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CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE
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UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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1. OBJECTIVE: -

To provide financial assistance to meritorious students from low income families to meet a part of their day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies.

2. SCOPE: -

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of the results of Senior Secondary Examination. 82000 fresh scholarships per annum [41000 for boys and 41000 for girls] are awarded for pursuing graduate / postgraduate studies in colleges and universities and for professional courses, such as Medical, Engineering etc.

3. ALLOCATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS: -

The total number of scholarships are divided amongst the State Education Boards based on the State's population in the age group of 18-25 years, after segregating share of CBSE and ICSE on the basis of number of students passing out from various Boards in the country. 50 % of the scholarship is earmarked for girls. The number of scholarships allotted to a State Education Board is distributed amongst pass outs of the Science, Commerce and Humanities streams in the ratio of 3:2:1. In case of shortfall in the number of applications, the scholarship slots could be inter-changed.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Students who are above 80th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream from the respective Board of Examination in Class XII of 10+2 pattern or equivalent and pursuing regular courses (not correspondence or distance mode) in Colleges/Institutions recognized by All India Council of Technical Education, UGC Act, 1956, Medical Council of India, Dental Council of India and respective regulatory authorities and not availing benefit of any other scholarship scheme including State run scholarship schemes/Fee waiver and

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reimbursement scheme are eligible under the scheme. Students pursuing Diploma courses are not eligible under the scheme.

5. RESERVATION

Students belonging to reserved categories/weaker sections /minorities are eligible on the basis of merit, subject to Central Reservation Policy and internal earmarking. Reservations for the various categories are as follows : Scheduled Castes (SCs) 15 % , Scheduled Tribes (STs) 7.5 % , Other Backward Classes(OBCs) 27 % and horizontally 5 % for Physically Handicapped / Persons(s) with Disabilities (PwDs) in all the categories.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHEME AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 1) National Scholarship Portal (NSP) www.scholarships.gov.in will be opened for online application in the month of June-July every year.
- 2) Class XII pass out students of the current Academic Year, who are above 80th percentile of the respective State Education Boards (SEBs) are eligible under the scheme and can apply on National Scholarship Portal (www.scholarship.gov.in), before the cut-off date. Physical application would not be accepted.
- 3) The online applications would be verified at two levels:
 - (i) By the Institute where the student is studying.
 - (ii) By the respective State Education Board.
- 4) Applicant is required to submit requisite documents, such as [Class 12th mark sheet, Income Certificate] to the Institute.
- 5) Application which is not verified either by the institute or by the concerned State Education Board or by both will be treated as 'Invalid'.
- 6) Merit list as per the State allocated quota would be generated from the verified applications.

7. RATE OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

The rate of scholarship is Rs.10000/- per annum at Graduation level for first three years of College and University courses and Rs.20000/- per annum at Post-Graduation level. Students pursuing professional courses, in case, where the duration of course is five (5) years/Integrated course would get Rs.20000/- per annum in the 4th and 5th year. However, students pursuing technical courses such as B.Tech., B.Engg would get scholarship up to graduation level.

8. PARENTAL INCOME CEILING:

The parental/family income ceiling is Rs. 8 lakh per annum for all categories under the scheme and would be applicable from the Academic Session 2018-19. Income certificate would be required for the fresh applicants only.

9. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND ITS RENEWAL

A student will be eligible for the scholarship for a total duration not exceeding 5 years. A scholarship under the scheme is renewable on year to year basis up to Post Graduate level in the same stream (except for the students pursuing technical courses leading to degree at graduation level).

If a scholar is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and or on account of any unforeseen event, the award may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical certificate and other proof to satisfy the Head of the Institution who will certify that the student would have passed with required percentage of marks or equivalent Grade Point Average, had he/she appeared in the examination.

A scholar would be allowed to continue/renew his/her scholarship if, he/she changes the course of study to a stream not offered by his school Board in Class XII (e.g. Law, Fashion Technology, etc.). Students changing their college/institute of study would be allowed to continue/renew the scholarship provided the course of study and the institution is recognized.

10. For receiving scholarship benefit under Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students, an individual shall furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar or undergo Aadhaar authentication. Till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the individual, following alternative identifiers can be used:-

**CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME
OF
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**



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Effective from 1st April, 2018

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- (b) To support students with disabilities for their study in classes XI and XII onwards so that the incidence of drop-out, especially in the transition from the secondary to the higher secondary stage is minimized,
- (c) To improve participation of students with disabilities in Class XI and XII and at the post-matric stage of education.
- (d) All Graduate Degree & Post-graduate Degree/Diploma courses recognised by UGC/AICTE shall be covered under Post-matric Scholarship

14.2 SCOPE:

Scholarships under this scheme shall be available for studying in classes XI, XII, Post-matriculation diploma/certificates and Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in India and Master's Degree/Diploma from any University recognised by UGC/AICTE.

14.3 NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

- a) Number of Post-matric scholarships to be sanctioned every year is 17,000 + Renewal (seventeen thousand only).
- b) The number of slots of scholarships as mentioned above will be distributed among all the States and Union Territories of India. The no. of slots available to any State/UT is decided on the basis of percentage of population of PwDs of that State/UT in comparison to the total PwD population of India. The No. of scholarships allocated to each of the State/UT is shown in Annexure I.
Provided that in case the numbers of scholarships so allocated to a State/UT are not fully utilized, due to non-availability of eligible candidates, the unutilised slots shall be allocated amongst the other States/UTs where the number of eligible candidates is much more than the slots allocated to that State/UT.

14.4 ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:

- (i) These scholarships will be given for the study of all recognized post-matriculation or post-secondary courses pursued in recognized institutions with the following exceptions:

"Scholarships are not awarded for training courses like Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Courses and Private Pilot license Courses. Courses at Training - Ship Dufferin (Now Rajendra), courses of training at the Military College, Dehradun, courses at Pre-examination Training Centres of all India and State levels."

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- (ii) Only those candidates who have passed the Matriculation or Higher Secondary or any higher examination of a recognized University or Board of Secondary Education will be eligible.
- (iii) Courses at the level of post-graduate degree/diploma/ certificate are also covered under this scheme.
- (iv) Candidates who after passing one stage of education are studying in the same stage of education in different subject e.g. B.Com. after B.A. in other subject will not be eligible. However, students pursuing L.L.B/B.Ed/B.El.Ed. after passing B.A./B.Sc./B.E. etc. are eligible for Post-Matric Scholarship under this scheme.
- (v) Students who are pursuing two different courses of study simultaneously can avail the scholarship for any one course only provided pursuance of such courses are permissible under the rules/regulations of the Educational Authority concerned.
- (vi) Students studying in Class XI of the Higher Secondary School courses of the XII Class of the Multipurpose High School will not be eligible for it being a continuous school course. However, in cases where Xth class examination of such courses is treated as equivalent to Matriculation and students who after passing Xth class join other courses, such students will be treated as post-matric students and will be eligible for the award of scholarships.
- (vii) Students who after failing or passing the under graduate examinations in Arts/Science/Commerce join any recognized professional or Technical certificate/diploma/degree courses will be awarded scholarships if otherwise eligible. No subsequent failure will be condoned except courses in Group-I.
- (viii) Students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distant and continuing education.
- (ix) Employed students whose income combined with the income of their parents/guardians does not exceed the maximum prescribed income ceiling are made eligible to post-matric scholarships to the extent of reimbursement of all compulsorily payable non-refundable fees.

14.5 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:

14.5.1 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 and 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, 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

Note: The scholarship is given for the study of all recognised post-matriculation or post-secondary courses pursued in recognised institutions, the list of courses grouped (I to IV) is only illustrative and not exhaustive. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are, thus, themselves competent to decide the appropriate grouping of courses at their level.

14.5.2 Disability Allowances: The different types of allowances related to disability shall be payable as under:

S.No.	Type of Disability	Amount (Rs. per annum)
1.	Visually Impaired	Rs.4000
2.	Hearing Impaired	Rs.2000
3.	Physically Disabled (OH)	Rs.2000
4.	Intellectual Disabilities	Rs.4000
5.	All other types of disability not covered under above	Rs.2000

14.5.3 Reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees

Scholars are paid enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/Board. The maximum fee ceiling for post-matric scholarship is

Rs.1.50 lakh per annum. Refundable deposits like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded.

Note: Compulsory non-refundable fee charged by recognized institutions against free and paid seats of recognized courses can be fully reimbursed as per the fee structure approved by the competent State/Central Government authority upto maximum ceiling of Rs.1.50 lakh per annum.

14.4.4 Book Allowance: Rs.1500/- per annum

14.6 General Conditions:

- (i) Normally the term 'Hostel' is applicable to a common residential building and common messes for the students run under the supervision of the educational institution authorities. In case the college authorities are unable to provide accommodation in the college Hostel, an approved place of residence can also be treated as Hostel for the purpose of this scheme. The place will be approved by the Head of the Institution after due inspection and keeping in view the rules and regulations laid down by the University/Institute, if any. In such case, a certificate to the effect that the student is residing in an approved place of residence, as he/she is unable to get accommodation in the school/college hostel should be furnished by the Head of the Institution.
- (ii) It is further clarified that such deemed hostels should consist of such accommodation as is hired at least by a group of 5(five) students living together, usually with common mess arrangements.
- (iii) Scholars who are entitled to free board and/or lodging will be paid maintenance charge at 1/3rd at hostellers' rate.

14.7 DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS

- (i) The award once made will be tenable from the stage at which it is given to the completion of course subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed from year to year provided that within a course which is continuous for a number of years, the scholar secures promotion to the next higher class irrespective of the fact whether such examinations are conducted by a University or the Institution.
- (ii) If a student with disabilities pursuing Group I courses above, (in case of post-matric scholarship) fails in the examination for the first time, the