

## 11. Merit-cum Means Scholarship for Students Belonging to National Minorities

<b>Theme</b>	Education
<b>Department</b>	Social Welfare department
<b>Target group(s)</b>	Students belonging to national minorities pursuing technical or professional courses at under graduate/post graduate level in a government/private recognized institution.
<b>Description of the scheme</b>	<p>Students belonging to minority communities pursuing technical or professional courses at under graduate/post graduate level in an institution recognized by an appropriate authority are invited to apply for grant of merit-cum means based scholarship.</p> <p>This scholarship is available for studies in India only and will be awarded through the Head of the Institution by the Social Welfare department.</p>
<b>Objective</b>	To provide financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students belonging to minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses.
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The student belongs to a Minority Community</li> <li>- The income limit of parents/guardians of Rs. 2.5 Lakhs per year. It is awarded only for specified professional and technical courses.</li> <li>- Students studying in institutes listed in the scheme (70 institutions) will be entitled to reimbursement of full course fee. Students studying in other recognized institutions will be entitled to reimbursement of a maximum course fee of Rs. 20,000/- per annum.</li> <li>- The scholarship is available for students studying in India only, provided they have secured minimum of 50% in their last qualifying exam (fresh cases) of minimum of 50% in their previous exam (renewal).</li> <li>- Renewal cases are given priority.</li> </ul>

<p><b>How to apply for this scheme</b></p>	<p>Application forms shall be available with the Head of Institution.</p> <p>1. An application for this scholarship should comprise of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. One copy of the application for scholarship in the prescribed form.</li> <li>b. One copy of passport size photographs with signatures of the students there on (for fresh scholarship).</li> <li>c. One attested copy of certificates, diploma, degree etc. in respect of all examinations passed.</li> <li>d. An income declaration by the self-employed parents/guardians, stating definite income from all sources by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain an income certificate from their employer and for any additional income from other sources; they would furnish declaration by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper.</li> <li>e. Proof of permanent residence.</li> <li>f. A receipt in acknowledgement of the scholarship in the previous year on the form attached to the application, duly counter-signed by the Head of the Institution concerned, if the application was in receipt of a scholarship under this scheme in the preceding year.</li> </ol> <p>2. Applications complete in all respects can be submitted to the Head of the Institution, being attended or last attended by the candidates and shall be addressed to an officer specified for this purpose.</p>
<p><b>Procedure</b></p>	<p>Submitted applications will after approval by the Head of Institute be sent to the Zonal Education Officer (ZEO, up to 12<sup>th</sup> standard) and/or to the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) and after consolidation to the Director Social Welfare. Subsequently, the application shall be sent to the administration department and the Ministry of Minority Affairs of the Government of India. Finally the approved scholarship will be sent back to the Head of Institute.</p>
<p><b>Value of the</b></p>	<p>The rate of the scholarship will be as under:</p>

<b>financial assistance</b>	<p>1. Maintenance allowance (for 10 months only)  For Hostler: Rs. 10,000/- per annum (Rs. 1000/- per month)  For Day Scholar: Rs. 5,000/- per annum (Rs. 500/- per month)</p> <p>2. Course Fee (full course will be reimbursed for eligible institutions listed by the Government of India).  For Hostler: Rs. 20,000/- per annum or the actual fee, whichever is less  For Day Scholar: Rs. 20,000/- per annum or the actual fee, whichever is less</p>
<b>Whom to contact for the actual status of the scheme</b>	<p>Head of Institute/District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO)</p> <p>For more information and application forms see the website of the Ministry of Minority Affairs: <a href="http://minorityaffairs.gov.in">http://minorityaffairs.gov.in</a></p>