප්‍ර හට නොහැකිව පුප්‍රන්ගේ පුප්‍රයේ ජීවනාපන කටයුතුවලට නොහැකිව දැරීමට බලාපොරොත්තු වී පුප්‍රක මෙහි පුප්‍ර පළමුව වූවා දුන්නට පුප්‍රකක් වූ උග්‍ර පුප්‍රන් පවුලට සිට පුප්‍රක මාගේ පුප්‍රයේ යීවර ගම්පහයක් වූ ගොවිඋග්‍ර ගම්පහයට පැමිණෙන ලදී. පුප්‍ර පළමුව ලැබූ නිවසක වූවේ ගොවු පුප්‍ර පුප්‍රට තනි කාමරයක් පමණ සිදු ගැනීමට හැකි විය.

මාගේ පවුලේ සුභසම්ප්‍රදාය දැන නිර් ගැනීමට මා හට කරන්නට පුප්‍රන්ගේ වූවා පුප්‍රහසු කාර්ය භාරයකි. මේ පුප්‍රහසු වූ කාර්ය භාරය වූ කාර්යට මා හට මෙහි ප්‍රාදායම කර මාගේ ජීවනාපන කටයුතු වලට සහය වූ මෙතුමන් මෙහි වූ කළ කාර්යයේ වටිනාකම කිසි නොහැකි තරම්ය. මෙතුමන් මා හට කළ උපකාරයෙන් මා තව තවත් වෛරයන්ගේ වීම් නොහැකි හෝ කරසි වරම් ලබා ගැනීමට වූවා ගනිමි. මෙතුමන් කළ මෙම උපකාරයේ වලකුණක් මෙතුමන් ගේ දිවියට තවතවත් භාරයක වී මා වැනි පුප්‍රහසු දැරුවන්ට සිදුවනු ලබන වන්තට මෙතුමන්ට හැකි මේවා ගැන මා වහමි.

මම ද කෙදිනක හෝ කරසි වරම් ලබා ගනිමි. මෙහි මෙතුමන් මාගේ මා වැනි පුප්‍රහසු දැරුවන්ට ප්‍රාදායම කරන්නට ද වූවා ගනිමි. මෙතුමන් මා

Audited Financial Statements

Sri Lanka Canada Scholarship Foundation (Canada) Income/Expenses Statement – April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

Income:	<u>Canadian \$</u>
Scholarship Fund (Donations)	42,221.23
Bank Interest Income	1,135.03
Endowment Fund	4,100.00
Special Events Income	450.00
Special contributions	430.00
Total Income	48,336.26
Expenses:	
Scholarship Fund – Payments to students	
93 Students (Scholarship Period: 2011 -2013)	4,242.40
130 Students (Scholarship Period: 2012 -2014)	14,666.20
180 Students (Scholarship Period: 2013 -2015)	17,280.00
Total Scholarship Fund – Payments to students	36,188.60
Advertisements (Calling for applications in SL newspapers)	180.25
Bank Service Charges	172.00
Printing & Postage – Sri Lanka	78.89
Paypal Charges	103.78
Registration Fees	25.00
Tax on Interest - Sri Lanka	112.42
Total Expenses	36,860.94
Net Income (Expenses)	<u>11,475.32</u>

Balance Sheet – As at March 31, 2014

Assets:	<u>Canadian \$</u>
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Bank of Ceylon - Nugegoda, Sri Lanka	
Chequing	351.13
Savings	15,923.56
Total Bank of Ceylon	16,274.69
Envision Financial	
Chequing	3,288.83
Savings	21,407.06
Equity Shares	84.11
Total Envision Financial	24,780.00
Total Chequing/Savings	41,054.69
Total Current Assets	41,054.69
Total Assets	<u>41,054.69</u>

Liabilities & Equity:

Equity		
Opening Balance	29,579.37	
Net Income	11,475.32	
Total Equity		41,054.69

Total Liabilities & Equity 41,054.69

Sri Lanka Canada Scholarship Foundation (Sri Lanka)
Income/Expenses Statement – April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

Income:		<u>Sri Lankan Rs:</u>
Remittances from Canada		2,749,900.00
Deposits in Sri Lanka (Chequing)		40,000.00
Deposits in Sri Lanka (Savings)		36,000.00
Add: Interest Income	141,511.48	
Less: Withholding Tax on Interest	<u>(14,151.16)</u>	127,360.32
Total Income		2,953,260.32

Expenses:

Payments to students		
93 Students (Scholarship Period: 2011 -2013)	558,000.00	
130 Students (Scholarship Period: 2012 -2014)	1,872,000.00	
180 Students (Scholarship Period: 2013 -2015)	2,160,000.00	
Total Payments to students		4,590,000.00
Advertising (Calling for applications in Sri Lankan newspapers)		22,848.00
Printing & Postage		10,000.00
Bank Service Charges		18,000.00
Total Expenses		4,640,848.00

Net Income (Expenses) (1,687,587.68)

Note: Canadian \$1.00 = Sri Lankan Rs: 126.00

Balance Sheet – As at March 31, 2014

Assets:		<u>Sri Lankan Rs:</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank – Bank of Ceylon, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka		<u>2,033,689.95</u>
Liabilities & Equity:		
Equity		3,721,277.63
Net Income		<u>(1,687,587.68)</u>
		<u>2,033,689.95</u>

Special Donations

The following special donations have been made during 2013/14. Some of these have been used in meeting specific expenses of the foundation while the remaining has been used to offset other overheads. Any remaining amounts have been pooled to provide additional scholarships.

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