



มูลนิธิเพื่อการศึกษาของเด็กในชนบท The Foundation for the Education of Rural Children

The Sponsored Student Program

Your sponsorship donation will make a big difference to the life of a student in Chiang Mai Province, Thailand, by helping this child to stay on in Upper Secondary School for the final 3 years (M4 – M6) and to secure a better job in the future. Your support is not only about money. Your sponsored student will know: “someone believes in me and is investing in my future.” What a very special feeling.



How will my sponsorship help?

In Thailand rural education is free up to the end of grade 9. However, from grade 10 (M4), the government reduces the amount of funding and the family has to pay for the associated costs: school fees, uniform, extra books and stationery, lunches, higher transport costs because the upper secondary schools are far away. Many young people have to leave school and lose the opportunity to study at a university or get any further education.

Your sponsorship will enable a student to graduate and go on to have a better quality of life in the future. FERC scholarships change lives, not only for the students but also for their family and often their entire community.

How do I contribute my sponsorship donation?

When you commit to a sponsorship with FERC, you can pay your sponsorship money as a lump sum or annually. Regrettably, we cannot accept monthly payments because we do not have the human resources to monitor such an arrangement. The sponsorship money is deemed to be a donation and is therefore not refundable.

You can either pay:

In Thai Baht (or equivalent in your currency): 12,000 per year or preferably a lump sum of 36,000 for the entire 3 years.

This is how you can pay:

Via an ATM or online bank transfer in Thailand or Switzerland;

Or an international bank transfer from another country to our bank in Thailand or Switzerland; it is imperative that you send a copy of the transfer slip/ deposit slip or, a screenshot of transfer/deposit, date, and your name to treasurer@fercthailand.com.

A donation through, Myriad USA (for USA taxpayers) or Myriad AUS (for Australian taxpayers), see <https://fercthailand.org/how-to-donate/#USA-Australia>.

The FERC Thailand bank details for the SSP account

Bangkok Bank

Name of Account: F.E.R.C., SSP Acct. No. 531-092403-9.

Branch: 125 Changphuak Rd, T. Si Phum, A. Mueang, Chiang Mai 50200 (Please note: Banks in Thailand do not have an IBAN number)

The FERC Switzerland bank details

Basellandschaftliche Kantonalbank, Liestal

IBAN CH88 0076 9439 7745 4200 1

Känelmattstrasse 43, 4422 Arisdorf, Suisse

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Is my contribution tax deductible?

Yes.

If you are an individual or business with a Thailand Tax ID Number, your donations may be tax deductible.

If you are a US or AUS citizen and a taxpayer, your donation is tax deductible through our affiliation agreement with Myriad USA or Myriad AUS.

If you pay to our Swiss account and are a taxpayer in Switzerland your donations are tax deductible. The same may apply to some European countries.



Can the cost of sponsorship rise?

No. Existing sponsorships are not affected by this. In such a case, you may of course adjust your sponsorship donation accordingly on a voluntary basis.

How are students allocated?

The coordinator of the ‘Sponsored Student Program (SSP)’ retains the right to decide on the allocation of a student to the sponsor.

What can I expect from my sponsorship?

We will keep you up to date on the progress and future plans of your sponsored student.

As a sponsor, you will automatically be added to the newsletter mailing list. The newsletter informs you about the current plans, news and activities of FERC.

Can I write to the student?

Yes, but only with the student’s consent to pass on contact details. Communication will be handled in writing via the school. Out of respect for the students and their families, we ask you to avoid topics such as politics, religion and intimacy. We encourage the students to respond to their sponsors. However, due to a lack of English language skills, communication is difficult for many.

Can I visit the student independently?

No. We do not encourage individual contact with the students.

Ongoing Support

When you plan on supporting your student through further education (e.g. university), we will gladly establish contact starting from end of school year 11 (M5)

Can I give presents to the student?

Gifts should be for the group so that the student can share them.

Will all my donation be used to help the student?

Yes!

What if the student does not complete the full three years?

The FERC Board reserves the right to allocate any remaining funds to another student approved by the Selection Committee. We will of course inform the sponsor in such a case.

Am I under any obligation?

The duration of your commitment is 3 years. However, we understand that circumstances may change. If you are unable to continue the sponsorship for the full duration, FERC will step in and assume the remaining financial responsibility.

How can I leave a lasting legacy?

For data protection reasons it is not possible to leave a gift in your will to your sponsored student. You can, however, leave a gift to FERC. This will help us to continue our sponsorship program and support generations in the future. To ensure that FERC is able to honor your wishes, the wording of your will is important. Please seek legal advice on this matter.

Child Protection Policy

The ECPAT International Child Protection Policy guides the FERC Board. For more information please go to: www.ecpat.net.

For sponsorships and further information please contact:

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