



A transparent, effective and sustainable bridge for donation



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### Highlights

#### **ABOUT US**

Orchid Scholarship is a non-profit voluntary foundation aimed by the vision to promote education and development of Vietnam via awarding scholarships to poor, talented and passionate high school students.

#### HISTORY

The foundation was established in 2013 as the successor of Sakura Scholarship originated in 2010 in Japan. In the last two years, we have awarded 39 scholarships and 4 certificates to 43 students from Tong hop (Hanoi), Hau Loc (Thanh Hoa) and Quoc hoc (Hue) high schools in Vietnam. The awards amount to 39.4 million VND.

This year 2013, we have added students from Su Pham (Hanoi) into consideration, leading to a total number of 4 partners. We have awarded 38 scholarships to 38 students nation-wide. Total award this year is double previous period, amount to 38 million VND.

#### **CORE VALUES**

Transparency, effectiveness and sustainability are our core values.

#### DONATION

You can donate us by cash, bank transfer or other means. Please see at the end of this document for details. Should you have enquiries please contact us at: orchidscholarship@gmail.com.

### **Motivations**

Vietnam is a poor developing country. We, Vietnamese professionals and students in developed countries such as Singapore, used to raise a question: When will we reach the present developmental stage of Singapore: 10 years, 20 years, or a century? Only young generations can answer this question. And education is almost the sole way to help youths to change their nation.

However, it is sad to admit that many good seeds are unable to grow up in an adequate environment due to educational stagnation and poor circumstance. Many Vietnamese pupils are unable to go to school or devote to studying because of financial difficulties. The result is that they are unable not only to promote their actual abilities but also to pursuit their dreams. As a consequence, Vietnam could waste skillful engineers, talented scientists, or brilliant economists; while we still have to maintain the unemployed.

Vietnamese professionals and students in Singapore realize that they have responsibilities in association with this situation. We should involve in an aspect of educational transformation as soon as possible. From such views, we managed to establish a non-profit organization, namely Orchid Scholarship Foundation in Singapore as a successor of Sakura Scholarship Foundation in Japan, to enforce our wishes.

We focus on the high school students. High school stage is the crucial transitional period for youths. This sensitive period can change their destiny, by either opening a gate to college or closing their promising future. Unfortunately, the high school period is not well supported by both government and private sectors, in contrary to college period when students can receive various kinds of aids.

We aim at poor high school students who are excellent and ambitious. The scholarship is small in amount but is big in terms of spiritual encouragement in order to foster them pursuing their dreams.

### Operations

#### VISIONS

Orchid Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization founded and managed by Vietnamese professionals and students in Singapore. We aim to become a professional and financial disclosure non-profit organization. Our vision is towards becoming a solid bridge for Vietnamese and Singaporean people and organizations to contribute efficiently to the development of education and human resources in Vietnam that benefit both nations.

#### TIMELINES



#### **SUPPORTERS**

- VN2020 Science, Technology, Environment (STEM) Family
- Vietnam Embassy in Singapore

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### Partners

#### TONG HOP HIGH SCHOOL

Location: Hanoi City;

Number of students: 1500;

**Our partner:** Mr. Le Cong Loi, PhD, Associate Professor, Vice-Principal;

**Description:** The school has richest achievements in Vietnam with 59 medals in the International Mathematical Olympiad, 27 medals in the International Olympiad in Informatics and various international and national prizes in mathematics, informatics, physics, chemistry, and biology. This high school is the only institution in Hanoi permit student nationwide to enter, majority of who are poor but aspirated.

#### **QUOC HOC HIGH SCHOOL**

Location: Hue City;

Number of students: 1400;

Our partner: Mrs. Lam Hong Lien, MSc, Vice-Principal;

**Description:** Founded on 1896, Quoc Hoc is the first and oldest high school in Vietnam. The school has been known as a place that promotes various generations of patriotism, industriousness (including President Ho Chi Minh, General Vo Nguyen Giap, Pham Van Dong, Dang Van Ngu etc.). In the year 2013, the school won 52 national prizes in in all subjects including mathematics, informatics, physics, chemistry, biology, and foreign languages etc.

#### HAU LOC 1 HIGH SCHOOL

Location: Thanh Hoa Province;

Number of students: 1300;

Our partner: Mr. Ha Khuong Duy, BSc, Secretary of Young Staff Union;

**Description:** Hau Loc is a typical high school in rural areas (where total incomes of a local family are less than 200 SGD monthly). The school has about 1350 students. Our local partner staff is Ms. Bui Thi Thanh, vice-principal.

#### SU PHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Location: Hanoi City;

Number of students: 1300;

**Our partner:** Nguyen Duc Hoang, PhD, Principal;

**Description:** Founded on 1966, students from the school won 40 medals in the International Mathematical Olympiad. The school has got various Merit from the state including the First Order of the Labour Medal in 2011.

## Scholarship

#### **APPLICANTS**

Scholarship applicants are high school students (15-18 years old). Three major criteria are: difficult circumstances in physical or financial aspects, good studying outcomes as well as strong aspiration. Applicant can submit their application and be awarded as long as they can maintain their good academic performance. At the initial stage, we focus on students living far from home. To be considered, applicant must complete the application form. The completed application form could be submitted online or through local partners (i.e. high schools).

To assess the applicant, we evaluate the application form as well as conduct an interview (mostly to clarify of the application contents). The evaluation is based on standardized scales (by grading circumstance, academic outcome and aspiration in a convened scale). The interview is held by local partners with reports (with media-record and text). The final application evaluation is taken by all Executive Volunteers and finally approved by Board of Trustees.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT**

Based on the donation amount each year, we will decide the number of awards. We attempt to award regularly and to increase the scholarship amount as well as the number of awards. Financial transparency is our highest priority.

Each scholarship is accompanied by a certificate and a financial support of 1000,000 Vietnamese Dong (equivalent to 60 Singapore Dollars). This amount covers all the tuition fees for each awarded student within the year.

The donation is used only for awarding scholarship. Any other operational expenses (transportation, meeting, certificate, etc.) are further contributed personally by the Executive Volunteers.

The contact address of all awardees will be explicitly public online. All explicit and anonymous donations are published online on our website.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS**

#### **2013**: 38 students

#### Tong Hop High School (Hanoi)

- 1. Đỗ Ngọc Khánh
- 2. Đỗ Thị Ngát
- 3. Đỗ Tùng Lâm
- 4. Đỗ Xuân Việt
- 5. Huỳnh Thị Yến Nhi
- 6. Lê Viết Khương
- 7. Nguyễn Thế Hoàn
- 8. Ninh Thị Ngân
- 9. Phạm Quang Huy
- 10. Trương Mỹ Linh
- 11. Vũ Đồng Thức

#### Hau Loc High School (Thanh Hoa)

- 1. Bùi Thị Hiền
- 2. Hoàng Thị Quỳnh
- 3. Mai Thị Xinh
- 4. Nguyễn Thị Hồng
- 5. Nguyễn Thị Linh
- 6. Nguyễn Thị Nga
- 7. Nguyễn Thị Ngọc Diệp
- 8. Nguyễn Thị Thư
- 9. Phạm Thị Thắm
- 10. Trịnh Công Sơn
- 11. Hoàng Thị Lệ
- 12. Trần Minh Phúc
- 13. Nguyễn Thị Trang

#### **Quoc Hoc High School (Hue)**

- 1. Đỗ Văn Cương
- 2. Lê Nguyễn Thanh Nhàn
- 3. Nguyễn Phước Quý Quang
- 4. Đinh Thị Thúy Nhi
- 5. Trần An Duy

#### Su Pham High School (Hanoi)

- 1. Lê Thị Quỳnh Trang
- 2. Đặng Ngọc Dương
- 3. Điều Minh Châu
- 4. Nguyễn Minh Hiền
- 5. Phạm Minh Tuấn
- 6. Trần Ngọc Yến Nhi
- 7. Phan Phong Loan
- 8. Nguyễn Thị Tường Vân
- 9. Trần Hoàng Sơn

#### **2012**: 18 students

#### Tong Hop High School (Hanoi)

- 1. Đinh Thị Lan Anh (11A2 Math)
- 2. Đỗ Tùng Lâm (11A1 Math)
- 3. Đỗ Xuân Việt (11A1 IT)
- 4. Phạm Quang Dũng (12A1 Chemistry)
- 5. Trương Mỹ Linh (11A1 Biology)
- 6. Vũ Văn Kiên (12A1 Physics)

#### Hau Loc High School (Thanh Hoa)

- 1. Nguyễn Hữu Thái
- 2. Nguyễn Trung Kiên

- 3. Hoàng Thị Thu Hà
- 4. Nguyễn Thị Thơm
- 5. Cao Thị Trang
- 6. Nguyễn Minh Thùy

#### Quoc Hoc High School (Hue)

- 1. Nguyễn Thị Phương Nhi (12 Hóa)
- 2. Nguyễn Xuân Hưng (12 Tin)
- 3. Lưu Hà Giang (12 Địa)
- 4. Nguyễn Hữu Koong (12 Sinh)
- 5. Nguyễn Thị Kim Đài (10 Văn)
- 6. Võ Thị Huệ (10 Địa)

#### **2011**: 21 students

#### **Tong Hop High School (Hanoi)**

- 1. Phạm Thị Hiển
- 2. Phạm Thị Thủy Linh
- 3. Nguyễn Thị Hồng Minh
- 4. Nguyễn Thanh Quyết
- 5. Hoàng Thị Thủy
- 6. Phạm Duy Tiến

#### Hau Loc High School (Thanh Hoa)

- 1. Nguyễn Thị Chiên
- 2. Nguyễn Trần Đức
- 3. Tống Mỹ Duyên
- 4. Trần Thị Hiền
- 5. Nguyễn Thị Huệ
- 6. Phan Thị Thu Huyền
- 7. Nguyễn Thị Loan

- 8. Phùng Hà Tài
- 9. Lường Thị Thương
- 10. Đỗ Thị Tuyết

#### Quoc Hoc High School (Hue)

- 1. Nguyễn Xuân Hưng
- 2. Nguyễn Thị Phương Nhi
- 3. Lê Văn Phong
- 4. Nguyễn Văn Thiện
- 5. Lê Duy Toàn

#### **AWARDING CEREMONIES**

13 students have been awarded scholarships at Hau Loc High School (Thanh Hoa) at the New School Year Opening Ceremony (NSYOC) on 5 Sep 2013



11 students have been awarded scholarships at Tong hop High School (Hanoi) at the NSYOC on 9 Sep 2013





9 students have been awarded scholarships at Su Pham High School (Hanoi) at the NSYOC on 9 Sep 2013

5 students have been awarded scholarships at Quoc Hoc High School (Hue) at the NSYOC on 9 Sep 2013



### Donation

#### HOW TO DONATE

You could donate us by cash in person, or transfer to the following bank account

POSB Bank Jurong Point Branch, Singapore eSavings Account 248-71322-4 C/O Dau Son Hoang

This account is registered solely for donation purpose. Hence, all bank statements will be published online as part of our transparent policy.

Please contact us at orchidscholarship@gmail.com whenever you want to donate or have an inquiry.

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