

TORONTO MAHAVIHARA
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
PROJECT DOCUMENT

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POST TSUNAMI EDUCATIONAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME
SRI LANKA

BACKGROUND:

On Boxing Day 2004 the great Tsunami struck South East Asia killing 50,000 people, displacing more than one million and totally destroying millions of property, in Sri Lanka alone. Contributions poured into the Toronto Maha Vihara Society (TMV). Within a short period of time an amount of over 200,000CAD was received by the TMV.

Subsequently when the post Tsunami reconstruction was started a vast majority of the funds collected were allocated towards construction of houses for Tsunami affected families. Housing constructions was conducted through the Dharma Vijaya Foundation of Sri Lanka. A sum of C\$ 25,000.00 was issued to Green Twin Inc. as a loan for a Tsunami associated temporary housing scheme.

In July 2007, Green Twin Inc. settled the loan. With the receipt of this loaned amount, currently TMV Society holds nearly a C\$40,000.00 to be used towards Tsunami victims.

At the AGM of the Society held on 29th of July 2007, it was decided to establish a Scholarship Program and utilize this money to support a large and continuous batches of children with above-average performance in educational field but require financial assistance, to be successful in their studies. Such a program should have provisions to expand with time and changing circumstances. The complete project will be funded solely by the interest accrued by investing the above capital in a Sri Lankan Bank.

Accordingly the **First Scholarship Program** commenced operation in Aug. 2009 with 25 scholars selected from Grade 8 students studying in schools located in Tsunami affected areas in six Districts namely: Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Amparai, Hambantota, Matara and Galle. This batch of

scholars completed their six year scholarship period in December 2014 when they reached G.C.E (A.L). The first scholarship program thus ended at the end of 2014.

It has now become necessary to formulate a new scheme to recruit scholars for the **Second Scholarship Program**. Since the criteria of Tsunami impact is no longer valid at this time (Jan. 2015) a new system is detailed below.

EXECUTIVE SUMAMRY

1. ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SELECTING BENEFICIARIES:

- 2.1. The assessment of the eligibility of an applicant will be based on a system of a percentage score assigned as detailed below.
- 2.2. The primary criterion of eligibility is that the beneficiary should reside and attend a school in the Tsunami (year 2004) affected region in Sri Lanka (six administrative districts : Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomale).
- 2.3. The child must be in Grade 8th on the 1st of January of the initial funding year, holding a Sri Lankan Govt. 5th Standard scholarship.
- 2.4. Family Income: Since this scholarship program is primarily geared towards the children in low income families, income factor is eligible to receive up to 30% of the total Marks. Evidence for the level of income should be certified by the Assistant District Secretary of the home region.
- 2.5. Educational background: Minimum school overall performance average of 65% is required to become eligible for a grant. Maximum of 60% marks is given based on the educational performances.
- 2.6. Extracurricular activities will be given 10% marks.
- 2.7. Grants are awarded strictly based on the above four factors, namely,
 - Region of residence and schooling.
 - Being a government approved scholarship holder
 - Socio Economic condition of the child/family and
 - The educational achievement.

No other factors such as race, gender, color, religion and political background should be given any form of preference in the selection criteria.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applicants should submit the completed official Scholarship application form to reach the Scholarship Selection Panel by the dates decided by the Foundation. Only applications made on the official form complete with all requested supporting information will be accepted. Incomplete applications will be rejected forthwith.

The selection will be done according to a set procedure by the members of the Toronto Mahavihara Scholarship Foundation and the results will be conveyed to the Recipients/School through the Trust/Patrons appointed by the Toronto Mahavihara Scholarship Foundation. The decision so reached is final and no appeals from rejected applicants will be entertained.

Applications forwarded through third party or forwarded outside the established process will be automatically disqualified irrespective of the child's suitability. There should NOT BE any EXCEPTION to this rule.

Calling of applications for the scholarships may be initiated through the News Paper Advertisements (Sinhala, Tamil and English National News Paper). A sample is attached as Annex A.

4. NUMEBR OF GRANTS AND THE VALUE OF THE GRANT:

Number of scholarships to be awarded is determined based on the funds available to the foundation through the Bank interest. Individual grant per recipient is limited to a maximum of SL Rs.2000 per calendar month. The scholarships will last until the scholarship holders complete Grade 13 (G.C.E A.L) subject to the condition of maintaining the expected level of educational achievements. The scholarships may be extended in terms of paragraph 7 below.

Recipients will have bank accounts opened on their names to receive the monthly grants directly deposited to their account from the Investment Bank. The Bank selected for investing the project funds will have a standing order to transfer the grants to each recipient monthly until advised otherwise.

5. REPORTING REQUIREMENT:

TMV Foundation will evaluate the educational performance of the grant recipients on an annual basis. There should be a reporting mechanism in place for the school principal to provide a copy of the recipient's term report cards to the TMV Society through the Trust/Patron in Sri Lanka.

6. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION:

Decline in the academic performance below the minimum expected level (65%) in three consecutive school terms will result in suspension or termination of the grant unless otherwise a valid reason is provided.

7. REWARDING HIGH ACHIVERS:

Top 5 achievers from each batch who have been selected to enter University and pursue higher studies will continue to receive the grant amount they receive (currently 2000SLR per month) during their term in the University and up to a maximum of 4 years.

8. CO-ORDINATION ACTIVITIES IN SRI LANKA:

8.1. NATURE OF THE ORGANISATION:

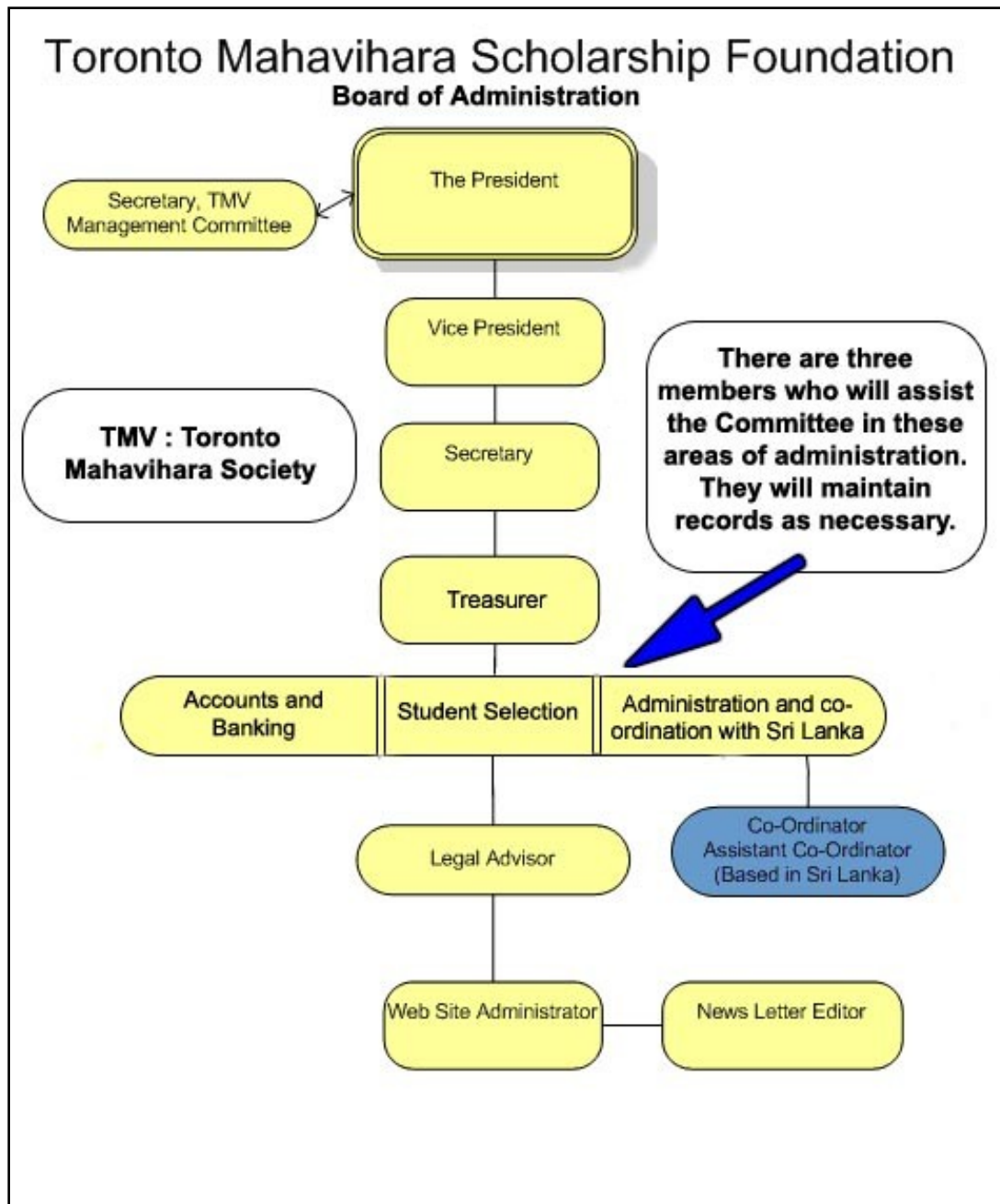
For the purpose of executing this project, a Non-Profit entity named "**Toronto Mahavihara Scholarship Foundation**" has been registered in Sri Lanka as a Non-Governmental Organization, bearing the Registration No: FL-128504 dated 13th of May 2008. A copy of the Registration document is appended. Annex B.

The President of the Toronto Mahavihara Society automatically will become the President of the Toronto Mahavihara Scholarship Foundation. The committee administering the TMV Scholarship

Programme is the sole authority in the financial and decision making authority of the Scholarship programme.

However, for the logistics and administrative purposes volunteers outside the TMV membership, residing in Sri Lanka will be eligible to be in the organizational structure of the "Toronto Mahavihara Scholarship Foundation". These persons are expected to render assistance whenever there is direct personal assistance is required on grounds to help execute the scholarship programme.

Below is the outline of the structure of the "Toronto Mahavihara Scholarship Foundation"



DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION:

9. PROJECT FUNDING:

Main source of funding is the interest earned by investing accumulated capital funds in a Sri Lankan bank as a Fixed Term Deposit. Secondary sources are:

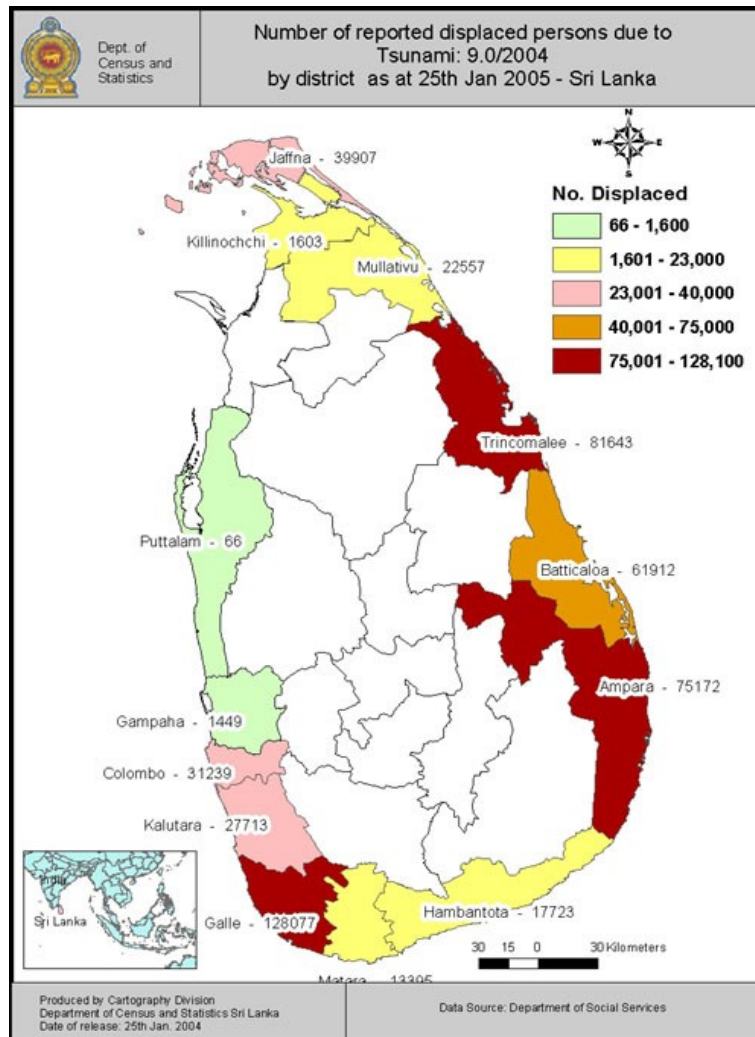
- Fund raising activities in Toronto and
- Donor contributions. Donor contributions commitment Form is in APPENDIX B.

10. ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

10.1. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTING AND CONTINUAM OF BENEFITS:

- To be eligible to apply for the scholarship:
 1. The student must reside and, is schooling in one of the six administrative districts (Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee).
 2. Should already be a Sri Lankan Government 5th Grade scholarship holder.
 3. The student must be in Grade 8th on the 1st January of the initial funding year.
- Level of educational performance at Grade 7 is used as the main factor in selecting the recipients. Scoring formula is in Chart 10.4 below.
- Level of family income excluding the benefits received from the government granted scholarships is considered as a factor at the initial selection. Scoring formula is in Chart 10.2 below.
- Participation in extracurricular activities is also considered at selection. Scoring formula is in Chart 10.5 below.
- To continue receiving benefits/grants :

Scholarship benefits continue until the recipient graduates from Grade 13 and therefore to continue receiving benefits, the recipient should maintain the educational performance scores (overall annual average) at or above 65%. Decline in the academic performance below the minimum expected level (65%) in three consecutive school terms will result in suspension or termination of the grants unless otherwise a valid reason is provided.



10.2. CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATING POINTS BASED ON FAMILY INCOME IN RELATION TO POVERTY LINE (PL):

DESCRIPTION	STATUS	NUMBER OF POINTS
Income per family member	Below half of the published district poverty line	30
Income per family member	Between 50% -100% of the published district poverty	15
Income per family member	Above the published district poverty line ...	0

**10.4. CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATING POINTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCES
(MAX: 60 POINTS):**

$$\text{Score} = 1.5 \times (\% \text{ annual score} - 60)$$

Note: Before the above formula is applied, the National scholarship score is converted to a percentage score

**10.5. CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATING POINTS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
(MAX: 10 POINTS):**

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF POINTS
Represent the School in National Level	10
Represent the School in Regional Level	8
Office bearer of School Activity	3
Volunteer Community Work	2

ANNEX A : Registration Certificate as an NGO.



**Certificate of Registration of Voluntary Social Services/
Non Governmental Organization under Voluntary Social
Services Organizations (Registration & Supervision)
Act, No. 31 of 1980 as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1998**

By virtue of the powers vested in me under section 5 read with section 2 of the above Act.

I **Douglas Nanayakkara** the Registrar
of Non Governmental Organizations do hereby certify that

Toronto Mahavihara Scholarship Foundation.

(Name of the Organization)

of **Jayasumanaramaya, Goviyapana, Ahangama.** has been
(Address of the Organization)

registered as a Voluntary Social Services / Non Governmental Organization, at the
Division for Non Governmental Organizations in the Ministry of Social Welfare, in
Sri Lanka.

Registration No. : **EL-128504**

Date : **13.05.2008**

Douglas Nanayakkara
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Registrar of Non Governmental
Organizations.

Ministry of Social Welfare,
"Sethsiripaya",
Battaramulla,
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(Scholarship Programme is affiliated to the Toronto Maha Vihara Society, Toronto, Canada)

Appendix B

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION			
All information requested on this form should be complete			
Name of Sponsor: (Ven./Rev./Mr./Mrs./Miss./Ms./Dr)			
Mailing Address:			
Telephone:		E-mail:	
SPONSORSHIP DETAILS			
Number of scholars to be sponsored:		Duration of sponsorship (Months)	
Financial Commitment for the number of scholars and number months stated above. (At the rate of \$20.00 per scholar per month)			\$/Rs:
Number, Date and Amount of the cheque attached:			
Category of Scholarship. (Place a tick in the respective square)		Memorial: <input type="checkbox"/>	Regular : <input type="checkbox"/>
For memorial Scholarship, please indicate the details (Name, Relationship etc.)			
Introduced to T.M.S.F By:			
<p>I hereby undertake to provide the scholarship grants for the number of scholars and for the number of months stated above. I have read and understood the terms and conditions given on the following page and I understand that The Toronto Mahavihara Scholarship Foundation will select the scholars as per its constitution and assign me the number of scholars as requested.</p>			

Please sign and date below.

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Signature of Sponsor.....
Date

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Terms and Conditions of Sponsoring a Scholar.

1. The selection of scholars will be processed by the Toronto Mahavihara Scholarship Foundation (TMSF) according to its procedures laid down in the Constitution. TMSF reserves the right to use its discretion in assigning scholars to the successful applicants for sponsorships. When the assignment is completed all the available details of the scholars will be notified to the respective sponsors. The educational progress of the scholars will also be communicated to the sponsors regularly.
2. Financial commitment for sponsoring a scholar will be Canadian \$240.00 per year or \$20.00 per month or their equivalents in other currencies.
3. All payments should be made in favor of "Toronto Mahavihara Society – Scholarship Foundation Fund"
4. For all new sponsorships, application should be made using the above form.
5. There are two categories of sponsorships:
 - Memorial Category – This is a sponsorship undertaken to commemorate sponsor's beloved relative, close friend etc.
 - Regular Category – This is a sponsorship undertaken as a charity.