## VIDYAROHAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## **Policy Document**

Mission: Empowering Kulshreshthas Through Education

## **Objective:**

Primary goal of this program is to extend financial assistance to children of needy Kulshrestha families in India who are experiencing educational disadvantage due to financial hardship. Additional objective of this program is to empower such youth with skill sets by their employability in workforce.

It is anticipated that this program will help meritorious Kulshreshtha students belonging to economically disadvantaged sections to sustain quality higher education (undergraduate/Bachelors/vocational/technical) of which they would otherwise have been deprived off.

## **Program Summary**

In Scope	<ul> <li>Undergraduate/Bachelors/vocational/technical level higher education</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Educational institutions within India only (Govt., Govt. recognized or private</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Encourage bright students who have been selected in traditional and integrated undergraduate or equivalent courses (Examples: IIT, Law, Architecture etc.)</li> </ul>
Eligibility	<ul> <li>Kulshrestha families in India where due to the sudden demise or incapacitation of the breadwinner, the kids' education is at risk.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Kulshrestha families in India where the kids have a single parent situation and the parent is unable to afford the education of all their children.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Kulshrestha kids who are orphans and need support for education</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The child must have equivalent of Grade B/Second Division or higher in the previous two years.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Any other deserving family that our Executive Committee considers eligible</li> </ul>
Duration	<ul> <li>One year at a time. The applicant can reapply in subsequent years.</li> </ul>
Nature of assistance and amount	<ul> <li>One-year scholarship of Rs.12,000. The applicant may reapply in subsequent years but first preference will be given to new applicants.</li> </ul>
Number of scholarships	<ul> <li>Subject to availability of funds it may vary each year. This year we have 8 scholarships</li> </ul>

Emergency Relief Fund - Kulshreshthas Executive Committee reserves the right to make decisions independent of what is stated in this policy including but not limited to increasing or decreasing the number of scholarships awarded every year based on available funding. Sponsorship based programs may also be available for which separate guidelines will be issued.