

Community Service Internship Program



DUAL BENEFITS

Financial award to continue their studies of higher education

Develop professional skills by working for local community development projects

What is CSIP?

CSIP is a dual beneficial educational and community development program.

Among the 3 million migrant workers residing in Thailand, mostly from Myanmar, 70 percent of the population are youth. Despite various pressures including long working hours, discrimination, and limitations for development, a number of young migrants overcome these challenges to continue their education. They struggle under a marginalized migrant identity but strive for education and aspire to change their communities. These youth are potential community leaders but face a steep education journey due to financial barriers. BEAM Education Foundation developed the idea of CSIP to fulfill their dual goals of completing their education and working in the community. CSIP will assist youth to engage in community development activities, while supporting their basic financial need to continue their higher education.

How does it work?

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RECRUITMENT

Migrant youth with limited resources, aspiration, and relevant skills will be selected by a committee.

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MENTORSHIP

Selected youth will be provided with mentorship for engaging in community activities.

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INTERNSHIP

Prepared migrant youth will be assigned at community based and development organizations where they will work and learn.

Migrant students voices



"I will give my life, my knowledge, and my strength to help people and my community."

(Linn)

When I was 14 years old, my family moved to Thailand

because of the political situation and natural disaster that occurred in 2008. I lived in Umphiem Karen Refugee Camp with my family for 8 years and then moved to Mae Sot to further my education. In Mae Sot, I studied in the GED course at Social Action for Children and Women (SAW) organization. After I passed the GED, I volunteered as a teacher at SAW Migrant Learning Center for 16 months. I taught grades 1 to 4. Currently, I am studying in Chiang Mai University for a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science.

After graduation, I plan to work together with SAW to help address the problems that women and children face. Women, children, and refugees of civil war are the most vulnerable in our communities. I wish to help these people in the future because I strongly want to improve their lives by finding the best ways to solve their



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I am originally from Kachin State, Myanmar. I am 27 years old and the only child in my family. My parents passed away in 2003 and 2008. In 2007, I moved to Thailand to secure my future and education. I stayed in a refugee camp for six years. Then in 2013, I moved to Chiang Mai to provide for myself and to study higher education. I found one organization that works with Myanmar migrant workers to promote their education and careers: BEAM Education Foundation. Finally, I joined BEAM to gain access to higher education. In 2017, I graduated from BEAM's GED Program and am now currently studying at Chiang Mai University for a degree in Social Science. In the future, I wish to work with young Kachin people for basic education development. I also hope to promote free healthcare among young peoples in Kachin state, Myanmar.

BEAM Education Foundation REQUEST

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BEAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION HAS BEEN WORKING WITH MIGRANT, REFUGEE AND UNDER-PRIVILEGED YOUTH OVER SEVEN YEARS TO PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL ACCESS TO MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES IN THAILAND AND MYANMAR. OUR VISION IS SUSTAINABLE POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION. WE EXPERIENCED AND PROVED THE ABILITIES OF MIGRANT YOUTH IN LEADING DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES. FINANCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS ARE ESSENTIAL IN THE PROCESS TO EMPOWER THEM. BEAM IS CURRENTLY RAISING FUND FOR THIS DUAL BENEFICIAL PROJECT (CSIP) WHICH WILL ENABLE MIGRANT YOUTH LEADERS TO RISE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.