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Kashmir Education Initiative is a volunteer driven philanthropic organization working in the field of education in Kashmir. We support the education of talented and deserving young men and women who have high potential but lack the resources needed to pursue quality education. We identify these youth and enable their development. We also partner with like-minded organizations around the world to provide opportunities to Kashmiri youth.



Our Vision

Kashmiri youth achieve excellence through quality education

We exist to provide students in Kashmir a supportive environment that promotes discipline, motivation, achievement, and excellence in learning. We enable access to enriching educational opportunities, provide financial assistance to those in need, and sustain a supportive peer and mentor community.

KEI is a non-political non-religious initiative that helps students in Kashmir achieve success through quality education. KEI USA is a registered 501 (c)(3) organization with tax exempt status in the USA. KEI Kashmir is a registered NGO with 80G tax deduction status in India.

Support Our Work

Donate

Our work is entirely funded by contributions from people like you. Your donation is tax exempt. You can donate online, easily and securely at

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Your tax exempt donations can make a real difference in the life of a young student in Kashmir

Get Involved

We invite you to become a part of the growing KEI community and to participate in creating meaningful impact. You can volunteer for or run a project. You can be a mentor to a scholar, sponsor a child, or give us feedback.

Saba is the daughter of a tailor. In spite of difficult circumstances, she ranked 5th in the J&K class 10 exams. She dreams of serving her community by becoming a doctor. Saba received financial aid and mentoring from KEI and is working hard to ace her JKCET exams.*

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Making a difference by promoting quality education in Kashmir



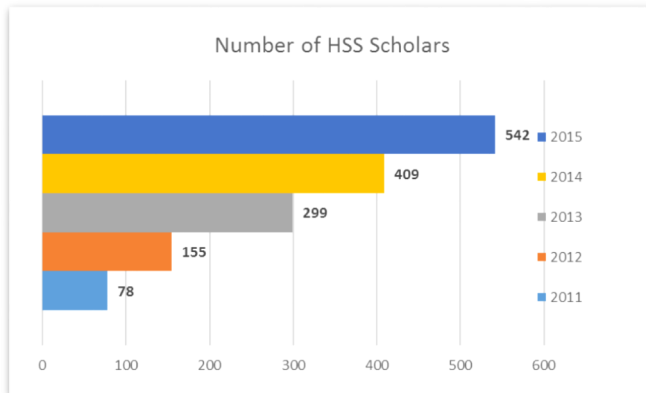
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What We Do

High School Scholarships (HSS)

Our flagship program provides need plus merit scholarships to hundreds of students in grades 9 through 12. The below numbers reflect the excellence achieved by recent KEI scholars:

- 10th grade:
 - ◇ 24 scored above 90%
 - ◇ 7 KEI Scholars were among the top 20 position holders
- 12th grade:
 - ◇ 30% scored above 90%
 - ◇ KEI Scholar achieved 10th place
- Some of our scholars have been selected at prestigious colleges like World United College and SRM College of Aeronautical Engineering.

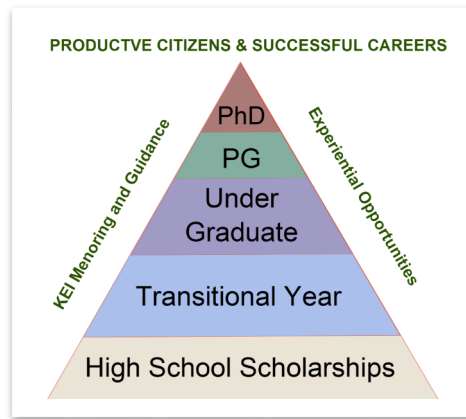


Tariq, the eldest son of a mason from Handwara, is the first in his family to go to a professional college. With KEI's continuous support through TYS and Mentorship programs, he was selected for B.E. at NIT Srinagar.*

Transitional Year Scholarships (TYS)

Through TYS, we provide coaching and counseling to KEI high school scholars for professional college entrance exams. 2015 Data:

- 5 Scholars selected for B.E. at NIT, Srinagar
- 1 selected for Aeronautical Engineering
- 3 Scholars selected for MBBS



Undergraduate Scholarships (UGS)

KEI provides Undergraduate Scholarships to Kashmiri university students. In 2015, 20 Scholars studying in multiple disciplines at various universities in Kashmir received financial support through our UGS program.

Post-Graduate Scholarships (PGS)

Based on merit and means, this scholarship has provided financial support for 18 Masters students undergoing study in varied fields in 2015.

Pre-Doctoral Scholarships (PDS)

PDS funds GRE, TOEFL, and Ph.D. application fees for deserving students: 8 Scholars were awarded this scholarships in 2015.



Saima, daughter of a hard-working laborer, understands that she needs to work hard for a great career. With KEI's support, she trained for entrance exams and is now pursuing B.E. at NIT in Srinagar.*

* Name changed

Our Progress

- Our first pilot supported 12 students. Today, KEI supports more than 600 students across various programs including our largest program - High School Scholarships (HSS).
- We provide our scholars one-on-one mentoring in addition to the much-needed financial support. We are working hard to scale our mentorship program so that all scholars have access to mentors.
- We now support the full academic life cycle of a student - 9th grade to graduate and Ph.D. levels. Different programs (S1S, UGS, PGS, and PDS) address the specific needs of KEI scholars at different stages of their education.
- We provide experiential opportunities. These have included field trips, career panels, and workshops such as a hands-on neuroscience session conducted by a visiting U.S. researcher, and a workshop on journalism and videography with the 1947 Partition Archive.



- We have developed a global support base through awareness campaigns, fundraisers, social media outreach using technology platforms such as Google and Facebook.
- We continue to pilot innovative programs to provide excellent educational and extracurricular opportunities. We intend to undertake more ambitious projects from 'Adopt A School' to growing our summer internship program so that more youth from the USA do summer projects with us in Kashmir.