Overview and Summary
In the winter of 2019, two volunteers surveyed a sample of college graduates who benefited from an NEF Scholarship. These young women were all in the 2014 or 2015 Scholar cohort. **A key takeaway is that the college education a Nanubhai Scholar receives quadruples her family’s income.**

What careers have Scholars chosen?
- Assistant Chartered Accountant (CA)
- Nurse
- Adjunct faculty in a nursing college
- Tutor at a family business

What financial impact has a college education had?\(^1\)
On average, graduates make ₹10,312.5 monthly ($143.54). The average monthly family salary of a Scholar is $33.33. Thus, the college education that a Nanubhai Scholar receives quadruples her family’s income within two years of graduation.

These figures do not include some common added benefits that many Scholar graduates receive, such as bus passes to get to and from work, or room and board. While it is hard to factor in the value of these benefits, they suggest that we may be closer to quintupling a family’s annual income, in actual value.

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\(^1\) Please note that fluctuations in the rupee to dollar exchange rate may impact these numbers
What do Scholars say about the impact college has had?

“No need to borrow money, no financial strain in the family.” - Megha, who supports a single mother and a disabled sister

“Me and my elder sister run the house.” - Jyotsna

“I work with small kids. When kids get well, and leave [the hospital] it feels good since they appreciate me.” - Rajnika

“I was the] first in family to go to college. If not for NEF, I would probably be married and have two kids today.” - Sandipa

“Initially I would never talk to people and was shy, but now after studying and attending programs I have gained confidence to talk to people and communicate well.” - Jayshri

What future plans do Scholars have?

Approximately 66% of the graduates surveyed indicated that they want to pursue higher ed. They all indicated that they’ll be able to fund a master’s degree with the money they and their families were able to save because of Nanubhai Scholarships, as well as through their current jobs.

“I will volunteer with NEF. Give girls good advice and mentor them” - Rupal

“Pursue Master’s in Science the in daytime and [at] nighttime continue my job in a hospital.” - Priti

“Build a home for my family.” - Divya