

ABOUT AMMA FOUNDATION

Background

In September 1975, fifteen good Samaritans of the Malayalee community met and discussed ways and means of uplifting the general economic status of the community in Malaysia in the long term. They agreed that one of the most tangible ways would be to upgrade the educational level of our young people at universities and colleges and that a fund be created to provide interest free loans.

This proposal was tabled and discussed by the Delegates Conference of the All Malaysia Malayalee Association (AMMA) in October 1975 where it was unanimously accepted. Much hard work, discussion and study followed in order to identify the optimum method to raise and operate such a fund.

Our Achievements

The AMMA Foundation (formerly known as AMMA Education Foundation) is now more than thirty years in existence. To-date, we have provided loans / financial assistance to more than 150 students, in excess of RM 1,900,000. We have also given out Excellence awards to high achievers in SPM examinations, since Year 2007, to more than 268 students amounting to about RM 212,500.

Our achievements will not have been possible without the availability of funds which is made up of fees we had collected from members, donations from well-wishers and a grant from the Malaysian Government. However, as we reflect back on these proud achievements, we also need to focus on how we are going to continue and sustain this good work of the AMMA Foundation (AF).

The positive efforts that are being undertaken by AF and the impact it has created are valued and recognized, and the result is that we are today, being overwhelmed with loan applications from students pursuing tertiary education both locally and overseas. All of the applicants are financially challenged and we endeavour to reach out to every student, provided they meet the qualification criteria based on grades, family background and the immediate needs of the family.

Currently our running costs is as follows :-

- a) Monthly administrative expenses which include staff salaries, office rentals and other miscellaneous costs (amounts to RM 15,000/- monthly)
- b) Provision for interest free loans to Loan applicants (amounts to RM 650,000/- annually)
- c) Repayment of loans from students who have completed their students and are employed (RM 45,000/- annually) (repayment at RM 200-RM 400 monthly per student))

SPECIFIC PROJECTS

1. AMMA Learning Centre (ALC)-A Learning Centre Dedicated To Underprivileged Children

The ALC will be a non-profit educational service project managed by AMMA Foundation through private donations and funding. This free tuition centre for Primary and Secondary school students, will provide educational opportunities to service underprivileged children to change their future through education. The ALC will be manned by dedicated volunteer tutors and its mission is to render service to low-income families through educational enhancement programs for their school going children. The Foundation wants to make this ambitious project a reality and it is hoping to reach out to well-wishers and donors to fund the operations and overheads of the Centre. Our project cost estimate is RM 250,000 annually.

2. AMMA Foundation Education Symposium

An education forum that includes a full-day program for school leavers to know more about available opportunities and fields of study to focus upon for higher education. The highlight of the event will be the AF Excellence Awards for SPM high achievers and top CEOs talk on leadership and success stories. Our project cost is estimate is RM 100,000 annually.

Your Support is Vital

The AF is managed by a Board of Directors, who voluntarily contribute their time and effort to ensure that the goals and objectives are met. We are committed to the cause and are prepared to labour that extra mile. However, we are unable to do this alone and require the support of our generous community / our helpful public.

It is unfortunate that the AF currently does not have a source to provide us with a recurring income to support its needs. Although this is being actively explored and plans are slowly being put in place, until this materialises, we need to look at ways and means to collect the much needed funds.

We would like to reach out to each and every Malayalee and appeal to them to contribute towards the AMMA Foundation. We need your help. Our target groups are as follows:

- a. Reinvestment of a minimum of RM 1,000/- and above from all our current members.
- b. New membership from immediate family members of our existing members who are gainfully employed.
- c. New members including loan applicants who have completed their studies.
- d. Donations from well-wishers of minimum RM 100.

The students of today are the pillars of tomorrow and we are proud to be part of the vehicle that is driving it. We would like you to be together with us in this venture. We sincerely hope and would like to urge you to come forward and help us and the community at large.

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