

# **NAO Education Program: Status Report**

## **NAO Education Program**

Nepali Association of Oregon (NAO) has an education support program for Nepali youth from the Oregon Nepali Community and the rural communities of Nepal. The NAO Education Fund attempts to target two groups of young students who desire to complete their education beyond high school. While doing so, it also encourages them to participate in the civic and local community programs helping them become responsible members of the community.

Two NAO Education Fund programs are:

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

### **Background**

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

The education fund is under the stewardship of the NAO executive committee. All donations are deposited in the education fund account. The education fund is kept separately from other NAO accounts. The money from the education fund cannot be used for any other NAO activities. The fund is audited at the time of NAO account audit and the report is 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. contribution of 25 percent of net profit from all NAO events,
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**

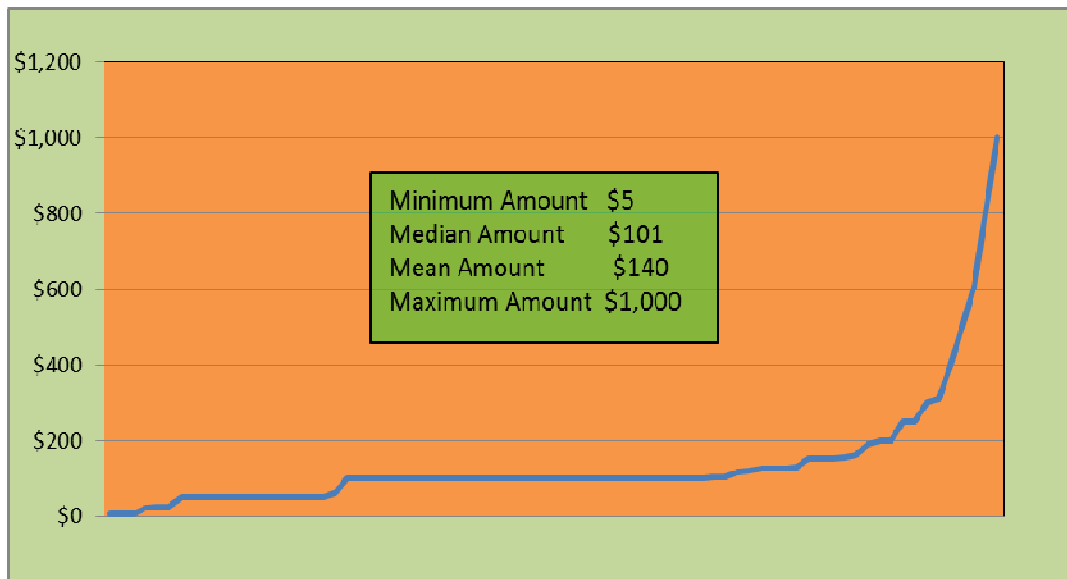
Through 2015, NAO has collected a total of **\$25,861** in the NAO Education Fund through various fundraising events, NAO event profit sharing and individual member and corporation donations.

## Education Fund Management

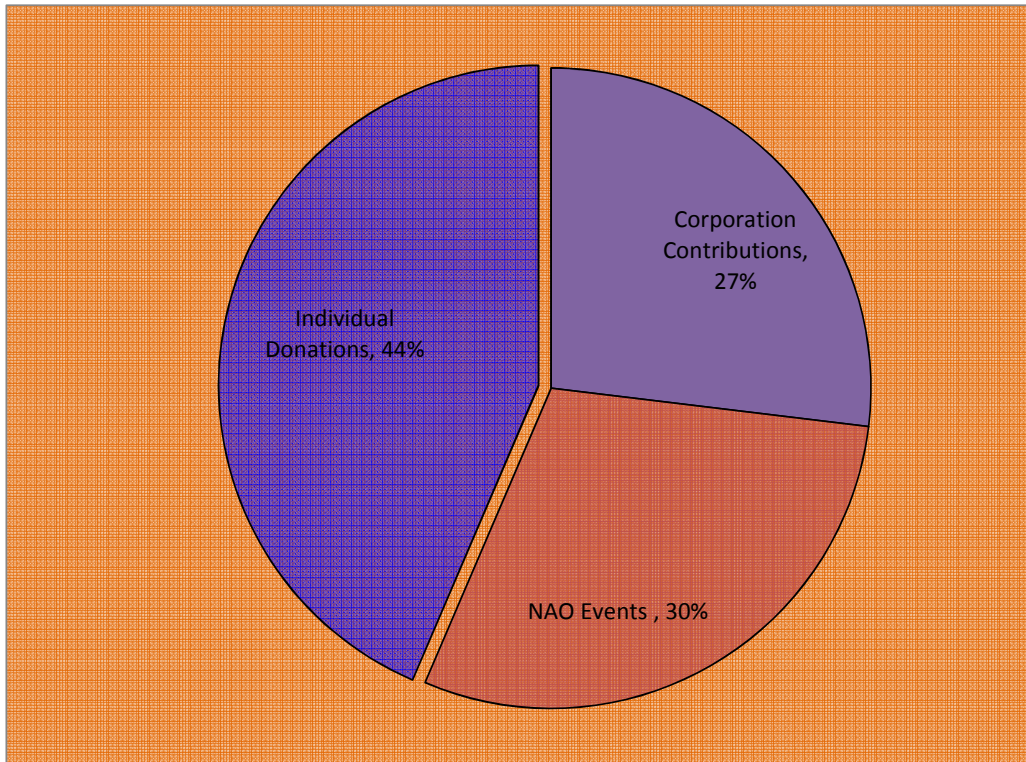
NAO will explore the future prospect of making the education fund sustainable in a long-term basis in a responsible manner while continuing to encourage community members to make annual charitable donations to the fund. All the donations received to the fund are tax-exempt.

Incomes and Expenses:	Amount	Percent
<b>Income:</b>		
NAO Initial Investment & Donation by Kiniko Thompson	\$900.0	3.5%
NAO Events (25% profit sharing)	\$679.5	2.6%
NAO Momo Events	\$3,482.3	13.5%
NAO Other Fundraisings	\$2,574.9	10.0%
Individual Member Donations	\$11,264.0	43.6%
Corporation Contributions	\$6,960.0	26.9%
Total	\$25,860.7	100.0%
<b>Expenses:</b>		
High School Excellence Award	\$3,500.0	
NAO Education Scholarships in Nepal	\$3,600.0	
Total	\$7,100.0	27.5%

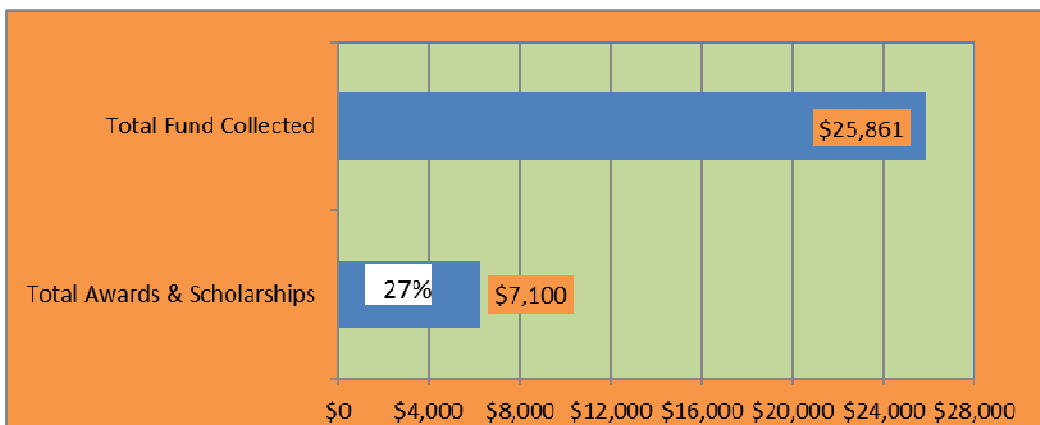
## Individual Donations



## NAO Education Donation Sources



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



At the end of December, 2016, the NAO Education Fund has distributed a total of \$7,100 in Excellence Awards and Scholarships in schools in Nepal, which represents a 27% of the total education fund.

## I. NAO High School Excellence Award Program

NAO began its support to the education program in 2009 by instituting the 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 plans to enroll in a 4-year university or college. The candidate selection criteria include that candidates maintain at least 3.3 GPA in high school and write an essay on a topic chosen by the selection committee.

Since its inception, more than 20 High School seniors have participated in this competition and 7 High School seniors have been awarded \$500 from 2010 through 2016.

### NAO High School Excellence Award: 2010-2016

Year	Name of the student	College	Amount
2016	Sandesh Banskota	University of Verginia, VA	\$500.0
2015	Prowshchal Mahato	Oregon State, OR	\$500.0
2014	Yashaswi Bajracharya	Oregon State, OR	\$500.0
2013	Swechya Banskota	Oregon State, OR	\$500.0
2012	Subret Aryal	Oregon State, OR	\$500.0
2011	Aakash D Raghubansh	Occidental, CA	\$500.0
2010	Manisha Shrestha	Univ. of Oregon, OR	\$500.0

## II. NAO Scholarship Program at Rural Schools in Nepal

NAO started its scholarship program to support academically promising but financially disadvantaged students in under privileged rural schools of Nepal in 2011. Initially, NAO has partnered with Nepal Aama Organization to select and administrate the scholarship program to award a \$500 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 increased the scholarship amount to \$750 in 2013. The NAO scholarship awarded a total of \$3,600 in 2011-2016 period helping 14 students in grade levels 8 through 10 of various rural High 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.

## NAO Education Scholarship Program in Nepal

Year	Student Name	School	Grade	Scholarship Amount
2016	Dolma Sherpa	Arunodaya Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Jorpati, Kathmandu	9	\$100.0
	Nisha Sunwar	Yashaswi Secondary School, Sitapaila, Kathmandu	9	\$100.0
	Tenjung Tamang	Yashaswi Secondary School, Sitapaila, Kathmandu	9	\$100.0
	Rojina Bhujel	Inawuwa English Boarding School, Sunsari	9	\$100.0
	Samiksya Dhakal	Inawuwa English Boarding School, Sunsari	9	\$100.0
2015	Bishnu G.R. (Gahat Raj)	Mohan Kanya Higher Secondary School, Tansen, Palpa	10	\$100.0
	Dolma Sherpa	Arunodaya Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Jorpati, Kathmandu	8	\$100.0
	Nisha Sunwar	Yashaswi Secondary School, Sitapaila, Kathmandu	8	\$100.0
	Tenjung Tamang	Yashaswi Secondary School, Sitapaila, Kathmandu	8	\$100.0
	Rojina Bhujel	Inawuwa English Boarding School, Sunsari	8	\$100.0
	Samiksya Dhakal	Inawuwa English Boarding School, Sunsari	8	\$100.0
2014	Nisha Lama	Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur	10	\$250.0
	Bishnu G.R. (Gahat Raj)	Mohan Kanya Higher Secondary School, Tansen, Palpa	9	\$200.0
	Rupa Pade	Shree Samahungi Secondary School, Foxingkot, Palpa	8	\$100.0
	Sangita KC	Shree Janashiddha Lower Secondary School, Bhadaure -4, Kaski	8	\$100.0
	Smriti Kunwar	Yashasvi Secondary School, Sitapaila, Kathmandu	8	\$100.0
2013	Radhika Rajbahak	Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur	10	\$300.0
	Nisha Lama	Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur	9	\$250.0
	Bishnu G.R. (Gahat Raj)	Mohan Kanya Higher Secondary School, Tansen, Palpa	8	\$200.0
2012	Milan Shrestha	Laligurans English School, Okhaldhunga	10	\$200.0
	Radhika Rajbahak	Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur	9	\$170.0
	Nisha Lama	Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur	8	\$130.0
2011	Shrisha Shrestha	Laligurans English School, Okhaldhunga	10	\$200.0
	Milan Shrestha	Laligurans English School, Okhaldhunga	9	\$170.0
	Radhika Rajbahak	Shree Bajra Barahi Higher Secondary School, Lalitpur	8	\$130.0

Ms. Shrisha Shrestha (Laligurans English School, Okhaldhunga) has completed her high school placing first division in 2012.

### III. NAO-Intel Volunteer Collaboration for Rural Schools in Nepal

NAO has a collaborative partnership with **Intel Involved Volunteers Team (IIVT)** to facilitate rebuilding of primary schools in earthquake devastated region of Nepal. One of such project is underway—building girls’ hostel for Jana Priya School at Tapping VDC, Solukhumbu. The project cost is about \$20,000.

NAO is closely working with IIVT on another earthquake damaged school rebuilding initiative at Sindhupalchowk, Nepal. The project involves building a Library, a Science Lab, and a Computer Lab. The project cost is expected to be about \$26,000.

#### **IV. NAO's Commitment to Rebuild Earthquake Damaged Rural Schools in Nepal**

After the great earthquake in Nepal in April 2015, NAO raised \$64,000 through various fundraising activities. NAO donated \$30,000 directly to various relief projects through different INGO, NGO and local community organizations. NAO is utilizing remaining fund to help rebuild earthquake damaged schools in Dhading and Nuwakot.

I. NAO has been collaborating partnering with Build UP Nepal and Tuki Nepal Society to rebuild Jana Bhawana Secondary School, at Jyamrung 4, Dhading. The project will build 11 classroom building and 4 restrooms for a total cost of \$84,723. NAO contribution will be \$15,501 (18%).

II. NAO has also been collaborating with Nepal Rising to rebuild Sita Secondary School at Barsunchet VDC 2, Nuwakot. The project will build 10 classroom building for a total cost of \$27,859. NAO contribution will be \$12,000 (43%).

#### **V. Donation**

With your support since 2009, NAO has been able to help many Nepali students in rural Nepal. Please join us to help students complete their high school education in Nepal.

Please send your donation to:

**NAO Education Fund**  
Attention: Abinash Paudel, Treasurer  
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Beaverton, OR 97007