

Subject:- Implementation of Scheme of ‘Merit-cum-Means based scholarship for the students belonging to Minority Communities.’

The Govt. Of India, Ministry of Minority Affairs has been awarding Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship to Students belonging to Minority Communities.

OBJECT:

The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students belonging to the minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses.

SCOPE:

These scholarships are available for studies in India only and will be awarded through an Agency designated by the State Government/UT Administration for this purpose.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Every year 20000 scholarships will be distributed among the students of minority communities throughout the country. Based on the state-wise population of these communities, the distribution of scholarship to the Union Territory of Chandigarh is as under:-

No. of Scholarship for Muslim	No. of Scholarship for Christian	No. of Scholarship for Sikh	Total
12	03	45	60

CONDITIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

- i) Financial assistance will be given to pursue degree and/or post graduate level technical and professional courses from a recognized institution. Maintenance allowance will be credited to the student’s account. The course fee will be paid by the State Department directly to the institute concerned.
- ii) Students who get admission to a College to pursue technical/professional courses, on the basis of a competitive examination will be eligible for the scholarship.
- iii) Student who gets admission in technical/professional courses without facing any competitive examination will also be eligible for scholarship. However, such students should have not less than 50% marks at higher secondary/graduation level. Selection of these students will be done strictly on merit basis.
- iv) Continuation of the scholarship in subsequent years will depend on successful completion of the course during the preceding year.

- v) A scholarship holder under this scheme will not avail any other scholarship/stipend for pursuing the course.
- vi) The annual income of the beneficiary/parent or guardian of beneficiary should not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh from all sources.
- vii) 30% scholarship will be reserved for girls of each minority community in a state which is transferable to male student of that community in case of non-availability of female candidate in that community in the concerned state.
- viii) A student residing in a particular State/UT will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of that State/UT only irrespective of his place of study.
- xv) The number of scholarship has been fixed state-wise on the basis of minority population of the states/UTs. Within the state-wise allocations, the applications from reputed institutions will be exhausted first. The list of such institutions will be made available by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Rate of Scholarship

The rate of scholarship will be as under:

Sl. No.	Type of Financial Assistance	Rate for hosteler	Rate for Day Scholar
1.	Maintenance Allowance (For 10 months only)	Rs. 10,000/- per annum (Rs. 1000 p.m.)	Rs. 5,000/- per annum (Rs. 500 p.m.)
2.	Course Fee*	Rs. 20,000/- per annum or Actual whichever is less	Rs. 20,000/- per annum or Actual whichever is less
Total		Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 25,000/-

* Full course fee will be reimbursed for eligible institutions listed at Annexure-III.

Payment

- i) Maintenance allowance is payable from 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, (including maintenance allowance during holidays) maximum twice a year, provided that if the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission.
- ii) In case of renewal of scholarships awarded in the previous years, maintenance allowance will be paid from the month following the month upto which scholarship was paid in the previous year, if the course of study is continuous.

- iii) The Government of the State/Union Territory Administration, to which they belong, in accordance with the procedure laid down by them in this regard, will pay the scholarship money to the selected students.
- iv) Scholarship will not be paid for the period of internship/housemanship in the M.B.B.S. course or for a practical training in other course if the student is in receipt of some remuneration during the internship period or some allowance/stipend during the practical training in other course.

Other Conditions for the Award

- i) The scholarship is dependent on the satisfactory progress and conduct of the scholar. If it is reported by the Head of Institution at any time that a scholar has by reasons of his/her own act of default failed to make satisfactory progress or has been guilty of misconduct such as resorting to or participating in strikes, irregularity in attendance without the permission of the authorities concerned etc., the authority sanctioning the scholarship may either cancel the scholarship or stop or withhold further payment for such period as it may think fit.
- ii) If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered, at the discretion of the concerned State Government. The student concerned will be blacklisted and debarred for scholarship in any scheme forever.
- iii) A scholarship awarded may be cancelled if the scholar changes the subject of the course of study for which the scholarship was originally awarded or changes the Institution of study, without prior approval of the State Government. The Head of the Institution shall report such cases to them and stop payment of the scholarship money. The amount already paid may also be recovered at the discretion of the State Government.
- iv) A scholar is liable to refund the scholarship amount at the discretion of the State Government, if during the course of the year, the studies for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued by him/her.
- v) The regulations can be changed at anytime at the discretion of the Government of India.

Procedure for Applying

- i) An application for scholarship should comprise:
 - a) Print out of the application form for scholarship to be obtained by filling the same on website of Ministry of Minority affairs, New Delhi i.e. www.momascholarship.gov.in
 - b) One copy of the passport size photograph with signatures of the student thereon alongwith copy of Aadhaar card No./Aadhaar enrolment number.

- c) One attested copy of certificates, diploma, degree etc. in respect of all examination passed.
 - d) An income declaration by the self-employed parents/guardians, stating definite income from all sources by way of any affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain 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.
 - e) Proof of permanent residence.
 - 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.
 - g) Copy of bank detail including the name of account holder, address , bank address alongwith bank IFSC Code are required.
- iii) Application complete in all respects shall 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 by the Government of State/Union Territory to which the student belongs, in accordance with the instructions issued by them from time to time.

Funding Pattern of the Scheme

The Scheme will be implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which receive 100% central assistance from Government of India for the total expenditure under the scheme.

TIME LINE

The time-line with regard to various activities relating to submission of application forms is as under:-

Fresh Scholarship:-

Sl.No.	Activities	Date
1.	Last date for submission of Online applications for fresh Scholarship by students	30 th September, 2013
2.	Last date for submission of duly signed printed version of online applications by students to State Department through respective institutes.	10 th October, 2013
3.	Last dated for scrutiny of online applications by institutes.	20 th October, 2013

Renewal Scholarship:-

Sl. No.	Activities	Date
1.	Last date for submission of Online applications for renewal scholarship by students	31 st December, 2013
2.	Last date for submission of duly signed printed version of online renewal application by students to State Department through respective institutes.	10 th January, 2014
3.	Last date for scrutiny of online applications by institutes.	15 th January, 2014

The applicant should also pay attention to the Frequently Asked Question (FAQs) available on the homepage of the website for filling up of online application. Applicants are advised to take print-outs of the duly filled-in application forms, through OSMS, and to submit the same alongwith all supporting documents (i.e residence proof, last class pass certificate, Proof of Aadhaar no./enrolment no., Proof of bank account alongwith bank detail in the name of applicant, income proof, Minority Certificate/Affidavit) through their respective institutes to the State/UT Department. **Without receipt of hard copy in the State/UT Department, the application is liable to be rejected. Aadhaar number is mandatory this time.**

The interested candidates may apply for the said scholarship through online on the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs i.e. www.momascholarship.gov.in. and before registering, student should view the detail regarding Institution and student information.