

A Light to Education



Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation

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Did you know ?

According to a recent survey done by our Sri Lankan Coordinator, out of the 37 students in the first batch who were awarded scholarships in 1998, 22 have entered university! One of them is now an MBBS doctor!

Message from the Patron ...

Since its inception in 1998, Sri Lanka Canada Scholarship Foundation has come a long way. Up to now, the foundation has granted scholarships to over 100 grade 11 and 12 students, selected from various corners of Sri Lanka. The selections were done by the board of directors of the foundation with their unanimous agreement, purely based on the students' academic excellence and annual income of the family. Up to now, the selected students have received either 10 or 9 distinctions in their first sitting of the GCE Ordinary Level examination. The annual income (as certified by the Grama Sevaka of the area) of the selected students' family has been typically few thousand rupees in most cases. So, as sponsors of these scholarships, you can be really happy that you have helped many brilliant students with financial hardships in continuing their education. You

will also be happy to learn that many of these students have entered the Sri Lankan universities. In addition to the scholarships, the foundation has also accomplished the following using any additional savings resulting from higher foreign exchange rates and other special donations:

- Distribution of library books to selected rural schools with minimal library facilities
- Distribution of school supplies to students with financial hardships

With your continued generosity, we can continue to provide these scholarships and other forms of help to needy Sri Lankan students. As we do not use your donations for any promotional material or advertising campaigns for the foundation (unless specific donations are made for these purposes), we depend on you to let your friends know about this worthwhile cause and be a part of it.

Thank you all very much for your selfless generosity. May you all be happy and prosperous!

With Metta,

Venerable Mirisse Dhammika

Scholarship Awards – 2001

Sanjeevani A. Gunarathna, Kurunegala
Nirosha Kumari Senanayaka, Sooriyawewa
K. T. Danushka Karasinha Arachchi, Kandy
Sarath B Karunarathna, Udadumbara
R. K. Kumara De Silva, Ambalangoda
R. Chamilka Iroshani, Piliyandala
Wasantha Kumari Elagalla, Danthure
Priyadarshani Bannaheka, Kuliyapitiya
P. Anusha Dilhani Pethirana, Polonnaruwa
I. D. Wathsala Malkanthi, Devalegama
R. H. G. I. Kasun Chamara, Beliaththa
H. K. Dhananjaya Premarathna, Rathnapura
H. A. Wathsala Kumari Peiris, Balangoda
Ishara Madhunika Opatha, Karadeniya
K. G. Sisira Senarathna, Anuradhapura

Sandamali Hewaganithage, Matara
J. M. Chameera Gunawardena, Rathnapura
L. Chamila Subhashini, Waga
R. M. Thushari Nayana Kumari, Galnewa
Thushari Palihawadana, Thelijawila
P. Sarmya Dimithri, Bandaragama
Sewwandi Kumari Rathnayaka, Yattogoda
M. K. Chamila Priyadarshani, Hettimulla
B. U. M. Prasangika J Sikurajapathi, Kandy
A. Buddhika Handun Pathirana, Ganegoda
T. H. Inoka Suranganie, Akuressa
K. V. M. Sinhagosha, Rathnapura
G. P. G. Upul Piyathissa, Pussellawa
B. L. Nadeesha Lakmali, Galle
K. M. T. Mahesha Piyathilaka, Rambukkana
R. L. M. Dilantha Rajapaksha, Veyangoda
I. A. Darshani Nadishani Iddagoda, Kegalle

Scholarship Awards – 2002

P. A. Janaki Kumara Pathiraja, Awissawella
Sidath Kumara Wijekoon, Mawathagama
G. T. I. Prabhath Harshana, Embilipitiya
Prasanna K. Wickramasingha, Rikillagaska
D. Darshani Rajakaruna, Metikumbura
Chalitha Athapaththu, Weeraketiya
Kasintha Gayan Karawita, Eheliyagoda
Chamara Daya Prasanga, Kahawatta
Danuka Mahesh Thennakoon, Rathnapura
C. Madurangi Gunawardena, Panadura
Dileka Lakmali Madarasingha, Kekanadura
Dayanthi Dharmarathna, Ussapitiya
Amila Sampath, Elpitiya
Shyamali Anuruddhika, Polonnaruwa
Chathurani Kulathilaka, Kotadeniyawa
Pramila Thushan, Weliveriya
W. Pushpakumari Athawuda, Aranayaka
Sithara Jeewani Hewawasam, Kalagedihena
H. N. Kasun Shrimal, Imbulgoda
Indunil Chinthani Senanayaka, Dikkumbura
M. G. S. K. Weerasingha, Hingurakgoda
Tharanga Dilrukshi Vaduge, Kadawatha
W. A. Harshani Randeniya, Divulapitiya
K. W. Krishantha Rohanan, Pelmadulla
R. H. Apeksha Indeewari, Mathara
K. Nimali Sarojani Kaldera, Kaluthara
D. Gayan Sanjaya, Polgasowita
D. A. Priyantha Madhushanka, Gonapola
G. A. I. Rajith Kumara Galhena, Iththapana
M. D. Nadeeka C. Gunatillaka, Wadduwa
Dayantha Nayanamali De Silva, Kotte

H. Nisansala Sandamali, Piliyandala
Wickrama Thusitha Shanaka, Gandara
H. Shyamal Keembiye Hettige, Baddegama
D. Nadeesha J. Dassanayaka, Bandaragama
M. Ayesha Sammani, Gonawila
R. M. Tamila Nilanthi, Batapola
V. G. Sandamali Malkanthi, Hakmana
B. Amila Chathuranga Mendis, Welimada
W. W. Thilaka Chandrakanthi, Beliaththa
D. Tharanga Ruwan Kumara, Uva-Palpola
Thilina Pramod Kahandagamage, Galle
M. A. Sujani Prabuddhika, Koswaththa
W. Sujith Asanka Sudarshana, Kuliyaipitiya
M. Dilrukshi Erandika De Silva, Ahungalla
B. M. Rasika Subhashini, Kuliyaipitiya
H. Nishika Ransarani Perera, Horana
G. V. Rekhani Hansika Perera, Polonnaruwa
V. Jaya Shri Wickramasingha, Ganemulla
M. M. Sajith Ishara Munasingha, Pannala

Scholarship Awards – 2003

We have selected the following 40 new Grade 11 students for awarding scholarships in 2003. All of them have obtained at least 9 A's during the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination.

P.G. Ruwini Sewwandika, Pallebedda
Pubudu Indrajith Udawatta, Piliyandala
G.I.D. Isankya Udani, Dharga Town
K. Mahesha Nilanjanie Alwis, Kaduwela
R.H.N. Geetanjalee Ranamuka, Hokandara
K. Thyaga Samanmalie de Silva, Gonawila
Sachini Madusha Rajapaksha, Ratnapura
Dinesha Kumari Abeynayake, Withikesliya
W.H.M.E. Madhawa Wijesingha, Giriulla
W. Yamuna Rasangika, Gampaha
S.P.L.R. Piyarathna, Naththandiya
Sandaruwan Samarisinghe, Kiriwattuduwa
M.N Priyadarshani Fernando, Moratuwa
G.P. Niluka Dilhani, Pahamune
Nilmini Daladawatta, Matara
W.K. Lal Indrasiri, Balangoda
P.G. Prasad Rasanga, Denipitiya
H.W.T.P. Sampath, Galle
M.D. Roshan Sanjeewa, Induruwa
Yohan Mishel Rathnayaka, Pelmadulla
W.M Vajirapani, Menikhinna
Iromika Chalani Chandrasiri, Wadduwa
U. Lakshika Dharmarathne, Gampaha

M.D. Janaka Wickramasooriyna, Poogoda
H.P.S.S. Shriyathna Pathirana, Koswatta
J.G.N. Samadhi Jayasingha, Haburugala
D. Sampath Nagoda Vithana, Nagoda
Handun Neththige Prasanga, Thihagoda
K. Ruwan Silva, Navadagala
B.G. Ishara Jeewanthi, Wanduramba
A.A. Udayantha Amarasingha, Polgahawela
H.K.M. Malraj, Mathugama
Ravi Chathuranga Bowathura, Gampola
G.M.L Maduranga Aposnsu, Alawwa
Samantha Charitha Anushka, Thalangama
K. Iresha Madushani, Kalutara
W.M Prabhath Ranga, Ethiliwewa
W.M. Kalani Kanchana Kumari, Dehiowita
K.A. Shyamalie Punya, Kirindiwela
K.L. Thilini Chathurika, Ahangama

Our Scholarship Sponsors – 2001/03

The following are our sponsors during the years 2001, 2002 and/or 2003. While some sponsors have contributed for more than one scholarship, some sponsors have collectively sponsored one scholarship.

The following list also contains sponsors who have sent their contributions during 2002, but their contributions could not be used for a scholarship during 2002, as their contributions were received after the student selections were made in 2002. Their contributions will be used for the new scholarships awarded in this year.

We are very thankful and grateful to all the sponsors for their generosity. We really appreciate the children sponsoring scholarships individually or as a group, thinking about other children who need financial help to continue their education.

Mrs. Cynthia Amarasinghe, Calgary
Dr. Kumudu Hettiarachchi, Calgary
Mr. Warren Smith, Calgary
Mrs. Badrani Perera, Calgary
Miss. P. Thushari Loku Heeraluge, Calgary
Mr. Dan and Mrs. Renuka Peiris, Banff
Dr. Nimal and Mrs. Chitra Rajapakse, Edmonton
Mr. Nandana Perera, Calgary

Mr. Maithri Perera, Calgary
Mr. Shehan Perera, Calgary
Mr. Leslie & Mrs. Padma Samarajeewa,
Calgary
Mr. Thilak & Mrs. Geetha Jayasuriya,
Calgary
Dr. Gamini Dissanayake, Calgary
Dr. Janaka Ruwanpura, Calgary
Mrs. Wimala Packir, Calgary
Mr. H.G. Thilakasiri, Calgary
Mr. Ranjith Samaraweera, Calgary
Mrs. Vajira Belleth, Calgary
Miss. Lanchani Gunawardena, Calgary
Miss. Harshitha Gunawardena, Calgary
Miss. Harshini Bandaranayaka, Calgary
Mrs. Lalani Wijesena, Calgary
Mrs. Subhadra Gunawardena, Calgary
Mr. Lakshman Perera, Calgary
Mrs. Manel Perera, Calgary
Mr. Saman Perera, Calgary
Mr. Sanjeewa Perera, Calgary
Mr. Cyril Weeratunge, Windsor
Mrs. Chandra Stokes, Mission
Mrs. Indira Hewa Bandula, Surrey
Mr. Kapila Perera, Surrey
Mrs. Shyama Perera, Surrey
Mrs. Indra Madanayake, Port Coquitlam
Dr. Mala Fernando, Coquitlam
Mr. Laknath Gunawardena, Calgary
Mrs. Mala Gunawardena, Calgary
Miss. Meela Gunawardena, Calgary
Miss. Shanika Gunawardena, Calgary
Mr. Anwar Deen, Calgary
Mrs. Saumya Jainudeen, Calgary
Mr. Sarath Samarasekera, Calgary
Mr. Sandeva Goonetilleke, Japan
Mrs. Elsie Perera, New Westminster
Mr. Saman and Mrs. Nilmini Wijewardena,
Surrey
Mr. Venus Perera, New Westminster
Dr. Gamini Senarath, Ottawa
Mrs. Nuragi Perera, Australia
Mr. Gayan Abeysundara, Ottawa
Mr. Lal and Mrs. Shiromi Samarakoon,
Richmond
Mrs. K.S.N.Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka
Mr. M.D.N.G.Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka
Sasnaka Sansada, Sri Lanka
Mrs. P. Wijenayaka, Sri Lanka
Miss. Mala Dissanayake, Sri Lanka
Mrs. Nalani Dissanayake, Sri Lanka
Mrs. Indira Kasturiratne, Sri Lanka

Mrs. Dharmawathie Munasinghe, Sri Lanka
Dr. Bandula Abeysundara, Coquitlam
Mrs. Dhammika Ekanayake, California
Mr. Senaka Fonseka, Calgary
Mrs. Indrani Galappaththi, Calgary
Miss. Varunika Galappaththi, Calgary
Miss. Thilanka Galappaththi, Calgary
Mrs. Amarawathie Gunawardena, Calgary
Mrs. Mayuri Perera, Cayman Island
Miss. Lisa Wijeratne, Surrey
Miss. Mauri Wijeratne, Surrey
Miss. Harshani Wijeratne, Surrey
Mr. Muditha and Mrs. Shamani Jayasinghe,
New Westminster
Miss. Lukshani Jayasinghe, New
Westminster
Mr. Sena Ranasinghe, Vancouver
Dr. Upul Atukorala, Burnaby
Miss. Bhashani Palliyaguru, Coquitlam
Dr. Amitha Bar-Sholoma, Vancouver
Mr. Nalin Imbulgoda, Ottawa
Mr. Sudu Watagodakumbura, Surrey
Mr. Dushan Thalagala, Vancouver
Dr. Sarath and Mrs. Chrisanthi
Jayawardena, Nanaimo
Mr. Udaya Anakage, Winnipeg
Mr. Asanga Perera, California
Mr. Thompson Fernando, Toronto
Mrs. Dhammika Samarajeewa, Calgary
Dr. Vajira Samarasooriya, Ottawa
Mr. Suwimal Karunarathna, Sri Lanka
Miss. Renuka Nelumdeniya, Sri Lanka
Mrs. Mallika Dodangollegama, Sri Lanka
Miss. Gayaththrika Kiriwattuduwa,
Australia
Mrs. Nirmalie Kiriwattuduwa, Sri Lanka
Mrs. Chithrani Kiriwattuduwa, Sri Lanka

Establishment of Ranjan de Silva Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mr. Ranjit de Silva, Mrs. Dora de Silva and
Ms. Liza de Silva in Vancouver, British
Columbia, have established the Ranjan de
Silva Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2002,
in memory of late Mr. Ranjan de Silva. The
de Silva family has entrusted the Sri Lanka
Canada Scholarship Foundation to
administer this scholarship fund on their
behalf and select suitable recipients
annually.

This fund will be used to award scholarships to one or more first year Engineering Faculty student(s) in Sri Lankan Universities for a period of one year. A monthly award of Rs 1000.00 will be provided for one year to each of the selected students. The main selection criteria will be the financial status of the student's family and the academic excellence of the student, based on the results of the G.C.E. A/L examination. Applications will be called annually through Sri Lankan news papers.

The following first year Engineering students have been awarded these scholarships during 2002:

S. A. Eranga Udaya Kumara
University of Peradeniya

Geeth Gayan Bodhinayake
University of Moratuwa

We thank the de Silva family for establishing this memorial scholarship to help needy students during their initial year of engineering studies.

A Big Thank You to our Coordinators !!

Mrs. Seetha Goonetilleke and Mrs. Indira Kasturiratne are our coordinators in Sri Lanka. Their invaluable volunteer service needs special mention. Mrs. Goonetilleke carries out all activities in Sri Lanka such as calling for applications, helping in student selections, all correspondence with selected students (including scholarship cheques, monitoring students' academic progress, etc.), arranging and coordinating annual scholarship award ceremony, and numerous other activities related to the Scholarship Foundation.

Mrs. Indira Kasturiratne plays a similar role in the administration of the Ranjan de Silva Memorial Scholarship.

We also thank Mrs. Subhadra Gunawardena in Calgary for her efforts in encouraging many of her friends to become scholarship sponsors, collecting their donations and sending them to us.

On behalf of all our sponsors and students receiving scholarships, we thank Mrs. Goonetilleke, Mrs. Kasturiratne and Mrs. Gunawardena for their dedicated volunteer service!

For more information ...

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Income and Expenses – April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2003

	<u>Apr'02 – Mar'03</u>	<u>Apr'01 – Mar'02</u>
Income:		
Scholarship Fund		
Donors - Sri Lanka	1,838.71	0.00
Donors - Calgary	4,490.00	2,120.00
All other donors	2,747.00	2,757.00
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Total Scholarship Fund	9,075.71	4,877.00
Miscellaneous Income – Raffle	135.00	149.98
Bank Interest	4.97	0.00
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Total Income	9,215.68	5,026.98
Expenses:		
Scholarship Fund – Payments		
20 students	0.00	384.00
42 Students	0.00	3,232.00
32 Students	2,218.00	2,944.00
50 students	5,154.00	0.00
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Total Scholarship Fund - Payments	7,372.00	6,560.00
Postage and Delivery (Note 1)	400.00	450.00
Bank Accounting Error (Note 2)	100.00	0.00
Bank Service Charges	41.00	60.00
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Total Expenses	7,913.00	7,070.00
Net Income (Expenses)	<u>1,302.68</u>	<u>(2,043.02)</u>

Notes:

1. A fixed amount has been transferred to Sri Lanka to cover the postage and delivery expenses of scholarship cheques and other correspondence with students.
2. The bank accounting error has been corrected and \$100 has been credited back to the SCSF account after March 2003. This credit will be shown in the Income/Expenses Statement covering the period April 1, 2003 – March 31, 2004.

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