


Disha

Scholarship Program

Chasing dreams...



 **EY** Foundation



“We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one’s own feet.”

Swami Vivekananda

Enabling the next generation with access to quality education

EYF Disha is the EY Foundation's Scholarship program, which provides financial support and mentoring to academically bright students passing out of Class X until their graduation.

Over the last 15 years, the program has helped change lives of over 10,000 students from underprivileged backgrounds.



Helping students from humble backgrounds

- ✦ Students are from government, low cost private and private schools under economically weaker sections (EWS) quota
- ✦ Residing in any one of the seven locations - Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, *Delhi-NCR and Pune



Making students employment ready

- ✦ Structured career counselling to make informed career choices
- ✦ Training by our employees on pre-defined modules like time management and preparing excel sheets
- ✦ Access to an advanced English Learning app to improve English communication skills



Our employees play an active role

- ✦ One-to-one mentoring and coaching by our people
- ✦ Employees can nominate any number of deserving students meeting the eligibility criteria

*Delhi Chapter started in 2020

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A glimpse into the
success stories of our
distinguished alumni
students from the
EY Foundation (EYF)
Disha Scholarship
program



“ Had it not been for EYF’s support, it would not have been possible to continue my education and I would have started working post my 12th grade. Besides financial help, the constant encouragement from the Foundation team, mock interview sessions and communication skills training played a huge role in my career journey. ”

Arun S.



Educational qualification:

Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics and Communication), Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)



Current organization:

Bharat Vidyaniketan School



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:

The communication skill development training classes during the weekends



“ *Winning the scholarship helped me achieve my academic goals and groomed my personality. Giving back to the society were at the core of our learnings at EYF. I am constantly motivating and helping students for their Company Secretary studies and this provides me immense satisfaction.* ”

Bharana H



Educational qualification:
Company Secretary and Bachelor of Commerce (Finance)



Current organization:
Synopsys India



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
Meeting students from various backgrounds helped me significantly to improve my soft skills



“ Life wasn’t an easy road growing up. My mother was the sole earner of our family and till my 10th grade, we four members stayed in a single room with no electricity. Today, I have a successful career and have received several accolades but none of these achievements would have been possible without the generous support from EYF when I needed it the most. ”

Lakshmi.S



Educational qualification:

Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics and Communication)



Current organization:

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:

Mentoring programs and activities held during the weekends



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I come from a middle-class family, with uneducated parents. My father, the sole earner of the family, had met with a serious accident but recovered slowly. Due to my family conditions, everyone around me thought I would not complete my education, but here I am today because of EYF. ”

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Dr. G. Manju



Educational qualification:
Bachelor of Veterinary Science



Current organization:
Government Veterinary Hospital



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
First meeting with the team of EYF instilled confidence in me.



“ *For me, EYF is my family. The scholarship opened a new world for me, where I had the opportunity to meet and interact with other students. The communication and training sessions on various topics like crisis management, social intelligence and critical thinking; counselling sessions and mock interviews gave us a sense of direction and prepared us for the real working world.* ”

M. Nithiyanandam



Educational qualification:
Bachelor of Computer Applications



Current organization:
HDFC Bank



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
The EYF Graduation ceremony, wherein I participated in a mime show to entertain our seniors



“ *Being inducted into the Scholarship program was a turning point in my life. I was able to continue my studies and accomplish my dreams to be an engineer. The program also helped in developing my personality and later in my journey when I started my own educational trust to help other needy students. The EYF team has always supported, motivated and guided me. I will forever be indebted to my lifelong mentors.*

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R. Devi



Educational qualification:
Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronics)



Current organization:
Friends Educational Trust & Sai Ram Tuition Centre



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
Being awarded for starting an education trust by the EYF team at our graduation ceremony.



“ *Post my 10th grade, I had planned to take up part-time work and join a government college as it would help ease the financial burden for my grandmother. But destiny had other plans. The scholarship and guidance from the EYF team directed me to the right path and helped me achieve my career goals. Many students like me require help and I am working with my school to assist them.* ”

Krishna Murthy Ch



Educational qualification:
Bachelor of Science (Maths, Physics and Computer Science)



Current organization:
Accenture



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
Being selected for the scholarship program and motivational talk by the EYF coordinators



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Growing up was a difficult period for the family. Both my parents were daily wage earners and worked very hard to feed us. Being selected for the Scholarship was a turning point in my life as I was able to pursue studies and accomplish all that I aspired. The Foundation has been a great support all along my journey. Now too, when I am embarking on a new chapter of my career, I know they are always there for any guidance I need.”

*Shirisha
Musirigari*



Educational qualification:

Doctor of Pharmacy

Pursuing Master of Science - awarded Scholarship from Wright State University, Ohio, USA for Master of Science



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:

The EYF coordinators have always been there whenever we needed them.



“ I was born and raised in slums, all our life we have stayed in single room houses so we could bear the educational and household expenses. It was always worrisome to answer questions on my goal for higher studies as I wasn't even sure if I could pursue studies post 10th class. Thanks to EYF which gave me hope to dream, spread my wings and fly high. ”

Yaseen Shareef



Educational qualification:
Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)



Current organization:
Tech Mahindra



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
Prompt responses from the coordinators at the Foundation helping us with our issues related to college, studies or academics. Also, the weekend career guidance sessions from volunteers.



“*There was a time in my life when due to financial crunch my education had almost come to a standstill. Through my headmistress, I was introduced to EYF and from that day it opened a plethora of opportunities for me. I am beyond words to express my gratitude to the Foundation for fulfilling all my academic aspirations.*

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Kankana Paul



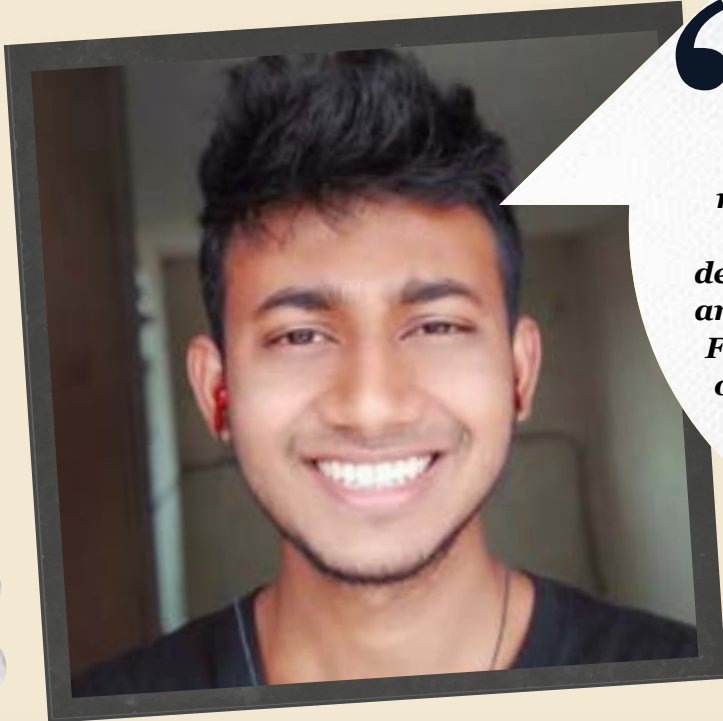
Educational qualification:

Bachelor of Science (Physics), Bachelor and Master of Technology (Radiophysics and Electronics) Pursuing Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from Tyndall National Institute, Ireland



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:

The first time when the EYF coordinator visited our place, my grandmother instantly formed a bond with her as if she was a part of our family.



“ *The most important life skill EYF has taught is ‘to be self-reliant,’ making us future ready. While the financial support was important, the personality development, communication classes and the support of the teachers at the Foundation encouraged me to come out of my comfort zone and realize my true potential.* ”

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Malay Bera



Educational qualification:
Bachelor of Arts (Honors) English, Master of Arts Linguistics



Current organization:
Ashoka University



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
Travelling 60 km (x2) daily to go to college, it was worth the effort!



“
Today, I am able to support my family in Kolkata who are still living in the slums. Life was tough growing up. My father is a roadside fruitseller with meagre earnings and found it extremely difficult to support my education. EYF's financial help and constant guidance from the coordinators helped me overcome the challenges and led to my overall development, personally and professionally.
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Nupur Goswami



Educational qualification:

**Bachelor of Science (Chemistry honors) and Master of Science (Physics)
Pursuing Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay**



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:

The mentoring sessions with the volunteers was informative and very helpful.



“ *EYF has paved the path for my career, and for that I am forever grateful. The coordinators have been a constant support. The personality development classes, career guidance seminars and periodical mentoring by volunteers helped me tremendously.* ”

Sujata S. Bhanavarase



Educational qualification:
Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics and Telecommunication)



Current organization:
Capgemini



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
The spoken English and soft skills development classes provided us an opportunity to learn and master the skills - the time spent during these classes will always be cherished.



“ It was difficult for my father, the sole earning member, to manage the household and schooling expenses of three children. With EYF’s scholarship, life took a different turn. The financial, grooming and emotional support by the Foundation transformed me to become job ready. ”

Prashant D.
Kamble



Educational qualification:
Bachelor of Computer Science



Current organization:
Tech Mahindra



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
Initially, I thought EYF would only provide books but when I received the first scholarship cheque to support me financially, I had tears of joy.



“ *Today, I have a successful career and I recently bought my new house in a decent locality. Providing my parents a better life has been the proudest moment of my life and this was only possible because of the financial support and mentoring provided by EYF.* ”

Vijay Wagh



Educational qualification:
Bachelor of Engineering (Computer)



Current organization:
Barclays



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
The first time I presented fluently and confidently in a Spoken English Class



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The scholarship had multifold benefits – apart from the financial support, the association and interaction with the other students was very beneficial. The mock interview with volunteers helped in confidence building and prepared us for the real interviews.

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Saurabh Agrahari



Educational qualification:
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)



Current organization:
Balkrishna Industries



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
The EYF Graduation ceremony. I remember rushing back from work to attend the event and being with my friends brought back all the memories.



“ The EY Foundation Scholarship program was an anchor for me. It provided a space to communicate and interact openly on any issue which built my confidence and gave me a sense of belonging in the community. ”

*Dr. Supriya
Khandare*



Educational qualification:

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)



Current organization:

Central Hospital for Maternity and Childcare



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:

Being referred to as a doctor while I was studying.



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I lost my mother when I was seven years. She was a teacher at a night school. My father was uneducated, had a drinking issue and worked as a peon in the Indian navy. In 2011, he died of Tuberculosis. Without the financial aid and support of EYF, I would not be what I am today!

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Sanjay Kadam



Educational qualification:
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)



Current organization:
Mahanagar Gas Nigam



Memories from EYF Disha that bring a smile:
Being on the stage several times during the personality development classes strengthened my confidence.

A picture is worth a thousand words





To succeed in life, we need both ability and opportunity, and that's precisely what the Disha Scholarship program seeks to achieve. When we help the young generation get access to higher education and gain employability skills, we help unlock India's true economic potential. Each year, 65% of the scholarships are given to girls, with a view to addressing the challenge of unequal access to education."

R Balachander

Senior Advisor - EY Foundation



EYF Disha provides an opportunity for bright children from underprivileged communities to develop their talents and become self-reliant. Besides providing financial assistance, the program focuses on all round development of each child through soft skills trainings, career counselling, English learning and mentoring. It is heartening to see the students make the most of the available resources and carve a successful career path for themselves.

Ashish Srivastava

Program Director

Meet the team

Our team members across cities working together to support the students in achieving their dreams



Anupriya Biswal
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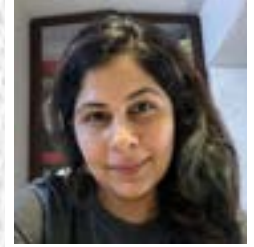
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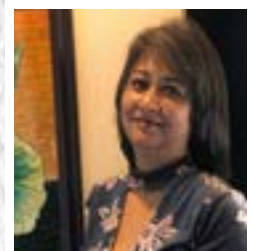
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Contributing to our communities

Established in December 2004, the EY Foundation (EYF) is a not-for-profit organization engaged in community-oriented initiatives. It is committed to making lasting transformations in the community including focusing on working for and working with the less fortunate segment to uplift them.

EYF's initiatives mainly revolve around:



Economically and socially empowering rural women



Enabling access to quality education



Environmental sustainability

The Foundation is also committed to providing aid and relief during times of natural calamities and pandemics like COVID-19.

The organization contributes

0.5% of its revenues,
every year, towards community initiatives



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