
Thailand

Educational Sponsorship Program & HIV/Aids Orphans Program



How sponsorship works

Educational Sponsorship Program

Most primary and secondary students in Thailand do not have to pay fees, as education is free. However, for each child at school, the parents have to provide for incidental expenses, such as books, uniforms, transportation and school meals. Moreover, in a traditional farming society, there is also the additional factor of the loss of income/ assistance, if the child remains at school.

Our Programme aims to assist poor students in primary, secondary and post secondary education (especially those identified by the Department of Public Welfare on the criteria of ability and need), to continue at school, by providing financial assistance to cover the aforementioned educational expenses.

At present **4,000 Baht (A\$130)** is sufficient to assist a child (depending on the age) with educational for one school year without recourse to the family income. Please note that **4,000 Baht (A\$130)** is sent directly to each child and is not used for any administration costs.

Currently, over 500 children are assisted under this programme. The children range in age from eight years to twenty four years and from primary school to University/Vocational Schools. For the children studying in Vocational studies/University 4,000 Baht is insufficient and we encourage the sponsor to increase the amount to allow the children to continue with their studies.

Though we assist both boys and girls, the local Social Workers consider that Thai parents are more likely to provide for boys' education, and with the fact that girls are more vulnerable to exploitation, we are receiving more profiles for girls especially at the secondary school stage.

HIV/AIDs Orphans Program

A new program has been established in Northern Thailand to assist the orphans of HIV/Aids parents. This program helps to keep these children in the community and to attend their school instead of putting them in Orphanages.

What you will receive

Each sponsor is provided with a profile and photograph of the child and in return receives letters from the sponsored child regarding his/her progress. Some ASIAC families who participate in this program have travelled to Thailand and met with their sponsored child.

What it takes

Educational Sponsorship Program

The cost of sponsoring a child's education is **\$A130.00** per year. All of the money goes directly to the sponsored child. ASIAC pays all postage and administration is voluntary.

HIV/AIDs Orphans Program

The cost of sponsoring a HIV/AIDs orphans is **\$A200.00** per year. All of the money is sent to the community or to the family who are looking after the child. ASIAC pays all postage and administration is voluntary.

To sponsor a child now, complete the attached Sponsorship form.

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Further inquiries

For further information on this sponsorship program, contact Julie Plumb on:

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Sponsorship Form

- I enclose an Australian Cheque for \$..... to sponsorchild/children for 1yr under the Thailand Educaiton Sponsorship Program. This includes all the bank charges in Bangkok.
- I enclose an Australian Cheque for \$..... to sponsorchild/children for 1yr under the HIV/AIDS Orphans Program. This includes all the bank charges in Bangkok.

Total no. of child/children that I would like to Sponsor

Total amount enclosed \$.....

NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
TEL:	Hm:	Wk:
FAX:		
EMAIL:		

Please forward this form and your cheque (payable to '**ASIAC Overseas Aid Fund**') to:

Julie PLUMB, Thailand Education Sponsorship Program
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ASIAC NSW Inc is the sponsor of the ASIAC (NSW) Overseas Aid Fund that is approved by the ATO. Donations of \$2.00 or more to the ASIAC (NSW) Overseas Aid Fund, by way of sponsorship monies or otherwise is tax deductible.