

Announcing 9th Annual Sophia Scholarship Award

Sophia Scholarship is pleased to announce the recipients of the **Year 2007 9th Annual Scholarship Awards**. This year Sophia is awarding a total of 15 scholarships to academically outstanding and financially deserving students, 8 in Engineering and 7 in Medical. Sophia is very glad to announce that 3 of the 8 Engineering and 1 of the 7 Medical Scholarships is made possible by generous contributors from India thorough Sophia India organization. It is also very gratifying to note that one of the Sophia India Scholarships is made possible by one Sophia Alumnus, Hari Prasad Krishnamoorthy, who graduated with Sophia Scholarship, is well placed and wants to contribute to Sophia. He mobilized the support of his classmates from MIT, Chennai (MITIANS) to make it possible with a commitment for the entire amount for one scholarship for 4 years. The Board and the Advisory Committee would like to thank all the donors for their generous contributions to enable us to give record 15 scholarships

Sophia is pleased to announce that effective 2007, all new scholarship awards have been increased to \$2500 for engineering and \$2800 for medicine, in view of the fall in value of U.S. dollars. Annual disbursements will be \$700 for the first year, \$600 for the next three years and for medical only \$300 for the fifth year.

Advertisement calling for Scholarship was published in the Sophia Web Site and in “The Hindu” dated September 23, 2007. We received an overwhelming response of 461 applications (Medicine 79, Engineering 382) from all over the country, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, , Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Pondicherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu Uttar Pradesh, Uttarkhand, and West Bengal. The Advisory Committee reviewed all the applications based on Merit, Financial Resource of the Parents and other eligibility criteria outlined in the application forms. The committee recommended a list of candidates for the Award. Sophia Board of Directors reviewed the Advisory Committee recommendations and unanimously approved the selection.

Sophia Board and the Advisory Committee would like to congratulate all the recipients of Year 2007 9th Annual Sophia Scholarship Awards. Sophia would also like to thank all those who applied for the scholarship and were not selected. We wish them the very Best in their educational endeavors .

All the selected Scholars have been intimated and the awards will be distributed at a special ceremony in Chennai in mid February 2008. The Scholarships will substantially cover tuition, boarding and lodging costs for the entire length of the Degree Program

Names of Candidates who received the Sophia Merit Scholarship Awards for 2007

Engineering:

| | Name | Institution Studying |
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| 1 | Mr.G.Srinivas | Koneru, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh |
| 2 | Mr.T.Srinivas | Osmania University, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh |
| 3 | Ms.V.Roopa | Sidda Ganga, Tumkur, Karnataka |
| 4 | Ms.N.Shwetha | B.M.Sreenivassiah College, Karnataka |
| 5 | Mr.D.M.Ramprakash | Pondicherri.Engg College, Puducherry |
| 6 | Mr.O.T.Pari | Panimalar, Tamil Nadu |
| 7 | Mr.R.Bharathy | Anna University , Chennai, Tamil Nadu |
| 8 | Mr.S.K.Nasir | Jadavpur University, West Bengal |

Medical:

| | Name | |
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| 1 | Mr.E.G.Iyyappan | Madras Medical College, Chennai |
| 2 | Mr.S.Mahesh | Madras Medical College, Chennai |
| 3 | Ms.Gayatri | Madras Medical College, Chennai |
| 4 | Mr.N.Sailesh Kumar | Maharaja Institute, Andhrapradesh |
| 5 | Mr.Vivek Kumar | Sardar Patel, Bikaner, Rajastan |
| 6 | Mr.B.Biswajit | Govt.Medical, Kolkatta, West Bengal |
| 7 | Mr. M.Govindaraju | Madras Medical College, Chennai |