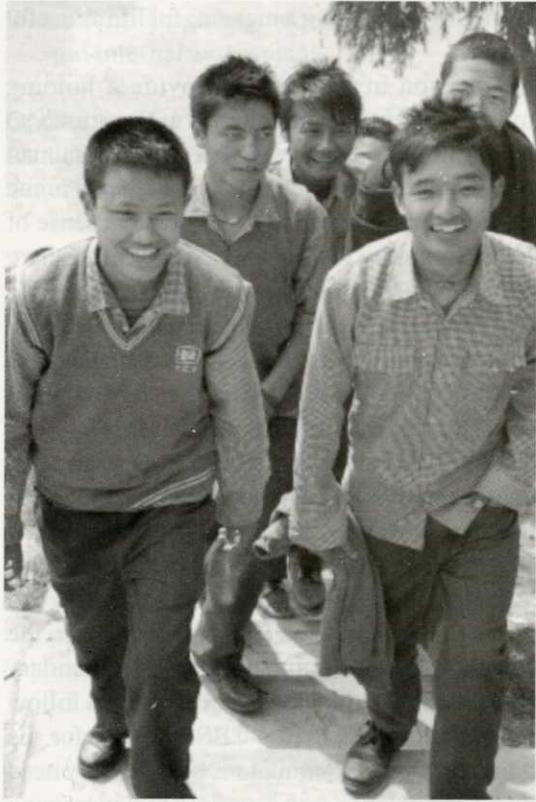




**TIBETAN CHILDREN'S VILLAGES
DHARAMSALA
INDIA**



**Higher Studies
and
Technical Trainings**
(Information to sponsors)

The Tibetan Children's Villages founded in 1960 for the care and education of destitute Tibetan refugee children is an integrated charitable organization today where the orphaned and needy children live in the warmth and love of a family. It is also the largest and most successful educational set-up covering nearly 52% of the Tibetan community in exile. From a humble beginning with 51 children, now the organization caters to the needs of nearly 16,000 children and youths. Furthermore, over 26,035 (as of 2008) have passed through and are serving the Tibetan community or leading a meaningful life as useful citizens.

The mission of TCV is to provide a holding environment in which children are nurtured so that they may realize their full potential as human beings. While they live in a typical Tibetan home with foster parents we try to cultivate a sense of national identity to enable the children to share the hopes and aspirations of the Tibetan people for returning some day to a free Tibet. The one outstanding feature of TCV is its parental responsibility of looking after the children until they are able to stand on their own feet.

Simultaneously, we strive to give a meaningful basic education though handling our education endeavor is like piecing together a giant jigsaw puzzle of varied interests, abilities, and needs. Our schools are affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), New Delhi the Indian central examining body. At the secondary and senior secondary levels, our children follow the curriculum set by the CBSE and sit for the all India national examinations because they need these certificates to gain entry into Indian training centers, colleges and universities.

With the above objectives in mind it is important that we inform our sponsors how their sponsored child progresses in school and how they move into higher education and training after their schooling.

STUDENT MOVEMENT

A: After Class VIII

1. As a general policy TCV ensures that every child passes his/her Class VIII examination (middle school level) so that at least the child is literate. After class VIII if a child has no academic aptitude, he or she is guided into suitable vocational training depending on his or her interest and potential.
2. Such students will have the option of taking up the following vocational trades:
 - Traditional Tibetan Thangka Painting in VTC Patlikuhl
 - Tailoring in VTC Patlikuhl
 - Non formal Apprenticeship training in a trade in VTC Selakui
 - Any other training approved by the TCV Scholarship Policy Committee.
3. Students wishing to specialize in Tibetan studies may join the Central Tibetan Higher Studies in Sarnath, Varanasi, provided they are able to get admission.
4. Sponsors to note that all such students joining the above mentioned courses their sponsorship will be transferred to our post school program under the Scholarship Program Office (SPO) from the branch where the student originally come. All further dealings will be handled from this Office.

B. After Class X

1. In India up to Class X it is general education and students appear for their first board exams of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), New Delhi. The following TCV schools are affiliated to CBSE and have class X level:
 - TCV Upper Dharamsala
 - TCV Lower Dharamsala
 - TCV Ladakh
 - TCV Bylakuppe
 - TCV Gopalpur
 - TCV Suja
 - TCV Chauntra
 - TCV Selakui

2. After Class X students have two options – continuation of their academic studies into class XI and XII or taking up vocational/ technical streams.
3. **Option I** – Plus two: Class XI & XII (Senior Secondary Education) The following 3 TCV schools offer senior secondary education – TCV Upper Dharamsala in Science stream, TCV Gopalpur in Humanities stream and TCV Bylakuppe in Commerce stream. From the above 8 TCV Schools with Class X level, students will move into these three schools depending on their choice of subject stream and career options.
4. However, students opting for science stream in Upper TCV must obtain an aggregate of 50% in the Class X Board Exam and Internal assessment. For Commerce and Humanities the aggregate requirement is 40%
5. Sponsors to note: although your sponsored child has moved into any of the above 3 TCV Schools for their senior secondary education, their sponsorship will continue to be maintained by the original branch to where the child belongs. This will mean the concerned Sponsorship Secretary of the original branch will remain in touch with you informing about the child's progress in the other school.
6. **Option II** - Students who have passed the exam but with less than 40% have the option of Plus two level Vocational stream at CST Mundgod. Failure/compartamental students in the Class X Board Exams are guided into Vocational or technical training in VTC Selakui or otherwise as approved by the TCV Scholarship Policy Committee.
5. Sponsors to note: that in the case with Option II their sponsorship will be transferred to our post school program under the Scholarship Program Office (SPO) from the branch where the student originally comes. All further dealings will be handled from this Office.

C: After Class XII

1. All students appearing in their Class XII Board Exams of the CBSE and leaving school will be treated in our post school program under the Scholarship Program Office. Sponsors to note that their sponsorship will be transferred to our Scholarship Program Office from the branch where the student originally comes. All further dealings will be handled from this Office.
2. After Class XII students have two main options depending on their Class XII Board and Internal assessments.

Option I – Degree Program

1. Scholarship for higher academic studies into colleges for undergraduate studies in various course of specialization. The minimum percentage required is 60% aggregate in Arts and Commerce stream and 55% in Science Stream in the Board Exam and internal assessment. In the case with +2 vocational students at Mundgod, this will be 65% in aggregate. Compartment and Improvement cases must also secure the above requirement in the first attempt (CBSE Compartment exam in August).
2. For renewal of the scholarship each year, the student must obtain minimum aggregate percentage of 45% in the annual/semester university examination. Students who fail to secure the above cut-off percentage, scholarship will be suspended for a year and renewed only in the following year when results are produced and the required cut off percentage is obtained. A student failing in a particular subject or placed in ER (Essential Requirement) category must clear the same in the next examination for renewal of the scholarship.
3. The scholar will be required to take up honors or majors (specialization) in a particular subject at the degree level in keeping with

the university system where enrolled. No scholarship is given for B.A. Pass course or B.A. Program as in the case with Delhi University.

4. For postgraduate studies the scholar must obtain minimum 55% aggregate at the undergraduate level.
5. Yearly scholarship amounts to approximately Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 45,000 annual for undergraduate/post graduate degree program. This is inclusive of a tuition fee ceiling of Rs.20,000/- and living and other expenses of the scholar. In certain field of specialization or admission into a privately managed college where the tuition fee is over and above the ceiling of Rs. 20,000/- students are to arrange on their own or apply for TCV Education Loan to meet the balance amount of fee.

Option II - Non-Degree Diploma/Vocational Course

1. Students not eligible for degree program have the option of taking up a one time non-degree diploma or vocational or technical training approved by the Scholarship Policy Committee.
2. For renewal one must pass in their annual / semester examination.
3. The ceiling for tuition will be Rs.20,000/- per year and living and other expenses same as that of degree program. In certain field of training or admission into a privately managed center where the tuition fee is over and above the ceiling of Rs. 20,000/- students are to arrange on their own or apply for TCV Education Loan to meet the balance amount of fee.

Time schedule of College/Vocational Training Admissions

1. Both Class X and XII CBSE Exams begin in early March and are over by end of March or early April. The exact date of exam

- schedules of your sponsored child will be intimated by our concerned Sponsorship Secretary of the branch Village/School.
2. Soon after exams are over, students have a break of almost one and half month before the result is announced by the Board towards the last week of May each year.
 3. Then students will report to the Scholarship Program Office, filling up the scholarship form with details of their final choice of study, college options and place for admission. The concerned Sponsorship Secretary of your sponsored child will inform you accordingly and henceforth sponsorship dealings will be handled by Sponsorship Secretaries from the SPO at the Head Office to where the file will also be moved.
 4. College admissions are between first week of June to around end of July each year. If a student is not able to get admission in the college of his/her first choice, he/she may have to seek admission in other colleges. This means traveling from one place to another.
 5. By middle of August all students would have confirmed their admission and informs the SPO with details. Students seeking admission in South India will inform the SPO in Bangalore Youth Hostel, those in Delhi to the Delhi Youth Hostel there and all other places to the Scholarship Program Office in the Head Office at Dharamsala..
 6. Soon after confirmation of college admission the dealing Sponsorship Secretary in the Scholarship Program Office will write to the sponsor with detailed information on your sponsored student.

Students having direct contact with Sponsors

1. We fully understand the close bond that had been built up over the years between the sponsor and the sponsored child while in the School. In doing so we have no objection if the sponsors wishes to have direct contacts with their sponsored child when he or she

leaves the Village/School and go into higher education or training to maintain this close relationship.

2. However, at times our students become demanding and unnecessarily writing to their sponsor for more money or support that could imply to scholarship being inadequate to meet tuition fee or living expenses. Another reason could be that the scholarship was not renewed and thereby in a helpless situation. Or there could be other reasons in connection with their scholarship.
3. When sponsor receives such letters from their child, we suggest the sponsor first check with our concerned dealing Sponsorship Secretary in the Scholarship Program Office (SPO) so that the matter could be verified.
4. Sponsors will understand that in view of the large number of students completing schooling and going into higher studies and trainings, a general guideline and norms for scholarship is absolutely necessary so that students are serious about their studies as scholarship holders. This is also necessary from the management point of view in monitoring the program smoothly and informing our sponsors.
5. However, if sponsors insist to provide financial or other means of support to their sponsored child that are outside of our Scholarship norms, the same can be done directly between the sponsor and sponsored child and the student will be taken out from our scholarship program. If the sponsor wishes to send the required money through TCV, this can be done however; any amount sent directly to students will not be the responsibility of TCV.

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