



Join Our Aspire Circle

You can help empower students to live a life of economic mobility, agency, and purpose.

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Join a Community of Changemakers

Become a part of a community of individuals driven by a shared philanthropic journey.

Your commitment ensures that these students receive a transformative education and access to resources for an effective school to work transition.

As an Aspire Circle member you will:

- Receive **quarterly updates** via email with key program developments, student/alumni stories and team highlights.
- Join **exclusive Key Supporter calls** every six (6) months with Akanksha Education Fund (AEF) and on-ground grantee partners, including students and alumni, to share their experiences.
- Participate in **strategic discussions with the AEF Board and leadership** team, shaping our vision and direction.
- Receive **personalized updates**, curated to reflect your interests and philanthropic priorities.
- Be invited to intimate gatherings with AEF staff and alumni, offering **deeper engagement** and connection.
- Be **recognized for your support** through mentions in our reports, select publications, and on our website.

Make an Impact

You can make a change in the lives of students in India. Join Aspire Circle with a three-year donation within the following suggested ranges:



Why Akanksha?

At Akanksha (“to aspire” in Hindi) we are dedicated to equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to achieve economic mobility and lead purposeful, empowered lives.

- **The School Project:** 20,000 students served through award-winning, English-medium schools
- **Project Setu:** 70,000 students served by sharing Akanksha’s best practices
- **School to Work:** Empowering underserved Indian youth to build skills and secure fulfilling work—driving a more inclusive future

Nearly 100% students complete high school

85% on track for higher education or workforce

Employment rate of 88% for Akanksha alumni

>2x Alumni income compared to nat’l average

14% Increase in alumni income in past 2 years

Prioritize skill-building in addition to academics

Parents are engaged as partners

Akanksha fosters 20 year partnerships with students and families



Akanksha Education Fund's Aspire Circle Members

Aspire Circle donors are our most dedicated supporters and advocate for Akanksha with their friends, networks and communities. Our projected need is to raise \$10 - \$12 million over the next 3-5 years, and the Aspire Circle's involvement is an integral part of that plan. These networks of like-minded investors are vital in building our capacity to fund educational and career initiatives in India over the next three years.

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- Nathalie and Leo Joseph
- Shibani Sanan
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