

9. Pre-Matric Scholarship to Students Belonging to National Minorities

Theme	Education
Department	Social Welfare department
Target group(s)	Students belonging to national minorities
Description of the scheme	Students belonging to national minorities receive financial assistance in form of a scholarship to pursue their pre-matric education.
Objective	The scholarship at pre-matric level will encourage parents from national minorities to send their school going children to school, lighten their financial burden on school education and sustain their efforts to support their children to complete school education. The scheme will form the foundation for their educational attainment and provide a level playing field in the competitive employment arena. Empowerment through education, which is one of the objectives of this scheme, has the potential to lead to uplift of the socio-economic conditions of the minority communities.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This scholarship is available for students studying in India only - Secured a minimum of 50% in their previous exam - Awarded for class I-X - Income limit of parents/guardians is Rs. 1.00 Lakhs per year
How to apply for this scheme	Application forms are available with the Head of Institution/DSWO or on the website of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
Procedure	The Head of Institution will send the list of eligible students under the above scheme to the Zonal Education Officer concerned. The zonal education officer after recording the necessary certificates will consolidate the list and forward to the Tehsil Social Welfare Officer/District Social Welfare officer/Chief Education Officer for accord of sanction. The District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) concerned after recording the necessary certificates will forward the list as per the prescribed format to the Director Social Welfare Department for arrangement of funds/Sanction by the Administration Department.

Value of the financial assistance	See table on next page.
Whom to contact for the actual status of the scheme	Chief Education Officer (CEO) or the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO). For more information and application forms see the website of the Ministry of Minority Affairs: http://minorityaffairs.gov.in

Note: The Ministry of Minority Affairs GOI has prescribed a fixed target for each state under pre-matric/post-matric/merit-sum-means based scholarship schemes.

Rate of the financial assistance (amount in Rs.):

S.No.	Item	*Hostellers	Day Scholars
1	Admission fee from class VI to X	Rs.500/- p/annum subject to actuals.	Rs.500/- p.a. subject to actuals.
2	Tuition fee from class VI to X	Rs.350/- p/month subject to actuals.	Rs.350/- p.m. subject to actuals.
3	Maintenance allowance will be payable for a period not exceeding 10 months in an academic year.		
	i) Class I to V	Nil	Rs. 100/- p.m.
	ii) Class VI to X	Rs. 600/- p.m. subject to actuals.	Rs. 100/- p.m

* Hostellers include students who are staying in hostel of the school/institute concerned or those provided by the State Government/Union Territory Administration concerned.