

High University Tuition in China

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In China, some people think that university students should bear all the expenses for their higher learning. However, high university tuition has become a serious problem. As education plays an important role in a person's life, many students want to pursue higher education in order to find more job opportunities. But some students can not fulfill the dream for lack of money.

First of all, students have no ability to afford the higher tuition. Along with the commercialization of education in China, higher education is becoming a privilege of rich people. In China, the tuition of one year is approximately 1,000 U.S dollars. It seems that the tuition is not too high for Canadians; however, it is worth noting that the GDP of each Chinese is just 1,000 U.S dollars. It means that every Chinese family with double wage earners has to spend half of its annual income on university tuition for its son or daughter if the family has only one child. Moreover, the students from the countryside and undeveloped areas are deprived of the right to education. Due to the high tuition, many excellent students have to give up studying and strive to survive. If universities can enact some beneficial policy to the students from poor areas to help them accomplish their study, the students will be able to make greater contributions to the society after graduation.

Considering the goal of education, it is even more problematic for the Chinese government to hold students responsible for financing university education. The goal of higher education of a nation is to improve and strengthen the general level of intellectual and professional capacity of its labor force, and increase the competency of the nation in the global economy. As tax payers, parents all contribute to the education system in various ways. It is only reasonable and necessary that the Chinese government give some form of financial assistance to students to ease the burden of rising education costs. Such help should go not only to students from needy or impoverished families but also to outstanding students from affluent backgrounds. Doing so can significantly boost the motivation of children from millions of families to engage in higher levels of education. As a result, the general quality of people in a country will improve, so will its economy.

In China, the burden of supporting children's higher education is placed on parents and students, so tens of thousands of brilliant students have been deprived of the chances to pursue their academic inspiration. Among those who suffer would definitely be future great scientists, business managers, artists and statesmen. The loss will be disastrous and irreversible.

In conclusion, the practice that Chinese students pay the full cost of their study is wrong and harmful for both Chinese government and students. Moreover, it is in the best interest of a nation to take responsibility for financing university education so that the goal of higher education will be better met.