

# SHWAPNOJATRA - A Need Based Education Support for Poor Students

## Student Selection Policy

### **Introduction:**

Bangladesh is now in the arena of development but still the rate of dropout in the education sector is concerning. According to Bangladesh Education Statistics (2018), 18.6% students dropped out before completing their Primary Level and gradually 37.62% and 19.63% students dropped out before completing their Secondary and Higher Secondary Level. Students often dropout from education because of financial incapability of their parents. As a result they chose a hazardous life and engage risky works – child labor and offensive activities. Concerning this situation, Mr. Arif Sikder, Executive Director of Ambala Foundation initiated this program “SHWAPNOJATRA” on 2017.

### **Goals**

- To contribute the sustainable development goals as well as the government’s strategic plans through providing support in education. It aims to support poor students to continue their education from primary to higher level of education.

### **Objectives**

- Provide need based educational support for poor students from primary level to till the end of their educational journey
- Create a sustainable educational model for the betterment of poor students
- Linkage development for professional engagement and sustainability

### **Targeted Groups**

- Poor Meritorious students from any part if Bangladesh

### **Working Area**

- Initially from all working areas of Ambala Foundation

### **Type of Support**

- Provide need based education support for all students
- Mainly supported - Session, Tuition and Examination fee; Book, Khata, Pen/Pencil, School Uniform, Tiffin and Transportation

## Minimum Qualification for Selection

- From Class 5 to Masters, Any students can apply for this support
- Students who are unable to bear educational expenses due to family crisis
- Initially family will be within working areas of Ambala Foundation
- Eligible children of Ambala Foundation staffs can also apply
- Beneficiary of Ambala Foundation - Micro-finance program well get priority for this educational support



## Selection Criteria

- Poor Family
- Death of a Guardians (Father)
- Ethnic or Marginalized Communities (Women, Fisher-folk, Dalit, Autistic, Hindu, Sex Worker)
- Beneficiary of Ambala Micro-finance Program
- Hard-core poor family from Ambala Micro-finance working areas
- Staff members of Ambala Foundation