



## **SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM: Asia**

Application for NEW APPLICANTS,  
or returning applicants applying to a new degree program

**2011/2012 Application**

**For Students from Myanmar**

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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<b>March 15, 2011</b>	<b>For Students studying in India, Asia and Australia.</b>
<b>May 15, 2011</b>	<b>For Students studying in Europe and North America.</b>

**Note:** this application is for new applicants (who have never received a SGP grant), returning applicants who had an interruption in their SGP funding (did not receive a SGP grant last year), and returning applicants applying to a new degree program (for example moving from a bachelors to masters program).

**Returning Applicants who received SGPA funding last year, and who are continuing in the same degree program, should complete the SGP-Asia Application for Continued Funding.**

## Program Description:

The Supplementary Grant Program Asia (SGPA) offers supplementary grants to students from Myanmar to study at accredited university programs outside of Myanmar.

Grants will be awarded on the basis of academic record, applicant's long-term goals, and financial need. Grants are given to students who not only meet the program criteria but who are willing and likely to return to Myanmar to work for the democratic and economic development of the country.

The program is designed to provide additional funds to students who are enrolled in academic programs in accredited colleges, universities, and community colleges leading to a degree (B.A., M.A., PhD, etc).

## Courses NOT Supported by Supplementary Grant Program: Asia

- Distance Education Courses
- English as a Second Language Programs
- High School
- Vocational Training

The Supplementary Grant Program -Asia provides funding for up to one year of study. Students who receive funding for the 2010/2011 academic year and wish to be considered for future funding must reapply by completing the **SGP Application for Continued Funding**. Only those grantees who have maintained a high academic standing will be considered for continued funding.

New students are selected in an open competition announced once a year. A team of experts (the SGP Selection Committee) makes all grant decisions based on quality of the application, academic records, written essays, recommendation letters and future goals. **Decisions of the Selection Committee are final.**

Selection is based on academic merit, extracurricular and community activities, leadership potential, and knowledge of relevant language of study. Preference is given to those with a demonstrated desire to contribute to the welfare of Myanmar.

## Grants are provided to help cover costs for one or more of the following categories:

1. **Tuition and fees** - For students who are studying (or intend to study) in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia: tuition and fees will not exceed 50% per academic year.
2. **Living expenses** - students who have succeeded in funding their tuition, either through scholarships or their own financial means will be eligible for additional housing and living funds;
3. **Other** - students who have secured all necessary funds but cannot afford additional expenses, such as books, materials, health insurance, transportation to and from school will be eligible for additional funds. **This does not cover purchase of airfares or debt related to studies. In no case may an applicant request grant assistance for the support of an accompanying child or spouse.**

Grantees are required to maintain student status throughout the period of the grant and abide by all the terms and conditions outlined in a contract letter signed by the grantee. Grant stipends are distributed upon submission of proof of enrollment in a study program.

## Internships

Successful students will be eligible to apply for internship placements to participate in skill building through work-place education. Interns will be placed in organizations and institutions within the Southeast Asia region for a period of 3-6 months, and supported for the duration of their placement. Internship placements happen either during long school breaks or immediately following degree completion.

## Eligibility Criteria:

In order to be eligible, applicants must read and be willing to comply with the following guidelines, as well as complete the attached application form.

1. **ONLY** those students who have already been awarded partial or full tuition, room and board stipends, or other types of financial aid (family support, part-time job, etc.) may apply.
2. Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in the spoken and written language of their host country (or host university if languages are different).
3. Only students who are enrolled in *full time* study at an accredited college, university or community college leading to a degree (BA, MA, etc.) are eligible to apply.

### 4. For students who are studying or intend to study in the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia only. This **DOES NOT** apply to students in Asia:

Only students studying in the Humanities and Social Sciences are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to students pursuing M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in the fields listed below:

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|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| ➤ Public Health | ➤ Public Policy         | ➤ Education            |
| ➤ Social Policy | ➤ Public Administration | ➤ Environmental Policy |
| ➤ Social Work   | ➤ Economic Policy       | ➤ Law                  |

### REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS ARE INELIGIBLE:

- Business Administration/Management Training
- Computer Science
- Finance/Banking/Marketing
- Engineering
- Hard & Natural Sciences (Physics, Biology, Chemistry, etc.)
- Mathematics
- Medical Science

## Attention Students in India:

For applicants who are studying or intend to study in India, the Supplementary Grant Program Asia gives preference to students pursuing M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in the following fields:

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|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| ➤ Public Health | ➤ Public Policy         | ➤ Education            |
| ➤ Social Policy | ➤ Public Administration | ➤ Environmental Policy |
| ➤ Social Work   | ➤ Economic Policy       | ➤ Law                  |

Please note that distance education (correspondence courses) are not eligible for funding.

For advice and support on applying for and costing of university programs in SE Asian please refer to **[www.myanmarstudyabroad.org](http://www.myanmarstudyabroad.org)** or email [sssmyanmar@gmail.com](mailto:sssmyanmar@gmail.com) or [scholaradvisor@gmail.com](mailto:scholaradvisor@gmail.com)

## Additional Required Information:

Please include one copy of the following documents with your completed application. All official documents must be accompanied by an English translation.

1. A copy of the official letter of admission from the academic institution (if not available, explain why);
2. The official letter informing you of the details of the scholarship or financial aid award (if separate from the above);
3. Copies of your current and all additional academic transcripts (if not available, explain why);
4. Two reference letters: one from an academic advisor (including information on other funds received from your school, if applicable) and the other from a responsible adult (non-family member) who is familiar with your work and potential;
5. Show proof of your Burmese origin;
6. Copy of the identifying pages of your passport or other official I.D. (if no documents are available, please attach a short explanation);
7. Copies of documentation issued by immigration or police authorities (e.g. passport, student visa, humanitarian parole, public interest parole, refugee, etc. If not available, explain why.) **Students in the U.S.: please attach copy of your I-20 or DS-2019 form, if available;**
8. Please include in your application any additional information you feel may be helpful in the evaluation of your case.

**NOTE:** If one or more of the documents mentioned above is missing from your application without good reason or explanation, your application will be disqualified. If you expect a document to become available after you submit your application, please indicate this in your application and send the missing document as soon as it becomes available. Any additional documentation must be received by May 7, 2011 (students in Asia, Australia, New Zealand) and June 13, 2011 (students in Africa, India, Europe and North America.)



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THIS FORM IS FREE AND MAY BE DUPLICATED

- ◆ All information is treated with strict confidence.
- ◆ All questions MUST be answered.
- ◆ All sections must be completed in English.
- ◆ Adobe Reader (v.7 or higher) is strongly recommended for completing this form.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ◆ PERSONAL

Last Name(s) (As they appear on your documents) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s) (As they appear on your documents) \_\_\_\_\_

Aliases \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received financial aid from  
SGP? If yes, when and how much:

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Date of Birth (month/ day / year) \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Group (Karen, Mon, Burman, Chin, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: ☐ single ☐ married\* ☐ separated      Your Gender: ☐ female ☐ male

\*Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### ◆ FAMILY

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Brother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sister's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your parents' address \_\_\_\_\_

### ◆ IMMIGRATION

Are you Still Living in Myanmar? ☐ YES\* (please skip this section) ☐ NO (please complete the rest of this section)

Date of leaving Myanmar \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Arrival in country of residence \_\_\_\_\_

Immigration Status in country of current residence \_\_\_\_\_

*(student visa, legal immigrant, refugee, UNHCR person of concern, etc.)*

### ◆ PRESENT ADDRESS

Number and Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment Number \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_ Address Valid Until \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail #1 \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail #2 \_\_\_\_\_

### ◆ EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please provide information for a friend or family member who lives close to you and who can easily contact you in the event we have a problem or concern.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### ◆ MISCELLANEOUS

Do you have medical insurance? ☐ yes\* ☐ no

\*If yes, give name and address of insurer \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the SGPA? \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Please fill in the blanks in Number 1, Number 2, or Number 3 below. **Do not fill in more than one.**

1. ☐ I have applied to the following university/college: \_\_\_\_\_

I expect to be notified of acceptance by    
month year

2. ☐ I have been accepted to the following university/college: \_\_\_\_\_

3. ☐ I am continuing my studies at the following university/college: \_\_\_\_\_

### ◆ PROGRAM OF STUDY

Name of Course \_\_\_\_\_  
(As it appears in the University Handbook)

State whether your program is: Undergraduate Degree:  You plan to attend:  
Postgraduate Degree:  ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

University/College address \_\_\_\_\_

Where applicable, the name of the school official with whom you have corresponded at the school and their job title:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

The month and year you **began** (if you are a continuing student) or **will begin** (if you are a new student). This question refers to your entire program of study, not only the academic year.

<i>month</i>	<i>year</i>

The month and year you **expect to complete** your course

<i>month</i>	<i>year</i>

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Please list your three most recent educational institutions:

1. Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_

City, Country \_\_\_\_\_ Studied From \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Received \_\_\_\_\_ Studied To \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_

City, Country \_\_\_\_\_ Studied From \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Received \_\_\_\_\_ Studied To \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_

City, Country \_\_\_\_\_ Studied From \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Received \_\_\_\_\_ Studied To \_\_\_\_\_

## PROFICIENCY IN LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

If you have taken the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Exam or any other test of language proficiency in the language of instruction at the school you plan to attend, please include a photocopy of your test results and indicate the following:

Name of Test	Date	Location	Score

If you are studying in the United States, please include any SAT, ACT, MCAT, LSAT, GRE, etc. tests as well.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

All applicants must disclose all other financial support. Failure to comply or false statements will result in immediate disqualification. If the exact figures are not known, please *estimate* your aid.

Eligible candidates may request assistance for tuition, living expenses, medical insurance, books or other academic materials, and transportation to and from the school for the duration of academic year 2010/2011. Costs which were incurred before or will be incurred after this period may not be requested in this scholarship form.

### ♦ WHAT ARE YOUR COSTS?

In this section please show all of the costs related to your study, for the academic year 2011/2012, even if you have already covered some of these costs. You will be asked to show what you have already covered in the next section.

Please Specify a Currency Used for All Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE COSTS HERE

#### 1. Academic Fees

*This includes all the fees that you are required to pay to your school or university. If you have a fee waiver, show the full costs before the waiver is deducted.)*

#### 2. Housing Costs

*This includes rent, electricity and water charges. If you share accommodation, show only your contribution towards the total rent.*

#### 3. Living Expenses

*This includes food, drink, clothing, toiletries, laundry and health costs. If you share these costs, show only your contribution to the total*

#### 4. Other Expenses:

a. Books, stationery and essential equipment

b. Uniform

c. Passport and visa related costs

d. Daily travel to school/college

e. Travel for research /academic assignments

f. Computer Purchase

g. Other (Please Specify)

**Sub Total** (items 4a-4g):

#### 5. TOTAL COSTS (items 1-4):



## ♦ WHAT ASSISTANCE DO YOU ALREADY RECEIVE?

In this section please show all of the financial assistance, assistance in kind (eg free accommodation or food), fee waivers, loans, grants or discounts you expect to have, for the academic year 2011/2012, to help you cover the total costs you have shown in Number 5 above.

**If you cannot show anything in this section your application will be ineligible.**

If you are not yet sure of the financial support that will be available to you please attach a cover letter to explain who you have applied to for funding, how much you have applied for and when you expect to hear the result.

	TYPE COSTS HERE
<b>6. Amount of Scholarship or Sponsorship</b>	
<i>If you do not have a scholarship or sponsorship, leave this blank.</i>	
<b>7. Amount of Fee Waiver</b>	
<i>If you do not have a fee waiver, leave this blank.</i>	
<b>8. Loans &amp; Grants, including state benefits</b>	
<i>If you do not have loans or grants, leave this blank.</i>	
<b>9. Income from Part-Time Work</b>	
<i>If you do not have income from part time work, leave this blank.</i>	
<b>10. Personal Savings</b>	
<i>If you do not have personal savings, leave this blank.</i>	
<b>11. Family Contribution</b>	
<i>If you do not have a family contribution, leave this blank.</i>	
<b>12. TOTAL PROVIDED BY OTHER SOURCES (items 6-11)*</b>	
<i>*This section cannot be blank. You must show that you have some other funds by providing information for some or all of selections 6-11. If this remains zero or blank, your application will be ineligible.</i>	

## ♦ FINAL CALCULATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

This section shows the amount of money you are requesting from the Supplementary Grants Program Asia for the academic year 2010/2011. This is calculated by subtracting the funds that you already have (shown in No. 12) from the total costs for this period (shown in No. 5).

### **13. TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED**

*The amount on line 12 subtracted from the amount on line 5*

## ◆ SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

If you indicated that you will receive a scholarship or a sponsorship in No. 6 above please fill in the following information. Please include a copy scholarship or sponsorship letter that you have with you application.

Name of Sponsor or organization providing the scholarship

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

If you are already studying at university and did not receive a scholarship from the Supplementary Grant Program - Asia last year, please explain how did you support yourself last year? What differences in your financial situation do you expect between last and next year?

Please note that our funds are limited and we do not offer full funding. Please indicate what steps you have taken to obtain additional funding.

## WORK HISTORY

Please include any part time or voluntary work that you have done. Please list the most recent first.

Dates of Employment	Name of Employer	Job Title	Salary

## ESSAYS

Essays should be maximum 250-300 words each. Please confine your essays to the topics outlined below. Applications without *required* essays will be considered incomplete.

**CANDIDATES SUBMITTING IDENTICAL ESSAYS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!**

◆ Applicants for undergraduate study: please submit essays 1, 2, and 3.

◆ Applicants for graduate study: please submit essays 1, 2, and 4.

### ◆ ESSAY #1 - BIOGRAPHY

Tell us about your life in Myanmar, your family, the education you have already received, and the work you have done. Tell us in some detail how you support yourself now. Also, if you have left Myanmar, tell us how you came to be where you are.

## ◆ ESSAY #2 - YOUR COUNTRY

Tell us what you think about current conditions in Myanmar, and Myanmar's current place in the world. If you had an opportunity to work for change in Myanmar, how would you do so? What things would you seek to change, and what would you seek to preserve or develop? Realistically, what could you do to make a difference and help bring these things about?

## ◆ ESSAY #3 - WHAT YOU WANT TO STUDY & WHY

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY:** Tell us what subject you want to study and why. Please explain in detail why you have chosen the university and the program that you are studying, or intend to study. How do you know you have any aptitude for this field of study? Finally, what do you intend to do after you graduate from this program?

#### ◆ ESSAY #4 - ACADEMIC & RESEARCH GOALS

GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY: Why do you want to continue your education? In what program, in what university and why? Tell us why you think you will succeed in graduate study in this field and in this particular program. How did you support your undergraduate education? Was a SGP-Asia grant part of this support? If so, for how many years, and in what amounts?

### **APPLICATION AGREEMENT**

*By filling in the information below, I am indicating that all of the information contained in my application and supporting documents is true and honestly presented.*

Your Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### **READY TO SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENT ?**

For instructions on how to submit this application please refer to page 5 of this document.

INDIA	<a href="mailto:cholwin2000@yahoo.co.in">cholwin2000@yahoo.co.in</a>
THAILAND, AUSTRALIA, and ASIAN COUNTRIES (other than India)	<a href="mailto:sgpamyanmar@gmail.com">sgpamyanmar@gmail.com</a>
NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, and AFRICA	<a href="mailto:sgpa@infoscholar.org">sgpa@infoscholar.org</a>

## APPLICATION DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ A copy of the official letter of admission from the admitting institution (if not available, explain why in a cover letter)
- ☐ Copies of your current and all additional academic transcripts (if not available, explain why)
- ☐ The official letter informing you of the details of the scholarship or financial aid award
- ☐ Copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**students in the U.S. only**)
- ☐ Copies of documentation issued by immigration or police authorities (e.g. humanitarian parole, public interest parole, refugee, student visa, etc.). If not available explain why. Students in the U.S.: please attach copy of your I-20 or DS-2019 form, if available
- ☐ Copy of the identifying pages of your passport or other official I.D. (if no documents are available, please explain why in a cover letter)
- ☐ Two reference letters: one from an academic advisor and the other from a responsible adult, other than a family member, who knows you well.

UNDERGRADUATE ESSAYS	GRADUATE ESSAYS
<input type="checkbox"/> Essay #1 - Biography	<input type="checkbox"/> Essay #1 - Biography
<input type="checkbox"/> Essay #2 - Your Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Essay #2 - Your Country
<input type="checkbox"/> Essay #3 - What You Want to Study & Why	<input type="checkbox"/> Essay #4 - Academic & Research Goals
<input type="checkbox"/> Translations of Essays (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Translations of Essays (if applicable)

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If you would like to apply to more than one university program and be considered for a scholarship for all of your options. Please email [sgpamyanmar@gmail.com](mailto:sgpamyanmar@gmail.com) to request an Additional Option form. Any applicant can apply to be considered for up to three university programs by completing the full application plus two Additional Option forms.