Morning Glory



CHILD SPONSORSHIP GUIDE

Whether you are a long-time sponsor, newly committed, or just considering sponsorship, we want to thank you for your love for the children of Guatemala. Your generosity directly impacts sponsored children, their families, and the entire Morning Glory community. We hope your sponsorship journey is deeply fulfilling—for both you and your sponsored child. This guide is designed to provide you with all the information you need for the best sponsorship experience. Please take a moment to review it carefully to understand our policies and the opportunities available to change Morning Glory Stories as a child sponsor.





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COSTS

WHAT DOES IT COST TO SPONSOR A CHILD AND HOW DOES IT BENEFIT THEM?

There are 3 levels of sponsorship:

Basic (\$45/month) covers the cost of tuition for one student

Premium (\$55/month): covers the cost of tuition and provides a bag of school supplies which helps your child through the course of the year.

Premium Plus (\$60/month): includes the school supplies for premium sponsorship, a birthday gift, and the Christmas gift (below) with just monthly payments.

For basic and premium sponsorships, you can still make additional donations for Christmas and Birthdays. **See the next page** for more information.

You can pay monthly, quarterly, or lump sum for the year

HOW IS MY MONEY USED?

It costs Morning Glory \$50/month to educate one student. This amounts covers the costs of teachers, administrators, maintenance, and other expenses associated with running the school. Because of their low income, the parents of the children enrolled are asked to pay only \$10 monthly for primary school and \$20 secondary school.

Sponsorship funds are sent to the school to help subsidize these costs and offer affordable opportunities to all of the families we serve. Morning Glory relies on both sponsorships and general donations to provide a quality, Christian-based education that is accessible to low-income families in the community. While most sponsored students still contribute a portion of their fees, sponsorship donations help keep costs low for all families and provide additional support for those with greater financial needs.

MAKING PAYMENTS

There are three options for payments, listed on the right. >>>>>

BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Giving extra gifts to children and their families is a delicate process. Through years of experience we have developed the following guidelines to protect our mission, the recipients, and the sponsors.

If you are NOT using the Premium Plus option, you should send an extra donation to NIMA for your child. You should go to our website and choose the "send a Birthday/Christmas" gift option. We do not have a system that allows you to safely send gifts through any postal service.

We ask that you only send \$25 as a Birthday/Christmas gift per child. As much as we appreciate your generosity, healthy limits help prevent problems for the sponsored child and their peers.

Birthday gifts (\$25 one-time): supports a fund to provide your student and their classmates with birthday hats to celebrate their birthday and their identity in Christ together.

Christmas gifts (\$25 one-time): gives the families the option of a gift to support their child's education where they need it most. This can be school uniforms, more school supplies, a backpack, a pair of shoes or another need the family chooses.

You will receive a confirmation and picture (if applicable) when your child receives their gift.





ONLINE PAYMENT

Go to morningglorystory.org/give.
You will be directed to our
sponsorship site, where you can pay
according to your desired schedule.
We strongly recommend setting up
automatic payments.



AUTOMATIC BANK PAYMENTS/ E-CHECKS

You can set up payments from your bank account by using the same link as above and choosing the EFT option.



SEND A CHECK:

NIMA PO Box 266 Colleyville, TX 76034

Please include the word
"sponsorship" and your child's name
in the Memo Line

WRITING LETTERS

Communicating with sponsored children is a highly rewarding experience for our sponsors and sponsored children. We are working to expand the communication aspect of the sponsorship program to help you build a relationship with your child. Presently, we are able to facilitate communication with your child through electronic communication.



COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOUR CHILD

You will receive four communications from your child throughout the year, ranging from a drawing to pictures and updates on their progress. Additionally, you are encouraged to write to your child (see below) and your child will respond to any communication you send them. Therefore, you will receive four communications from your child but your initiative in communicating with your child will produce more letters from them and a better relationship with the child as well.



COMMUNICATIONS TO YOUR CHILD

Currently, the only way to send communications to your child is electronically. "Snail mail" to Guatemala is very unreliable and expensive. The quickest way write a letter is by going signing into your Donor portal here: You can upload pictures there or even hand-written letters. If you need help, please contact sponsorship@morningglorystory.org. Your child will be given a printed copy of your letter translated into Spanish by capable translators, but you can write in English or Spanish. Please do not send letters to our home office!



You should <u>never</u> communicate your address or email to the families you sponsor. For your protection, all communication with your families should go through a Morning Glory representative to prevent families from abusing the system and ultimately losing their eligibility to be sponsored. We have created a guide for best practices. You can download that guide <u>here</u>. You are welcome to request an update of your child at any time. Just <u>email us!</u>

MISSING PAYMENTS

We understand that life can be unpredictable and undesirable situations can happen to anyone. Therefore, if you miss making a payment on time, simply contact us (sponsorship@morningglorystory.org) to inform us. However, after 3 months without receiving payment, we may need to place your child in the rotation to look for another sponsor. Remember, we calculate your sponsorship level based on calendar year totals, so you can get caught up if you get behind without penalty.

CHANGES TO YOUR SPONSORSHIP

We sincerely hope that your child stays at Morning Glory until he/she graduates and moves on to further education. However, for various reasons, sometimes parents change schools for their children from year to year. In the event that your child graduates or withdraws from Morning Glory for whatever reason, we will notify you and connect you with a new child, who will automatically receive the benefits of your contributions.

We are unable to offer any sponsorship benefits to children who are not enrolled in Morning Glory. Once a child withdraws, he/she forfeits their sponsorship benefits.

CONTACT US

Thank you for joining the Morning Glory Story by becoming a sponsor. We want to be available to help you with anything you need. You can go the the website below or contact us for any questions or concerns.

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