

**‘Api Apima’ Fund**  
**Thulawa Association**  
**Faculty of Law**  
**University of Colombo**



**Introduction**

‘Thulawa’ is the undergraduates’ official publication of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo which is an independent students’ organization established under a constitution passed by the Senate of the University subject to the approval of the Faculty Board of Faculty of Law. "Thulawa" has been operating since 2016 with the primary objective of standard upliftment of the academic capacities of law undergraduates of the faculty and to create a platform to showcase their talents and to uplift undergraduates’ welfare. The ‘Api Apima’ fund is a result of this effort.

The "Api Apima" fund, which is designed to support the welfare of the students, was established under the theme “අත් ගොඩක - හිත් බැම්ම” parallel to the "Api Apima" concert that was held in 2020. This initiative aims to provide the undergraduates of the faculty with a platform to showcase their artistic talents and offer them some respite from the academic pressures they face.

Law undergraduates often come from various parts of the island to study in the capital city, and they have diverse backgrounds and statuses. They often encounter personal challenges and difficulties while carrying out academic studies and dealing with their own individual issues. The "Api Apima" fund has been created using the financial proceeds generated from the "Api Apima" concert, and it has a noble purpose of helping fellow undergraduates cope with the challenges they encounter during their academic journey.

The responsibility of managing and safeguarding this fund for the benefit of future generations of the Faculty of Law lies with the current fraternity of the Faculty. The specifics of how the fund will be utilized and its functioning will likely be elaborated in the subsequent sections of the document and in the guidelines established for the Fund's management. This Fund represents an important step in supporting the academic and personal well-being of Law Faculty undergraduates and ensuring that they have the resources they need to succeed in their legal education.

**Functionality**

The "Api Apima" is a fund managed by Thulawa Association, which is the undergraduates’ official publication of the Faculty of Law at the University of Colombo. The summary of the functionality is as follows:

1. **Management and Responsibility:** The President and Junior Treasurer of Thulawa Association are responsible for all financial and non-financial transactions of the Fund and they shall

collaborate with the Senior Treasurer. The Thulawa Constitution serves as the governing document for all matters related to the Fund.

2. **Source of Finance:** The primary source of finance for the fund is the 'Api Apima' Concert. Additionally, the fund may receive contributions from other acceptable sources.
3. **Bank Account:** The fund operates under Account Number **086200150028125**, held at the **Thimbirigasyaya branch** of the **People's Bank**, under the name "**Thulawa Association, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.**"
4. **Eligible Beneficiaries:** Only the undergraduates of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo and/or their associates as the case may be. The benefits can be availed in no other way except as mentioned below.
5. **Transaction Accountability:** All transactions related to the fund must be conducted using the specified account number in the name of the fund. Thulawa Association is not responsible for any transactions conducted through any other bank account.

#### **The guidelines for benefiting from the "Api Apima" fund**

1. Only full-time students of the Faculty of Law at the University of Colombo and/or their associates are eligible to benefit from the fund. An "associate" is defined as the mother, father, or guardian of the student.
2. The benefits provided by the fund are considered as financial assistance only. They should not be considered as material or verbal or mental or any other form of benefit.
3. Financial assistance will be provided as a bank account transaction. The funds will be credited to the bank account of the beneficiary student or their associate or any other person as per the established procedure.
4. The final decision on whether to grant benefits or not is subject to the approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Law. The Senior Treasurer of Thulawa Association provides guidance in this process.
5. Only undergraduates who are currently studying their Bachelors degree internally at the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo are eligible to receive benefits. No student shall enjoy any privilege in connection with the fund as long as it is not available to another student.
6. The sole reason for giving priority in benefit allocation is based on precedence.
7. Cases for Benefit Allocation:
  - 7.1. **Serious Illness\* of a Student:**
    - 7.1.1. To purchase medicine.
    - 7.1.2. To pay the hospital bills.
    - 7.1.3. For surgical procedures.

7.1.4. To support the family financially.

**7.2. Serious Illness\* of an undergraduates' Associate:**

7.2.1. To purchase medicine.

7.2.2. To pay the hospital bills.

7.2.3. For surgical procedures.

7.2.4. To support the family financially.

*\*Explanation:* "Serious Illness" must be verified by the Senior Treasurer and the Dean of the Faculty of Law, based on a medical examination report bearing the signature and official stamp of a registered medical practitioner. It includes serious physical or mental disabilities in the event of an accident.

**7.3. Financial Support in Case of Death:**

To provide financial support to the family of an undergraduates and/or their associate in the event of death.

8. **Family Members:** If more than one person from the same family is receiving education in the Faculty of Law, only one person's request will be considered, and the two or more members of the same family will be counted as one beneficiary.

**9. Application Process:**

Faculty of Law undergraduates who wish to benefit from the fund should submit their request along with the required documents. Documents should be sent by registered post to the address: "President, Thulawa Association, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Reed Avenue, Colombo 07." Alternatively, the documents may be handed over to the President of the Association.

**Required Documents:**

9.1. A photocopy of the student's university student ID card or an acceptable document on their behalf.

9.2. A photocopy of the student's National Identity Card or valid Driving License or valid Passport.

9.3. A photocopy of the National Identity Card or valid Driving License or valid Passport of the associate if the benefit is sought on their behalf.

9.4. A duly certified "Api Apima Fund Receiving Application," which can be downloaded from the Thulawa Association website.

9.5. A request letter addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Law via the President and the Senior Treasurer of Thulawa Association, written by the applicant. The format of the letter can be downloaded from the Thulawa Association website.

9.6. For cases under sections 7.1 and 7.2, medical records certified by the signature and official stamp of a registered specialist consultant are required.

9.7. For cases under section 7.3, the death certificate of the person concerned is needed.

9.8. An income report, bearing the signature and official stamp of the Grama Niladhari, stating the monthly income of the beneficiary's family.

These guidelines ensure that assistance from the fund is provided to eligible undergraduates and their associates under specific conditions, with appropriate documentation and approval processes in place.

10. The Authority to make changes to these terms and conditions is vested in the Executive Board of the Thulawa Association. However, any modifications must be approved by both the Senior Treasurer of the Thulawa Association and the Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.