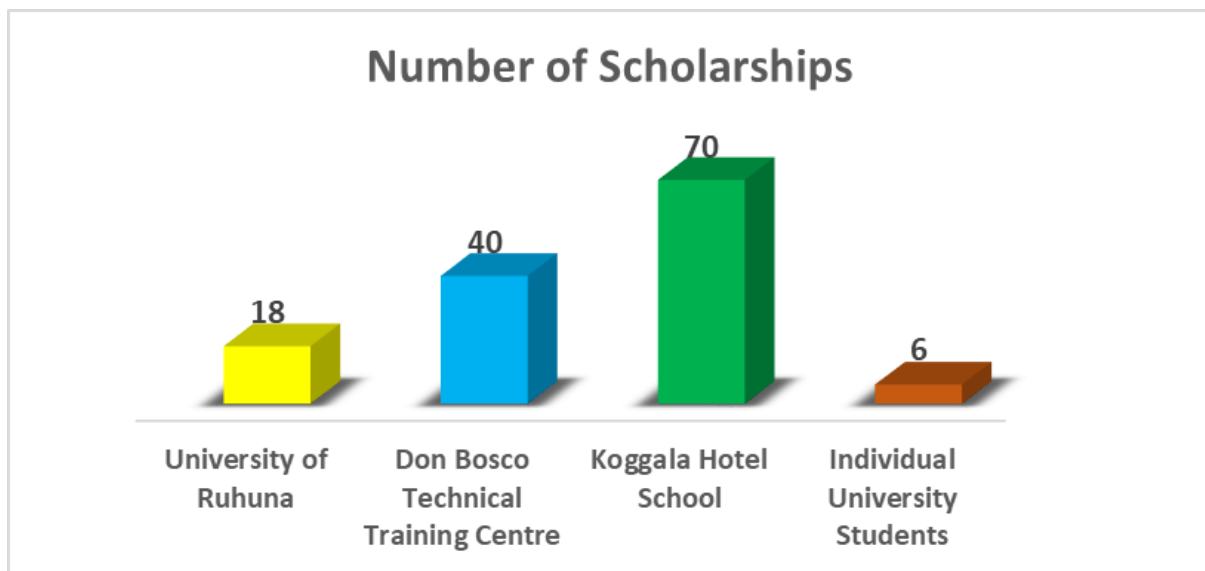


**AKO Scholarship Program Sri Lanka**  
**Implemented by Mosvold-Martinus Trust**

“We Cannot Always Build The Future For Our Youth, But We Can Build Our Youth For The Future.”

**Progress Report June - November 2018**

MM Trust with the support of AKO Foundation UK, successfully initiated a 3-year scholarship program in Sri Lanka. According to the core-values of MM Trust, we trust that education is the most powerful means of fighting poverty in any society. As a result, MM Trust developed a 3-year scholarship plan to support the neediest students, those attached to universities and vocational training schools. With the support of AKO Foundation UK, MM Trust launched and implemented the “AKO Scholarship Program in Sri Lanka” for the underprivileged youths in partnership with 3 institutions mainly; Universities of Ruhuna Sri Lanka, Don Bosco Technical Training Centre and Koggala National Hotel School. In addition, 6 meritorious students with similar criteria were selected from other universities. In total, 134 students were selected through a screening process by the steering committee of AKO scholarship.



## Don Bosco Technical Training Centre

40 Scholarships were allocated for Don Bosco Technical Training Centre to support various skills development courses as an initiative in the year 2018. Duration of the courses range from a 6-month period to 1 ½ years. Details are as follows;

No	Type of Course	Number of Scholarship
1	Automobile Mechanic - 18 Months	19
2	Wood Work - 6 Months	06
3	Bakery - 6 Months	02
4	Computer - 12 Months	01
5	Electrical Maintenance Appliance Technician - 12 Months	03
6	Electrical Course - 12 Months	01
7	AC Course - 12 Months	03
8	Computer Course - Level 5 - 18 Months	05
<b>Total</b>		<b>40</b>

Currently all the courses are running smoothly as per the planned schedule and students are actively participating in the course sessions.



Students are very happy about the given scholarships and explained to us how useful the support has been for them to continue their studies.

### Story of Suneth Shantha



I am Suneth Shantha and my birthday is on 27th December, 2001. My native village is Waikkala. My father doesn't have regular income and is a daily wage earner. I have two elder brothers. They are also daily wage laborers', as both of them are married they live in a separate place. I went to school where I could not do well and I had to leave school. Even though my father's income is not sufficient to manage our family expenses we are a very happy family living in a peaceful manner. While I was looking for a place to study a vocational training course I got to know about the Don Bosco

Technical Training Centre. I applied and got selected to follow an automobile mechanic course. I am thankful to MM Trust and AKO Scholarship for the opportunity given me to reach my dreams. I am hoping to become a good motor mechanic and earn a good income.

### Koggala Hotel School

70 scholarships were offered for the Koggala Hotel School to support a broad range of diverse course categories and students successfully completed their certificate courses by end of October 2018. The hotel school provides 5-month certificate courses related to all course categories in hotel management. These 5-month certificate courses are designed mainly to focus on skills and career development programs, including both practical sessions and theory. The details of the students are as follows,

No	Type of Course	Number of Scholarships
1	Cookery	16
2	Reception	20
3	House Keeping	14
4	Restaurant	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>70</b>





### Story of Sajani Sulochana



I am Sajani Sulochana. My native village is Akmeemana, Galle. I have done my Advanced Level examination in Commerce subjects. My father is a three-wheeler driver and there is no regular, proper income for him. Due to financial difficulties I could not continue my higher education. The income is not sufficient to manage our family expenses. I have six members in my family. While I was wondering about my future I got to know about the SLITHM, Koggala Hotel School from one of my friends. I applied and I was fortunate enough to get a place to in program but unfortunately, I was unable to pay my course fee. I joined the school and received an AKO scholarship. With ambition, curiosity and passion for learning I entered the Hotel School and am currently following a front office management course. I am thankful for the opportunity and it has given me new hope that I could overcome

poverty in future. I am hoping to create a brighter future. My ambition is to become a front office manager. This scholarship made me uplift my dreams. Thank you very much for the AKO scholarship program implemented by MM-Trust and Koggala Hotel School.

## University of Ruhuna

The university scholarship was launched on August 2018 at University of Ruhuna with the participation of 24 university students, comprising 6 individual students who were attached to other universities. Students are continuing their studies in a successful manner and based on the given feedback, the scholarship is supporting them in various ways, especially reducing their financial burden. The details of the students are as follows;

No	University	Number of Scholarships
1	University of Ruhuna	18
2	University of Colombo	01
3	University of Peradeniya	01
4	University of Sri Jayawardenapura	01
5	University of Kelaniya	01
6	University of Rajarata	01
7	Advanced Technical Institute – Hardy	01



## Story of Umesha Gayathri



I am Umesha Gayathri from Ranna, south of Sri Lanka. Currently I do my studies in University of Sri Jayawardenapura. I did my secondary education at Thangalle Balika School, after completion of my advanced level, I entered the university in 2015. I have come such a long way in just three years with many economic problems. I was struggling with many financial difficulties, and finally I was informed about the AKO Scholarship program. The scholarship I received is an immense blessing in relieving my financial burdens. The scholarship I received was very helpful for managing my expenses and I was able to afford my classes and textbooks. I am forever indebted to all of you for making my dreams possible.

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