

Q&A

Questions & Answers

What are the skills that the scholars learn at the annual camps?

During the camps, the scholars will take part in workshops on study skills, time management, public speaking, communication skills, critical thinking, project management, and other confidence building activities. In essence, these camps will encourage fellowship among scholars and provide them with specific leadership and living skills that are not taught in schools.

Can a scholar continue to receive the stipend if he/she does not take part in the annual camps?

No.

How will the stipend be paid to the scholars?

Payment is made directly to their bank accounts every three months.

What are the responsibilities of Project Ilham scholars?

They should seek to excel in their studies and display social commitment and responsibility.



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Why?

...some background

Over the last few years, the Standard 6 UPSR performance of Tamil School students – who generally come from disadvantaged backgrounds – has dramatically improved. Almost 600 Tamil School students score straight 7As in their UPSR annually. However, many of these students do not excel academically in secondary schools. Though talented, these children still need guidance and encouragement – hence the need for Project Ilham.

What?

...Project Ilham goals

1. To encourage, recognize and reward academic excellence of Tamil School students.
2. To provide mentoring and role modelling to talented children to set high expectations.
3. To provide leadership and living skills training to talented children, and help them become socially aware and responsible.

Who?

...target audience

Tamil School students who scored 7As in their UPSR from the year 2007 onwards may participate in the project.

Who?

...may become mentors

Anyone who is keen and has the energy to work with highly talented adolescent youth for 5 years may apply to become Project Ilham mentors. All applicants will be interviewed. Those selected will be paired with Project Ilham scholars with the consent of scholars' parents.

Who?

...is behind the project

Project Ilham is organised by the Centre for Community Initiatives, a unit of the Malaysian Community & Education Foundation (MCEF-CCI), with the support of Astro and various local NGOs.

When?

...how long will participants be in the project

Project Ilham scholars will be involved in the project for five years – from Form 1 to Form 5.

How?

...project description

To participate, Tamil School students who meet the 7A criterion must apply to MCEF-CCI by completing the application form along with a personal statement. Once admitted, each Project Ilham scholar will receive a quarterly stipend of RM90 for five years; in return, the scholars are required to:

- submit their exam results every semester to MCEF-CCI, and
- take part in the annual leadership/living skill camps organised regionally.

In addition, each scholar will be paired with a mentor or a local NGO to provide mentoring.

