



## Higher Professional Training Scholarships For Tibetan Women

**Project Summary:** "Education can be the difference between a life of poverty and the potential for fulfilling and secure one". Recognizing that women are under-represented in healthcare and education in the Tibetan regions of P.R. China; Tibetan Healing Fund believes that access to higher education is essential for Tibetan women to play a constructive role in the development of the Tibetan culture and society. Tibetan Healing Fund will provide postgraduate and medical school scholarships to disadvantaged Tibetan women with an opportunity to further their professional knowledge, skills and development in health and education.

### Project Goals:

- ❖ Scholarships provide Tibetan women the opportunity to pursue postgraduate studies leading to a master's degree in education .i.e. administration, curriculum design, teaching training, bilingual education and child development.
- ❖ Scholarships are offered to carry out medical school in obstetrician, gynecology and pediatrics in Tibetan medicine.
- ❖ Scholarships are given to Tibetan women to study in Public Health, particularly Maternal and Child Health Care.

### Project Need and Beneficiaries:

Tibetan women from disadvantaged and rural backgrounds selected on the basis of merit, intellectual excellence combine with leadership, involvement, character, financial need, intended academic program and commitment to work for healthcare, education and development.

### Project Activities:

The need for women and girls' participation in education at all levels has been identified as one of the most significant challenges facing Tibet. Educating women brings important benefits to the broader community and has a positive impact on a wide range of development goals. Scholarships that target women have long been recognized as an effective approach in addressing gender equality and eradicating poverty. By providing opportunities for Tibetan women to study at postgraduate level and medical school, these scholarships aim to empower women and to equip them to take up leadership positions in order to have a direct impact in the communities and regions in which they live.

The scholarships will provide opportunities for female students to learn and specialize in obstetrician, gynecology and pediatrics in Tibetan medicine, such professions are relatively new in Tibetan society. It is culturally appropriate for women to seek health services from female doctors but few Tibetan women have the financial opportunities to pursue an advanced medical degree.

### Long-term Impact:

Tibetan Healing Fund's long term goal is to empower a new generation of talented women to assume a leadership role in health and education and their application to development in order to maximize the positive impact for communities in the region. Women pursuing master's degree in education and medical school will increase the number of highly skilled Tibetan women, who invest their training, research and professional abilities into improving the health, education and development for Tibetans in P.R. China.

### Timeline:

Financial scholarships will be dispersed to schools and/or students twice yearly, in September and March.