# Education Global Senate (EGS) - Grant Proposal Guidelines and Procedure

Education Global Senate (EGS) is a non-profit organization founded by the Nepali diaspora in the United States of America (USA) with a profound commitment to transforming the lives of underprivileged children in Nepal through the power of education. Education Global Senate is not only addressing the immediate educational needs of underprivileged children but also laying the groundwork for a future where education serves as the catalyst for individual and national transformation. Recognizing the critical role that education plays in breaking the cycle of poverty and fostering the realization of the potential of underprivileged children, EGS has established an Educational Endowment Fund supported by the generous contributions of its members (Senators). This fund is dedicated to achieving several key objectives:

1. *Empowering Underprivileged Children Through Education:* EGS is focused on providing access to quality education for children in the most remote and marginalized regions of Nepal. By bridging the educational divide, EGS seeks to empower these children with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities necessary to rise above their circumstances and shape a brighter future.

2. *Preparing the Torchbearers of a Progressive Future:* The organization aims to cultivate the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and innovators who will drive Nepal towards a progressive and prosperous future. Through education, EGS is committed to nurturing the potential within each child, enabling them to become the torchbearers of positive change in their communities and beyond.

3. *Contributing to Nation-Building:* SGS views education as a cornerstone of nation-building. By investing in the education of underprivileged children, the organization is contributing to the development of a knowledgeable and skilled workforce that will play a pivotal role in every aspect of Nepal's growth and development. EGS's efforts are rooted in the belief that educated citizens are the foundation of a strong and resilient nation.

4. *Giving Back to the Motherland:* The establishment of EGS is driven by a deep sense of responsibility and gratitude towards Nepal, the motherland of the diaspora Nepali community. The organization's efforts are a testament to the diaspora community's unwavering commitment to giving back and ensuring that future generations of Nepalis have the tools and opportunities to thrive.

# 1. Grant Application Procedure

## Application Submission

*Deadline:* All grant proposals must be submitted by April 31st of each year.

*Submission Method:* Proposals should be sent electronically to goupreti@gmail.com

and submitted through our official email samataglobalsenate@gmail.com.

*Evaluation Process*: The Grant Review Committee will thoroughly evaluate all submitted proposals by June based on predefined criteria, including relevance to priority areas, sustainability, and impact potential.

*Recommendation:* Evaluated proposals will be forwarded with recommendations to the Executive Committee by the end of June.

## Funding Limit and Approval

*July:* Final approval will be granted during the General Assembly Meeting held in July.

*Funding Limit:* The Education Global Senate offers grants of up to $5,000 USD. Grant request proposals exceeding this amount will not be considered for funding.

*Fund Disbursement:* Approved funds will be transferred to the respective institutions within two weeks following the General Assembly approval.

## Reporting and Accountability:

*Progress Report:* Grant recipients must submit a detailed progress report within six months of fund receipt.

*Final Report:* A comprehensive final report, including financial statements and impact assessment, is required within one year of fund utilization.

*Documentation:* All reports should include photographic evidence and testimonials demonstrating the program's impact.

*Future Eligibility:* Failure to submit required reports will result in ineligibility for future grants.

## 2. Funding Priorities and Eligibility

At Education Global Senate, we are committed to empowering students in resource-poor and underserved middle and high schools by enhancing educational quality and promoting holistic development. We believe in collaborative efforts involving local governments, school management board, parents, none-governmental organizations (NGOs), and businesses community to create sustainable and impactful educational programs. While public schools remain the primary focus for grant funding from the Education Global Senate, the Senate also extends its support to NGOs that have demonstrated exceptional work in empowering underprivileged children through education. We do not fund regular operational costs of the schools such as building rent, teacher salaries, student fees, and routine school supplies. Our focus is on supporting programs that offer long-term benefits and do not create dependency but instead build capacity and sustainability within the educational ecosystem. We prioritize funding for innovative and sustainable programs in the following areas:

### 1. Digital Literacy and Access

*Digital Literacy Programs:* Initiatives that equip students and teachers with essential digital skills to thrive in a technology-driven world.

*Digital Libraries:* Establishment and enhancement of digital libraries to provide students with access to a wide range of educational resources.

*Internet Access and Infrastructure:* Projects aimed at improving internet connectivity within schools to facilitate online learning and access to global knowledge bases.

*Online Lectures and E-Learning Platforms:* Development and integration of online educational content to supplement traditional teaching methods.

### 2. Educational Resource Enhancement

*Access to Educational Materials:* Provision of textbooks, learning aids, and educational software to support curriculum delivery.

*Teacher Capacity Building:* Training and professional development programs for teachers to improve instructional methodologies, especially in utilizing digital tools effectively.

### 3. Extracurricular Activities

*Academic Competitions:* Organizing quizzes, speech contests, and debates to foster critical thinking and communication skills.

*Arts and Culture Programs:* Initiatives that encourage participation in music, art, drama, and cultural activities to promote creativity and cultural awareness.

*Sports and Physical Education:* Development of sports facilities and programs to support physical health and teamwork skills.

### 4. Nutritional and Health Programs

*Nutritional Support:* Implementation of meal programs to address food insecurity and improve students' concentration and overall health.

*Health and Hygiene Education:* Workshops and resources promoting proper hygiene practices and overall wellness.

### 5. Emotional Intelligence and Counseling

*Emotional Well-being Programs:* Counseling services and workshops focused on developing emotional intelligence, resilience, and coping strategies.

*Mental Health Awareness:* Initiatives that create supportive environments and reduce stigma around mental health issues among students.

*Special Educational Needs (SEN*): Children with significant learning disabilities may benefit from special education classrooms, where teachers provide more individualized attention using different instructional strategies and therapies suited to children with developmental challenges.

### 6. Community Engagement and Resource Mobilization

*Local Resource Identification:* Programs that train schools to identify and mobilize local resources and partnerships for sustained support.

*Parental and Community Involvement:* Efforts to increase active participation from parents and community members in school activities and decision-making processes.

## 3. Required Documents for Proposal Submission

Applicants must include the following documents with their proposal:

1. ***Comprehensive Proposal Document with following breakdown.***

   *Executive Summary:* Brief overview of the project objectives and expected outcomes.

   *Needs Assessment:* Detailed explanation of the current challenges and how the proposed project addresses them.

   *Project Plan:* Clear outline of activities, timelines, and methodologies.

   *Budget Breakdown:* Detailed financial plan indicating total required funds, contributions from local sources, and the specific amount requested from Global Samata Senate.

*Sustainability Plan:* Explanation of how the project will continue to benefit students beyond the grant period.

*Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy:* Description of how the project's progress and impact will be measured and reported.

2. ***Official Application Letter:***

Signed by the School Principal and endorsed by relevant authorities.

*School Management Committee Approval:* School Management Committee endorsing the project proposal.

*Legal and Registration Documents:* For public schools, certified copy of the school's registration certificate by the local government.

*Social Welfare Council Approval:* For None-governmental organizations (NGOs), approval letter from the Social Welfare Council permitting the agency/school to receive international grants.

*Bank Account Details:* Official bank accounts information of the schools, NGOs for fund transfer purposes

*3. Helpful Supplementary Documents but not mandatory*

*Support Letters:* Any letters of support from community leaders, local businesses, or partner organizations.

*Previous Project Reports:* If applicable, reports from previously implemented projects demonstrating the school's capacity to execute and manage programs effectively.

*Additional Information:* Any other documents or information requested by the Global Samata Senate during the evaluation process.

# 4. Reporting Consent

By submitting a proposal, applicants consent to the use of submitted reports, content, and photographs by Education Global Senate for fundraising and promotional activities. No additional claims or objections regarding this usage will be entertained.