Family and Educational Background

Paridi was born in Sragen district in Central Java as the 4th of 6 children of a struggling family. His parents were poor farmers due to their limited educational background; they were not able to finish the Elementary level because during the colonial era, education was only available for the Royal and high level families.

During Elementary until Senior High School, Paridi was always among the 5 top students. In Elementary he often represented his school in some quiz competitions at the district level and succeeded to be the winner. He even graduated from Elementary school as the best graduate. Coming from a poor family, he faced many challenges to get an education, because he believes that education is a key to change and improve his quality of life.

Paridi continued his studies with enthusiasm. He was always among the 5 top students at the Senior High School, so he got an opportunity to register in 4 public Universities to be a new college student without following any tests. He tried to register in one of the Universities, but, he had to give up when knowing the high fees to be paid for tuition. That is why he decided to start working to help his family and leave his career for sometime in the future.
To be able to find a job quickly, Paridi took a Short Accounting Course. Unfortunately, his limited educational background didn’t contribute in getting a high salary and his plans to attend university were always left behind due as he had other important family priorities to attend, such as supporting the education of his younger brothers. As a result, he had to bury his dream. However, Paridi wanted to be an expert in Accounting because he thought that Accounting is needed in all aspects, whether in private company, government or small industries. Unfortunately, until now this hasn’t happened.

Paridi’s parents have now passed away and he is married to Rasmadalila and has 3 small children. They rent a little house (27 m²) in Central Jakarta where his wife takes care of the household and children while he works to earn some money to support his family.

Paridi had worked in several places, such as Logistic staff for a constructor Consultant; as Administrative staff in an Electronic Center; and as Administrative staff at a Human Resource Consultant. Currently, he is working at Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM) as a Bookkeeper in the Finance Department.

Working for YUM

Paridi has been working at Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM) since September 2006. First, as a General Affairs Staff and now as a Bookkeeper at the Finance Department in our Head Office (HO) Jakarta. Paridi handles the finance administration such as budget submission processes and financial reports from YUM’s sites in Cipanas and Kalimantan and also from HO. He is also responsible for employees’ administration affairs such as calculation of salary, taxes, pension and health insurance. He is happy at his present job because, finally, he is able to work in the field he likes: Accounting.

Paridi is honest, very responsible in doing his tasks, smart and eager to learn something new. He always wants to improve his skills through reading books - his hobby – and he likes to help his co-workers.

Therefore, YUM -as an NGO that its mission is to improve the quality of the poor through Education, Health and Community Development-, wishes to give a chance to Paridi to improve his skills by enrolling him to an university for a higher education in Accounting, which undoubtedly, will help to improve his quality of life.
Project goals and Objectives

Paridi wants to fulfill his dream of Accounting and combine it with his financial experience by enrolling to the Faculty of Economy at the Institute of Bisnis Nusantara (http://www.ibn.ac.id/) majoring in Accounting.

Paridi says:

“I have not stopped wishing to enroll at a University for Accounting studies in order to improve my work in YUM as a bookkeeper as well as giving knowledge to other staffs or YUM’s beneficiaries in Accounting field. At the same time, I hope that my career will provide better working opportunities to ensure my own children to have a qualified education in the future.”

Project Activities

Paridi wants to enroll in the Employee Class course which takes place every Saturday from 8am to 5pm. This will enable him to continue working at YUM as Bookkeeper from Monday to Friday. The course will take 4 years (8 semesters) to be completed and it will start on May 2015.

The budget proposed below will help Paridi to cover his university needs, such as tuition fees, books, stationary, research and other expenses for the required course for a period of 4 years. Obviously, all these expenses are quite high and cannot be afforded by him. Details of his funding needs are given below.

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Budget Detail of Paridi’s Scholarship
For 8 Semesters (May 2015 – April 2019)

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