

How scholarships shape students' future

Scholarships take the burden off the parents to a great extent, sponsorship and financial support to aid the higher education of the students gives an edge to the students, writes **Rajiv Bansal**

Scholarships are a blessing in disguise opportunity provided to students by schools and universities to enhance learning and providing exposure to international world. The pandemic has impacted and financially challenged many families, restricting them in many situations. Owing to this problem, the dreams of many worthy students were disrupted. Scholarship programmes provide easier access to deserving candidates by allowing them to continue their education without having to worry about the financial aspect.

When aspiring and deserving students get the right access to education, they serve society by making themselves better professionals, filling the employment gap and becoming responsible leaders of tomorrow.

The pandemic gave birth to an alternative to the physical classrooms and popularised the concept of virtual interactions in form of online practices/classes/courses across all schools and universities. Because of covid-19 pandemic the international borders were disconnected. This gave students better access to learning without having to worry about the travel and logistics



to an international campus. A scholarship to study at an international campus provides students with better access to reputable universities across the world and nurtures them as global citizens of the future. This experience will open a plethora of opportunities for career development for the students.

Schools providing such opportunities to deserving candidates transform and change the lives of Indian students. A school's role in introducing such scholarships and opportunities help in shaping yo-

ing minds and providing a platform that allows students to make the most of their capabilities as balanced and confident future leaders. Through a holistic learning framework, innovative methodologies and practices, a school can help students become future-ready by creating opportunities and platforms that also help in honing skills in community living and building universal values in children.

Financial assistance

With the standard of education, the

expenses have also been increasing. Scholarships take the financial burden off the parents by sponsoring/financially aiding the students' higher education with no obligation to pay it back. The student can dedicatedly focus only on academics without having to worry or stress on financial payback. Without putting an extra burden on the students, schools make it possible for them to pursue their dreams.

Enhanced resume

The selection process for any scholarship programme is difficult with levels of application and selection assessments. Being a recipient of a scholarship talks about the candidate's meritorious qualities, which automatically is reflected on the resume leaving a positive impression. Deserving students aspire to study at international universities and Ivy League colleges, but the socio-economic background is often a setback. However, with a scholarship students gain incredible access to academics and higher education.

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