

Women's Education Project



Supporting Women of Limited Means but Unlimited Potential

Women's Education Project (WEP) provides scholarships, college support, job oriented training, and life skills to help young women from underprivileged backgrounds obtain better jobs and make informed decisions about their health, finances, and future.

For poor women of developing countries, higher education is a means to a better standard of living. Yet for these women the challenges are daunting. Insufficient preparation, inadequate language skills, congested homes, domestic chores, power outages, and health problems are obstacles their more fortunate peers do not face. Their parents, who are usually uneducated, cannot guide them or fund tuition, books, or transportation.

At WEP centers in Madurai and Hyderabad, South India, students thrive in a creative and comfortable learning atmosphere. The library and garden are open for students to gather and study. They attend study skills, English, computer, and teacher training courses where experienced teachers and small class size encourage active participation. In addition to academic and career subjects, health, finance and environment workshops teach students to cope with domestic and neighborhood problems. Through career guidance, students learn professional skills such as resume writing and interview techniques in preparation for employment.

Today at WEP sites, 70 students attend the program, 25 students received scholarships in 2007-2008 and over 30 have been placed in jobs.

To supplement its existing programs, WEP recently launched Illume, an online resource center which links students to professional women who serve as their mentors and role models. This dynamic global community provides a career profile and video bank, mentoring, an interactive resource library, and a scholarship fund.

Through WEP and Illume, students will overcome poverty's challenges by realizing their academic potential and career ambitions and learning about life's many possibilities.

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