



Belize Education Project is Seeking Sponsors

The Belize Education Project (BEP) is a Colorado-based non-profit organization whose mission is to improve literacy and education in the Cayo District of Belize. Founded in 2007, BEP strives to achieve our mission by providing needed books, supplies, and high school scholarships for students as well as continuing education for teachers. Currently we are sponsoring 53 high school students with the generous donations of 39 sponsors.

When you join the Belize Education Project as a Sponsor...

Your generosity will change the life of someone you may never meet, and with whom you may have nothing in common except your humanity. We look forward to working with you to support high school education for students in Belize. Following is helpful information about the BEP Scholarship Program and your sponsorship.

Selection of student scholars: We have developed a fair and rigorous process to ensure selection of students who demonstrate financial need, leadership, and a likelihood of success in high school. Every application is reviewed and scored by at least three Board members and three members of the scholarship committee. The number of scholarships available is dependent on the number of financial donors/sponsors each year. The selection process ensures that every primary school we work with in Belize has at least one student scholar per year.

What your donation covers: When you sponsor a student, your donation covers tuition, fees, books and uniforms. It does not cover transportation to or from school. Students and families have strict instructions not to ask sponsors for additional money for any purpose – doing so will result in the loss of their scholarship. Please do not offer any additional financial support to your student or family. Our hope is that you commit to sponsoring your student for the full four years of their high school education.

The sponsorship fee is \$800 per year for each student that you sponsor. We would like to have the first half (\$400) of your donation prior to the start of the school year in September, and the remainder by November, or make monthly payments. The money is sent directly to Eden High School, it is not dispersed to the students or their families. You will receive a receipt for your donation(s) in December for income tax purposes.

Communication with students: We try to get an email address, Whatsapp or Facebook contact for all students. We encourage you to establish communication with your student and offer encouragement, support and congratulations for their accomplishments. Students are expected to communicate with sponsors at least twice a year. Some students do not have an electronic contact method and will write letters instead.

Sponsor Opportunities

- Communicate with your BEP student via email, Facebook and/or Whatsapp.
- Travel to Belize in May/June for the Eden High School graduation.
- Participate on teacher trip in October to work at Belizean schools with their teachers, distribute school supplies and kick off the school year.
- There will be additional opportunities during the year to collect and pack school supplies, participate in fundraisers, and meet visiting teachers from Belize.
- Please help us recruit new sponsors!

Please visit the BEP Scholarship Team Website: www.bepscholarships.org

For scholarship questions, please contact Rebecca Knight, rknightruzicka@gmail.com or Donna Duffy, donnakduffy@gmail.com

Welcome to BEP!