

NAO Education Fund, 2015

Nepali Association of Oregon (NAO) has started an education support program among Nepali youth in the Oregon Nepali Community and in the rural communities of Nepal. The NAO Education Fund is attempting to address two sets of young students to accomplish their best to complete the education beyond high school. While doing so also encourage them to participate in the civic and local community programs and become a responsible member of the community.

Two NAO Education Fund programs are:

- I. NAO High School Excellence Award Program and
- II. NAO Scholarship Program in Rural Schools in Nepal

Background

NAO Executive Committee in the fall of 2008 established a \$500 High School Excellence Award with a goal of encouraging local Nepali high school seniors to complete their college degree successfully. NAO donated seed money of \$500. An additional \$400 was donated by local philanthropist, Ms. Kinoko Thompson.

The education fund will be under the stewardship of NAO executive committee. All donations will be deposited in the fund account. The education fund account is kept separately from other NAO accounts. The money from the education fund cannot be used for any other NAO activities. The fund will be audited at the time of NAO account audit and the report will be made public.

The NAO Education Fund is supported by a number of fundraising activities:

1. donations from the community members and friends of Nepali community in Oregon
2. the NAO Executive Committee decided to contribute 25 percent of net profit from all NAO events to the Education Fund.
3. match donations from business organizations on behalf of their employees' contribution or their voluntary work in the community
4. various fundraising programs such as raffle draw, momo event, or cultural programs, etc.

NAO Education Fund Total Incomes & Expenses

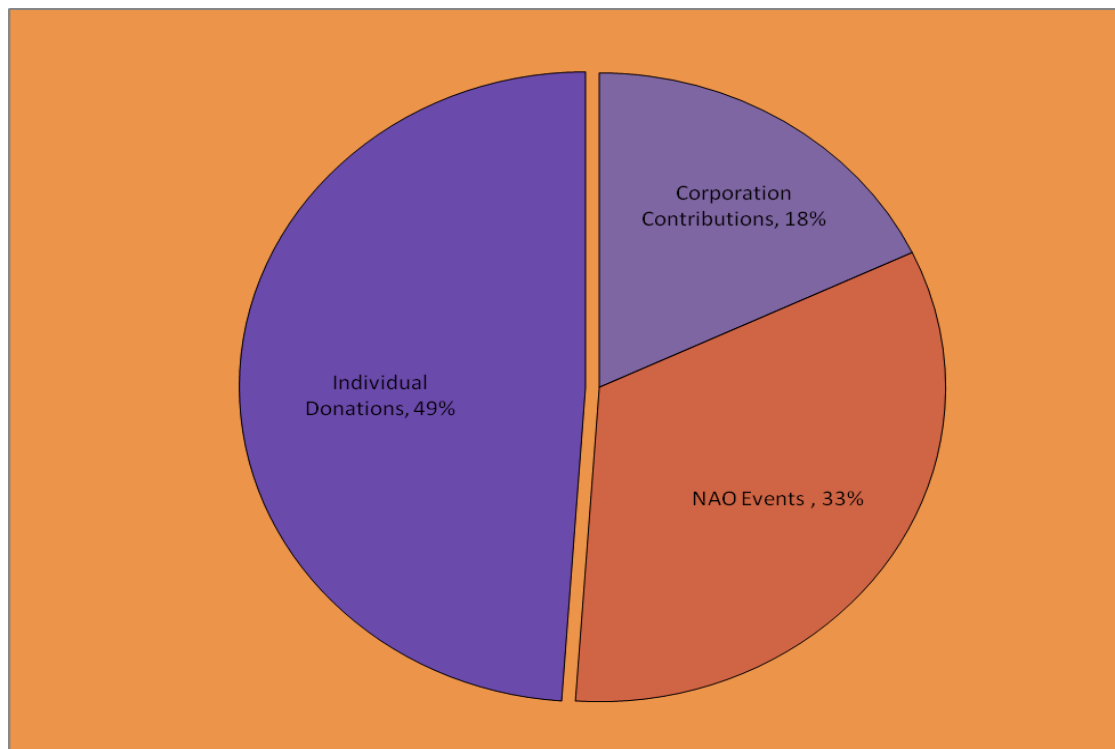
From 2009 through April 2014, NAO has collected a total of **\$23,035** in the NAO Education Fund through various fundraising events, NAO event profit sharing and individual member and corporation donations.

Education Fund Management

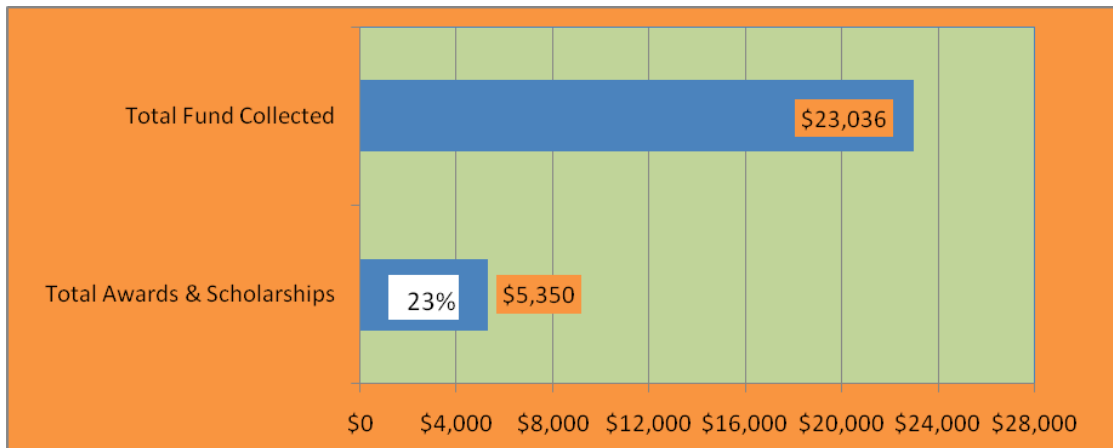
NAO will look into the future prospect of making the education fund sustainable in a long-term basis in a responsible manner. We will continue to encourage community members to make annual charitable donations to the fund. All the donations received to the fund will be tax-exempted and NAO will send a federal tax-exempt receipt to all donors.

NAO Education Fund: 2009-2015 Total Income and Expenses

Incomes and Expenses:	Amount	Percent
Incomes:		
NAO Intital Investment & Donation by Kiniko Thampson	\$900.00	3.9%
NAO Events (25% porfit sharing)	\$679.52	2.9%
NAO Momo Events	\$3,482.33	15.1%
NAO Other Fundraisings	\$2,574.86	11.2%
Individual Member Donations	\$11,264.00	48.9%
Corporation Contributions	\$4,135.00	18.0%
Total	\$23,035.71	100.0%
Expenses:		
High School Excellence Award	\$3,000.00	
NAO Education Scholarships in Nepal	\$2,350.00	
Total	\$5,350.00	23.2%



NAO Education Fund: Total Incomes and Total Awards and Scholarships Expenses



At the end of December, 2015, NAO Education Fund has distributed a total of \$5,350 in Excellence Awards and Scholarships, which represents a 23% of the total revenue with a balance of \$17,686.

I. NAO High School Excellence Award Program

NAO started support to the education program in 2009 by instituting a NAO High School Excellence Award program in the local Oregon and Southwest Washington Nepali community. Under this program NAO awards a \$500 cash award to a qualifying high school graduate from Nepali community in Oregon and SW Washington who is planning to enroll in a 4-year university or college. The candidate selection criteria includes that candidates maintain at least 3.3 GPA in High School and write an essay on a given topics by the selection committee.

Since its inception, a total of **20** High School seniors have participated in this competition and 4 High School seniors have been awarded \$500 award from 2010 through 2015.

NAO High School Excellence Award: 2010-2014

Year	Name of the student	College	Amount
2015	Prowshchal Mahato	Oregon State, OR	\$500
2014	Yashaswi Bajracharya	Oregon State, OR	\$500
2013	Swechya Banskota	Oregon State, OR	\$500
2012	Subret Aryal	Oregon State, OR	\$500
2011	Aakash D Raghubansh	Occidental, CA	\$500
2010	Manisha Shrestha	Univ. of Oregon, OR	\$500

II. NAO Scholarship Program at Rural Schools in Nepal

NAO started Scholarship program to benefit financially stressed good students in under privileged rural schools of Nepal in 2011. Initially, NAO has partnership with Nepal Aama organization to select and administrate the scholarship program to award a \$750 annual scholarship to three students in grades 8, 9 and 10 for their tuition and educational materials. Nepal Aama (<http://www.nepalaama.org/>) has been engaged in providing academic support to Nepali children for many years. The first Scholarship was awarded in April 2011. NAO has awarded a total of \$2,350 in 2011-2015 and it has helped 14 students in grade levels 8 through 10 in various rural High Schools in Nepal. NAO has also established partnership with local schools in Nepal. The NAO scholarship recipients will continue to receive scholarship until their High School graduation (at the end of grade 10) as long as they maintain good grades.

Year	Student Name	School	Grade	Scholarship Amount
2015	Smriti Kunwar	Yashasvi Secondary School, Sitapaila, Kathmandu	9	\$100
	Dolma Sherpa	Arunodaya Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Jorpati, Kathmandu	8	\$100
	Nisha Sunwar	Yashasvi Secondary School, Sitapila, Kathmandu	8	\$100
	Tenjung Tamang	Yashasvi Secondary School, Sitapila, Kathmandu	8	\$100
	Samiksya Dhakal	Inaruwa English Boarding School, Sunsari	8	\$100
	Rojina Bhujel	Inaruwa English Boarding School, Sunsari	8	\$100
2013	Bishnu G.R. (Gahat Raj)	Mohan Kanya Higher Secondary School, Tansen, Palpa	8	\$200.0
	Nisha Lama	Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur	9	\$250.0
	Radhika Rajbahak	Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur	10	\$300.0
2012	Nisha Lama	Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur	8	\$130.0
	Radhika Rajbahak	Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur	9	\$170.0
	Milan Shrestha	Laligurans English School, Okhaldhunga	10	\$200.0
2011	Radhika Rajbahak	Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur	8	\$130.0
	Milan Shrestha	Laligurans English School, Okhaldhunga	9	\$170.0
	Shrisha Shrestha	Laligurans English School, Okhaldhunga	10	\$200.0

Ms. Shrisha Shrestha (Laligurans English School, Okhaldhunga) has passed her High School in the first division in 2012.

Footnotes:

1. Sources: Graphs: NAO Education Fund_Account_2009_2015