

EDUCATION CHANGES LIVES

Empowering women in Nepal
through higher education



The **Bo M. Karlsson Foundation (BMKF)** works to empower underprivileged women in Nepal by providing higher education scholarships, mentorship, and support to help them become confident, self-reliant, productive citizens in their communities and country.

HELP SUPPORT HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WOMEN IN NEPAL

Your dollar goes so much further in Nepal. Whether you help to pay for school books or exam fees, or choose to sponsor a student for a single year or the full three to four years it takes for a typical bachelor's degree in Nepal, your support will help a bright, motivated young woman come closer to reaching her potential.

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www.bomkarlsson.org



HOW FAR YOUR DOLLAR GOES IN NEPAL

\$50-\$99	School uniform or transportation fees
\$100	Exam fees or books
\$250-\$350	Room and board fees for one year
\$500	Tuition/expenses for Education, Journalism, or Music Studies
\$750	Tuition/expenses for Accounting or Media Studies
\$1000-\$1500	Tuition/expenses for Nursing, Physics, Business, Math, or Law
\$1500	Tuition/expenses for Engineering, Biology, Pharmacy, Art, or Environmental Science
\$2500-\$3500	Tuition/Expenses for MGDP—Country/Rural Physician program

LEADING THE WAY

Electronics engineer Sarita Sharma (2014) is the only woman on a UN development team working to improve access to communications technology in remote areas of Nepal.

Renewable energy expert Grishma Manandhar (2011) won a scholarship to study for a master's degree in environmental leadership in Germany.

Dr. Sharada Chhetry (2013) completed her medical degree and is specializing in internal medicine.



“BMKF helps Nepalese women understand our rights and feel empowered. Now we can see the contemporary world through new eyes.”

Meera Tamang, 2015 (Bachelor of Management)

DID YOU KNOW?

In Nepal, less than 3% of women go to college.

Nepalese girls face numerous obstacles to education, including poverty, child marriage, limited access to secondary schools, and discrimination due to gender, caste, ethnic group, or disabilities.

The UN estimates more than 12,000 girls are trafficked from Nepal and sold into the sex trade each year.

WHY SCHOLARSHIPS MATTER

The BMKF Scholarship Program gives underprivileged women in Nepal an opportunity to go to college, achieve careers, and lead independent lives. Equally important, each educated woman impacts her community. BMKF alumnae are working to make a difference in business, education, renewable energy, health care, technology, and social work. All are passionate about using their knowledge to uplift their society—especially to improve the lives of other women and girls.

THE BMKF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

BMKF provides a limited number of scholarships each year for undergraduate studies (bachelor’s degrees and trade certificates) to underprivileged women in Nepal. In addition to academic and leadership potential, candidates are selected based on various factors that limit their access to higher education. BMKF scholars include women who belong to marginalized castes and indigenous groups, have a disability, or live in remote areas that are vulnerable to human trafficking or natural disaster.

BMKF scholarships cover college tuition and exam fees, books, and uniforms, as well as transportation, room, and board, depending on student need. Once selected, a scholar may apply to renew her award each year until she graduates.

In addition, BMKF offers mentorship and support. Throughout the year, scholars convene in Kathmandu for special events, including meetings with NGO leaders, computer literacy training, fieldwork opportunities, and more.

To learn more about the BMKF Scholarship Program, visit: www.bomkarlsson.org/scholarship

FACTS ABOUT SCHOLARS

- More than 45 selected from regions throughout Nepal since 2004.
- Represents Nepal’s most disadvantaged groups, including caste and ethnic minorities and people with disabilities.
- All are the first in their families to graduate from high school and go to college.
- More than 80% are the first from their communities to earn advanced degrees.

