

The world turned upside down with the arrival and rapid spread of Covid-19. In March, schools closed for both students, and related examinations are deferred to dates not set. Once safe conditions prevail and classes resume, tuition/books and related expenses will be due immediately, thus requiring support via this grant.

Most people in Nepal live in grinding poverty with virtually no chance of improvements in their lives except through education. What many Americans earn in an hour of employment, may be the sole income for a family in Nepal for an entire month! Americans cannot easily understand not only poverty in a very third world country, but also the extreme lack of economic upward mobility. Please note that these three students come from very low-caste and extremely poor families. They lack any social, political or business connections to live a decent life in a desperately poor country absent through a good education.