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गोल घर, पोर्ट ब्लेयर
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PRESS RELEASE

SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Last Date to Apply for Scholarship is 31-10-2020

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India is implementing the following Six(06) Scholarship Schemes for Students with Disabilities (SwDs):-

1. Pre-matric Scholarship (For class IX and X)
2. Post-matric Scholarship (For class XI to Post-graduate Degree).
3. Top Class Education for Students with Disabilities (For Graduate and Post-graduate Degree/ Diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education.
4. National Overseas Scholarship (For Master's Degree/Ph.D. in Universities abroad)
5. National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (For M.Phil and PH.D. in Indian Universities)
6. Free coaching for Students with Disabilities (For recruitment examination for Group A & B posts and entrance examinations for admission in Technical and Professional courses)

The students with the specified disabilities defined in the Schedule of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 are eligible for the above scholarships of DEPwD. In the 2016 Act, the specified disabilities have increased from 7 to 21. The list of the specified disabilities in this Act is given below:-

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| 1. Blindness | 12. Specific Learning Disabilities |
| 2. Low-vision | 13. Multiple Sclerosis |
| 3. Leprosy-cured person | 14. Speech and Language Disability |
| 4. Hearing Impairment (deaf & hard of hearing) | 15. Thalassemia |
| 5. Locomotor Disability | 16. Hemophilia |
| 6. Intellectual Disability | 17. Stickle Cell Disease |
| 7. Mental Illness | 18. Multiple Disabilities including deaf blindness |
| 8. Autism Spectrum Disorder | 19. Acid Attack Victim |
| 9. Cerebral Palsy | 20. Parkinson's Disease |
| 10. Muscular Dystrophy | 21. Dwarfism |
| 11. Chronic Neurological conditions | |

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS ALLOTTED TO A&N ISLANDS IN FY 2020-21

Sl. No.	Course	Position
1.	Pre-matric Scholarship (For class IX and X)	05
2.	Post-matric Scholarship (For class XI to Post-graduate Degree.	04
3.	Top Class Education for Students with Disabilities (For Graduate and Post-graduate Degree/ Diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education.	01
TOTAL		10

TIMELINE:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Scholarship	Closing date for Student Registration	Closing date for Institute Verification	Closing date for State Verification
1.	Pre-matric Scholarship	31-10-2020	15-11-2020	30-11-2020
2.	Post-matric Scholarship			
3.	Top Class Education for Students with Disabilities			

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:-

The general conditions of eligibility for all the components of the Scheme are given below:-

- (i) The scholarships are open to nationals of India only.
- (ii) All the six Scholarships are applicable to students with Disabilities with more than 40% disability and having valid certificate of disability as prescribed under rules issued by the Competent Authority. Disability is as defined in "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016."
- (iii) Not more than two children with disabilities of the same parents will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme. Provided in case the second child is a twin, the scholarship under this scheme will be admissible to both the twins.
- (iv) Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one year. If a student has to repeat a class, she / he would not get scholarship for that class for the second (or subsequent) year.
- (v) A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other scholarship/stipend. If awarded any other scholarship/stipend, the

student can exercise his/her option for either of the two scholarships/stipends, whichever is more beneficial to him/her and should inform the awarding authority through the Head of the Institution about the option made. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts another scholarship/stipend. The student can however, accept free lodging or a grant or ad-hoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging in addition to the scholarship amount paid under this scheme.

- (vi) Scholarship holders who are receiving coaching in any of the pre-examination training centres with financial assistance from the Central Government/ State Government will not be eligible for stipend under the coaching schemes for the duration of the coaching programme.

A. PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:-

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:-

The amount of Pre-matric Scholarship includes the following for complete duration of the course:-

- (i) Maintenance allowance
- (ii) Book grant
- (iii) Disability allowance

RATES OF SCHOLARSHIP:-

Sl. No.	Items	Day Scholars	Hostellers
1.	Rate of maintenance allowance (in Rs. per month) payable for 12 months in an academic year	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 800/-
2.	Book Grant	Rs. 1,000/- per annum	

DISABILITY ALLOWANCE:-

The different types of allowances related to disability shall be payable as under:-

S. No.	Types of Disability	Amount (Rs. per annum)
1.	Visually Impaired	Rs. 4,000/-
2.	Hearing Impaired	Rs. 2,000/-
3.	Physically Disabled(OH)	Rs. 2,000/-
4.	Intellectual Disabilities	Rs. 4,000/-
5.	Any other types of disability not covered under above	Rs. 2,000/-

B. POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:-

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:-

The amount of Post-Matric Scholarship includes the following for complete duration of the course:-

- (i) Maintenance allowance
- (ii) Disability allowance
- (iii) Reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees
- (iv) Book allowance.

The details are as follows:-

Maintenance allowance:-

Groups	Rate of Maintenance allowance (in Rupees per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group I All Bachelor's /Post graduate degree Courses in Medicine/ Engineering, Technology, Planning/ Architecture, Fashion Technology, Management, Business/ Finance Administration, Computer Science/ Applications, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences. All post-graduate degree/diploma courses recognized by UGC/AICTE in any discipline.	1600	750
Group II Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B. Pharma), LLB, BFS, other para-medical branches like Rehabilitation, Diagnostics etc., Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Management, Interior Decoration, Nutrition & Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g. Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc.)	1100	700
Group III All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group I & II e.g. BA/B Sc/B Com etc.	950	650
Group IV All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. senior secondary certificate (class XI and XII); both general and vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc	900	550

C. TOP CLASS EDUCATION (FOR GRADUATE DEGREE/POST-GRADUATE DEGREE/DIPLOMA IN INSTITUTES NOTIFIED BY DEPwD):-

QUANTUM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Scholarship will include the following:

Sl. No.	Components of Scholarship	Rate per awardee
1.	Reimbursement of tuition fees and nonrefundable charges paid/ payable to the Institution	Up to Rs. 2.00 lakh – per annum (subject to actual amount).
2.	Maintenance Allowance	Rs. 3,000/- per month for hostellers Rs. 1,500/- per month for day-scholars

3.	Special Allowances (related to types of disabilities like reader allowance, escort allowance, helper allowance etc.)	Rs. 2,000/- per month
4.	Books & Stationery	Rs. 5,000/- per annum.
5.	Reimbursement of expenses for purchase of a computer with accessories.	Rs. 30,000/- as a one-time grant for entire course.
6.	Reimbursement of expenses for purchase of Aids and Assistive Devices including necessary software related to the particular disability of the selected candidate.	Rs. 30,000/- as a one-time grant for entire course

D. NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR PwDs (FOR M.PHIL/PH.D. IN INDIAN UNIVERSITIES:-

DURATION OF FELLOWSHIP:-

Name of the course	Maximum duration	Admissibility of JRF and SRF	
		Junior Research Fellowship	Senior Research Fellowship
M.Phil	02 Years	02 Years	NIL
Ph.D	05 Years	02 Years	Remaining 03 Years
M.Phil + Ph.D	05 Years	02 Years	Remaining 03 Years

RATE OF FELLOWSHIP

The Rates of Fellowship for Junior Research Fellowship and Senior Research Fellowship will be at par with the University Grants Commission Fellowships. Presently, these Rates are as follows:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount
1.	Fellowship	Rs. 25,000/- p.m. for initial two years, Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), Rs. 28,000/- p.m.
2	Contingency for Humanities & Social Science (including Arts / Fine Arts)	@ Rs. 10,000/- P.A. for initial two years. @ Rs. 20,500/- P.A. for the remaining Tenure
3	Contingency for Science, Engineering & Technology	@ Rs. 12,000/- P.A. for initial two years. @ Rs. 25,000/- P.A. for the remaining Tenure
4	Departmental Assistance (All Subjects)	@ Rs. 3,000/- P.A. per Student to the host Institute for providing Infrastructure
5	Escort/Reader Assistance (All Subjects)	@ Rs. 2,000/- P.M. in cases of Candidates with Physical and Visual Disabilities (CwPVDs)

E. NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP (MASTER'S DEGREE AND PH.D. IN FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:-

(i) Quantum of Annual maintenance allowance:-

(a) For United States of America and other countries except United Kingdom:

The annual maintenance allowance of US\$ 15,400/- (US Dollars Fifteen thousand four hundred only) has been prescribed for all levels of courses covered under the Scheme.

(b) Only for United Kingdom:

The annual maintenance allowance of GBP 9,900/- (Great Britain Pound Nine thousand nine hundred only) has been prescribed.

(ii) Quantum of Annual Contingency Allowance

(a) For United States of America and other countries except United Kingdom:

The prescribed contingency allowance for books/essential apparatus/study tour/ travel cost for attending subject related conferences, workshops etc. typing and binding of thesis etc. is US\$ 1,500/- *US Dollars One thousand five hundred only) per annum.

(b) Only for United Kingdom:

The prescribed contingency allowance for books/essential apparatus/study tour/ travel cost for attending subject related conferences, workshops etc. typing and binding of thesis etc. is GBP 1,100/- (Great Britain Pound One thousand one hundred only) per annum.

ANNUAL PARENTAL/GUARDIAN'S INCOME:-

Pre-matric and Post-matric Scholarship shall be paid to the students whose parents/guardian's income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees Two lakh fifty thousand only) per annum. Top Class Education, National Overseas Scholarship and Free Coaching for SwDs shall be paid to the students whose parents/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rs. Six lakh only) per annum. There is no annual income ceiling in National Fellowship for PwDs.

NOTE 1:-

So long as either of the parents is alive, only income of the parents, as the case may be, from all sources has to be taken into account and of no other member even though they may be earning. In the form of income declaration, income is to be declared on this basis. Only in the case where both the parents have died, the income of the guardian who is supporting the students in his/her studies has to be taken. Such students, whose parents income is affected due to unfortunate death of one of earning parents and resultantly comes within the income ceiling prescribed under the scheme, shall become eligible for scholarship, subject to their fulfilling other conditions of eligibility, from the month in which such unfortunate incident happened. Applications for

scholarships from such students can be considered even after lapse of last date of receipt of applications, on compassionate ground.

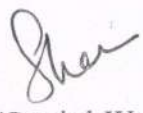
NOTE 2:-

Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission to courses which are continuing for more than one year.

RESERVATION OF SLOTS FOR GIRLS STUDENTS:-


50% of the total scholarships available each year for pre-matric, post-matric and top class education shall be reserved for girl candidates. In National Overseas Scholarship, 30% of the slots are reserved for female students. However, in case adequate number of girl candidates are not available or not found eligible as per the terms and conditions of the scheme, the unutilized slots can be utilized by selecting suitable male candidates.

Eligible and interested Divyangjan are requested to fill up the form through the National Scholarship Portal bearing the URL: <https://scholarships.gov.in>. Further, detailed guidelines of the scheme are available on the website www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in.


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