

## Sponsoring a Girl

Sponsorship for a girl's education is 2450 RMB for one year. We ask for a one year commitment, of course if you wish you will be able to continue to support a girl for all three years. This amounts to about 1 USD a day.

This year we have 50 girls that need your help. All of them are high academic achievers and are very deserving of an education. Please consider supporting a girl for at least one year of education.

If you would like to sponsor, please contact any GIN representative using the emails listed on this brochure.

## Personal Anecdotes

"One of the girls that I previously met still remembered me the next time I saw her. It made me realize how big of an impact I've made in her life." - Yea Seul Park '14

"Whenever we're with them, I realize how much they treasure education, and it goes to show how deserving they really are." - Emily Morgan '13

"It's great to see Shaoguan girls and AISG students having a good time together. It's exciting to see how much they improve, and I plan to go to Shaoguan every year" - Sally Park '15

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# G.I.N

GLOBAL ISSUES NETWORK



“BRIDGING HEARTS  
THROUGH EDUCATION”

### GROUP DESCRIPTION

The Global Issues Network group (G.I.N.) is dedicated towards providing underprivileged, but deserving girls with a three-year high school education. Our efforts, along with your help will tremendously change these girls' lives forever.

# Education in China

The current education system in China is divided into 3 groups: primary, middle and high school. Although the Chinese government has made it mandatory for each child to receive 9 years of education, this is not always achieved. One reason is that high school is not free. In China, investment in education accounts for about 4% of total GDP, spending roughly \$31 billion dollars (in comparison to the \$972 billion that the US spends).

## Boys vs. Girls

'Bridging Hearts Through Education' focuses on girls education because of the unfair weighing of genders in China. Boys are seen as a pension system where they bring home the family income while daughters leave the family once married. The heavy Confucian belief of carrying the family name adds to the discrimination as well. Girls are often overlooked and their role in society is diminished. Daughters are born with an immediate disadvantage since their parents are often reluctant to invest in their education, especially in rural areas.

# Education in Action



Left: One of our members dedicatedly works with one of the sponsored girls in improving her English skills.

Right: The girls are hard at work in constructing their personal essays and stories.



Right: Fellow student coordinator, Emily Morgan works closely with the girls on an assigned task. Activities during school exchanges focus on team-building, self-image, communication and volunteering.

# A Girl's Life

All of the girls that we sponsor do not live in very affluent families, and thus without our support, are unable to attend school. In many cases, their parents are disabled and are less likely to find jobs to pay for education while maintaining a living. Their bank accounts are almost empty by the end of the month, leaving them with very little after paying for their daily necessities.

For these girls, receiving a high school education and getting a scholarship is the same as students like us being accepted into a prestigious university with financial aid or merit-based scholarships.