



Cambodia's Children Education Fund

Exceptional Scholarships for Cambodia's Future Leaders



Sokha

GRADE 7
PHNOM PENH
16 YEARS OLD

CCEdFund Student
since **2010**

Sokha, a born leader, grew up on a garbage dump with her younger sister. Now, she goes to school and comes home to lead her own "class" of 10 other children each night.

Sokha lives in Phnom Penh at A New Day Cambodia (ANDC) with other students who grew up on the massive garbage dump outside of the city. In



2007, ANDC found Sokha and her sister and they began living at ANDC. She is an orphan, and some of her siblings have died as well. Despite her difficult beginnings, Sokha prevailed and retained her determination to lead Cambodia to a better tomorrow. In 2010, ANDC's Director nominated Sokha for a scholarship because of her focus, dedication to learning, and leadership. CCEdFund was blown away by Sokha. When she is not studying at school or completing her classwork, learning Khmer traditional dance (Apsara



dancing), playing soccer, or helping at ANDC, she teaches her own evening "class" of 10 students that she organizes. She dreams of teaching when she finishes school, and she recognizes that this dream could become reality now that she has a scholarship. Before, Sokha spent all of her time trying to survive on the garbage dump, but now she thinks about how she will be able to share what she's learned with as many students as possible. Her plan is to begin with the other students at ANDC, including her younger sister.

Given Sokha's drive to succeed, her academic credentials, and her leadership skills, CCEdFund found Sokha to be an ideal scholarship recipient. After 2 years of studying English, Sokha was completely conversant with CCEdFund. Stay tuned as we see this young leader become a force of change for Cambodia!