



The MEANT Scholarship Program

- MEANT Fest kicks off the fund raising campaign every year
- MEA Houston collects applications, screens candidates and forwards short list to us
- We pick from the list and send the money in June
- MEA Houston ensures receipt of funds in Kerala



Cost of Engineering Education in Kerala

- Rs. 2 lakhs for 4 years (~\$4,350)
 - Rs. 10,000/year for tuition/fees
 - Rs. 10,000/year for books
 - Rs. 30,000/year for room & board
- We send \$2,000 per candidate
- Room and board a problem for many students



Our Record to Date

- 12 Engineering Colleges under DTE (64 self-financed ones)
- We receive over 300 applications a year; short-list about 10
- MEA and MEANT select from this list
- We have about 86 members in MEANT
- We sent
 - \$1,500 in 2007-08 (1 student)
 - \$2,000 in 2008-09 (1 student)
- Last year we got pledges for \$2,100 but received only \$1,210
- Drs. Priya and Radhakrishnan's contribution saved the day
- WE NEED TO STEP UP OUR EFFORT!



Recent Recipients

Sreeni P. (2007-08)



School: SSLC / CBSE / ICSE	GOVT. ORIENTAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, PERUMUDIYOOOR	MARCH-2004	90.16
Plus-2:	GOVT. ORIENTAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, PERUMUDIYOOOR.	MARCH-2006	88.50
Engineering Entrance Examination Score/Rank: 1296			
Did you take Coaching Classes for Entrance Exam?: YES		No. of attempts at Entrance Exam: 4	
Institution where you had coaching for Engineering Entrance Examination: CHAITHANYA CLASSES, WEST FORT, THRISSUR.			
Duration of coaching class: 10 MONTHS		Fees paid for Entrance exam coaching Class: Rs 8000/-	
Father's Name: SOORYANARAYANAN. P (Late)		Mother's Name: NALINI. P	
Occupation: DIED		Occupation: KOOLIE	
Employer: -		Employer: N/A	
If parent or guardian is involved in agriculture, business or daily wage labour, please attach a statement on separate sheet explaining in detail the type of agriculture, business or labour so that we can evaluate your financial condition.			
Family Income per year:			
Source of Income	Father's Income	Mother's Income	
Employment		7200 (KOOLIE)	
Business			
Real estate rentals			
Agriculture			
Overseas remittances from relatives			
Stock market trading			
Interest from savings and deposit accounts			
Pensions and Retirement Benefits			
Total Income, per year	Rs.	Rs. 7200	



Recent Recipients

Rajesh P.V. (2007-08)

Financed by MEA, Houston



Electronics & Communications – Class of 2011



Recent Recipients

Sudev A.C. (2008-09)

- Household income of Rs. 3,000 to 4,000 a month from father's work painting walls. Daily wage earning ability affected by back injury.
- Household got electricity connection only recently; Sudev studied by light of a kerosene lamp till then.
- Staying at off-campus hostel paying Rs. 1,400 a month.
- Was looking for financial help from family friends.
- Strongly recommended by Engineering College Principal.



What You Can Do Tonight

- Write a check (we'll take cash too!)
- Make a pledge and follow through
- Today's goal – Raise/pledge enough to fund one student - \$2,000



What You Can Do After Tonight

- Mail in a check (MEANT address at www.meant.org)
- Send payment online



- 12-month Goal – Raise enough money to fund 3 students; need \$5,000 more



Small Change Can Make Big Change

- Encourage children to collect change

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- Bring back collection at next year's event
- Parents to top off to \$50
- Prize for top collector
- Teach them the spirit of service at a young age



An Ongoing Effort

- Not a once-a-year activity
- Get emotionally involved
- Meet the students on your next trip home
- Be available as a resource – mentor, career guide, etc.
 - “Actually I would like to do research studies in biochemistry. I hope I could reach my destination. I want to do MS and do PhD. Hope you are fine there. Please give me your advice.” *M.S. Amrutha*