

Pearl of Prosperity Scholarship Fund 2016: Feedback

Applicant

- I applied for a scholarship, did not make the shortlist, but with the grace of you guys I got a non-official scholarship. Thank all of you again. Words will never be able to say thank you enough. The Scholarship fund is a wonderful Idea
- I have been trying to get through myself, honestly...but no luck...then a good and generous friend of mine actually helped me out in being able to coming there anyway... I really think the idea is amazing and obviously just has started to blossom...and that is the most important and the most wonderful thing...that actually in this community people care and help
- I believe that the people who received funds were the ones called to and I trust in the flow of how everything played out. In doing so, I created my own magic. A stranger to the Gene Keys came to my study group at the beginning of May and found out I needed money to travel to Scotland. He provided my way.

Donor

- I loved that it happened, that you took this initiative together, that because of you, some wonderful people who wouldn't have been able to come to the retreat were able to bless us with their presence.
- I believe it was a wonderful, beautiful program that benefitted all involved - the donors, recipients, and the allocators of the funds ... with lessons and blessings for each person.
- I think it was a great idea to have this application process as a model for future GK scholarship projects--- congratulations on this first endeavor and your hard work through the crowdfunding, which is a good choice!
- As a donor it was lovely to know that valued and eager members were able to attend where otherwise unable.
- To witness the sharing of scholars post retreat was beautiful.
- There is nothing else I have to offer other than how lovely it is to see community far and wide come together for those so deserving and able to create real, lasting change on a global scale and beyond :)
- I felt the community wasn't as engaged as they could have been. I'm not sure why this was so. Still with the Channel of Community and GK 45 in my chart, I felt a clear disconnect between the request to support the fund and the support of the community as a whole.
- I don't have any possible improvements and only want to say how beautifully you shared the opportunity to contribute to the fund with us. As Marshall Rosenberg said: If you can do it with the feeling of the pleasure of feeding a duck - this is the way to give when you're asked for something.

Scholar

- I am immensely grateful... My personal experience was that the process was transparent, open to feedback, and dealt correctly with the delicate issues of privacy. I felt that there was a right balance of transparency and privacy - I felt safe in the process.
- I could not fault one thing about the process at all. The way things were dealt with and handled seemed so effortless from this end ... my experience was that of ease, which just gave me so much confidence going into the event that I was meant to be there, but also deserved to be there which was massive for me
- It was well popularized through our community; it was even translated in different languages. I received on time exactly the amount of money that I needed to come to the event. It's hard to put into words the feeling of happiness and how this empowered me, to be there with my beloved gene keys community and to receive this powerful transmission!

Scholarship Fund Organizing Trinity

- I feel deeply touched by the whole process, the generosity, the gratitude, the support, the constructive feedback - and I can't even begin to express how much I personally learned and received on so many levels, not least by the deep connection of trust and mutual support in our trinity. The whole journey was filled with grace.
- The experience of serving was both a great honor and hugely transforming for me on many levels. We were able to explore and utilize the Ideals of our Gene Keys transmission, including powerful teamwork both in our trinity and with all involved
- Hearing feedback from all who were enabled to go to Findhorn about what the experience has meant for them is the best gift of all!

Selection Panel

- It was a beautiful experience to both witness and be part of. From the very beginning, everything was carried out in a most loving, transparent and professional way. Because of this, because the ground work was solid and informative for all, both donating and being part of the selection panel was an inspiring experience
- I was also part of the panel ... I found it also bewitching smooth and intuitively guided. And that reinforces my trust to approach those kind of things without too much predefined rules or exclusiveness in any direction.
- I loved being on the selection panel. It was intimate and joyful and wonderful to experience how in tune we all were. I would be very willing to participate in any similar process in the future.
- The selection process was very easy, as we reached consensus very quickly. Each of us had very little agenda on who would go, so the decisions arose naturally.

For The Future

- Maybe it would be useful to write down and synthesize the lessons of the process, so that we can build on it as a community next time.
- My recommendation for the future is to try to help more to those who REALLY cannot pay for it. Many times, someone coming from a so-called "richer country" has less financial resources than some people coming from a less rich countries, who has more financial resources...
- A thought would be to have 2 categories of scholarships from the fund. Let's say 70% of the money goes to just a few people who really could benefit from the bursary but cannot afford what they need otherwise at all. And the other 30% I feel could go to partial subsidies ... most of the effort can still go to helping fully those who really would benefit but cannot otherwise attend whatever program it happens to be, but also encourage quite a few of the ones who just need that extra push and grace
- Would like/enjoy reading comments/ hearing audio/seeing video clips from those that did participate to get a better sense of what it's all about to different people. Be good to see the fund more fully and feel drawn into the story, purpose and benefits of it from those that have started/participated
- Going forward, we should pay attention to whom we have given to in the past, and give first priority to those who have not received funding before... consideration for those who are actively promoting the Gene Keys work in the world, and who are financially challenged should continue to be a priority as well.
- My idea for expansion of the fundraising project is to get some products involved so that we give to people who donate something beautiful and useful!
- Be aware of the time and cost of administering the awards to successful applicants after selection is made. Allow three clear months between award decision and event, if possible. so scholars have time for confirming travel and other booking arrangements.
- Consider an internal crowd-funding platform for the Gene Keys community that may save on costs
- Keep looking for cheapest and easiest ways to transmit funds internationally