

Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of USA

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FAQs: School Sponsorship Increase from \$365 to \$500 starting January 20, 2025

Less than \$10 a week

For the bright futures we seek

Why has the sponsorship amount increased?

This is the first increase in 24 years. Rising costs of resources, teacher support, and maintaining the quality of education have made this adjustment necessary to continue transforming the lives of children and communities.

What does my sponsorship cover?

Your sponsorship funds one Ekal school for an entire year, supporting teacher salaries, basic learning materials, community programs, and initiatives to empower rural children with holistic education.

How was the new amount of \$500 decided?

After a thorough review of operational expenses and future needs, we determined \$500 ensures we can sustain and enhance the quality of our services without compromising on our mission.

Will this increase impact the number of schools or students supported?

The increase allows us to maintain and expand our impact. With your continued support, we can sustain existing schools and reach even more underserved villages.

How does this change compare to inflation over the past 24 years?

Despite inflation and rising operational costs, we've maintained the same sponsorship amount since our inception. This adjustment ensures we can bridge the gap without compromising on the quality of our programs.

Are there additional ways to support Ekal beyond the \$500 sponsorship?

Absolutely! You can sponsor multiple schools, contribute to special projects like digital education initiatives, or make general donations to support Ekal's mission.

Will my existing sponsorships at \$365 still be honored?

The new sponsorship rate applies to renewals and new sponsorships moving forward. Existing commitments will remain as agreed until renewal.



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Is the sponsorship amount tax-deductible?

Yes, donations to Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation are tax-deductible as per applicable laws. Please consult your tax advisor for specific guidance.

How can I renew or upgrade my sponsorship?

You can renew or upgrade your sponsorship by visiting our website at Ekal.org or contacting us directly at: (281) 668-5982 or email us at ekalusa@ekal.org.

Has Ekal India also increased its school costs?

Yes, Ekal India has raised school costs by 50% in recent years due to similar financial pressures.

Will the donation amount remain stable after this increase?

We aim to maintain a consistent donation amount in the U.S. for the foreseeable future. However, rising costs may necessitate adjustments in the years ahead.

Who can I contact for more questions?

Feel free to reach out to our team at (281) 668-5982 or email us at ekalusa@ekal.org. We're happy to assist with any questions you may have.

