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KERALA STATE WELFARE CORPORATION FOR FORWARD COMMUNITIES LIMITED-MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS TO ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD SECTIONS AMONG THE FORWARD COMMUNITIES OF KERALA- TO PURSUE PROGRAMMES IN GRADUATE LEVEL (Professional/non-Professional) COURSES.

I. Background

Kerala State Welfare Corporation for Forward Communities Limited is a Government of Kerala undertaking established for the comprehensive development of economically backward sections of the forward communities. In the Financial Year 2013-14 KSWCFC Ltd had successfully launched merit scholarships to the target groups and distributed Rs 140 lakhs for pursuing higher education leading to degree level courses in various streams. During the current year, Scholarship will be provided to new applicants to pursue graduate level courses in Govt/aided colleges/institutions recognized by universities in Kerala and will continue the Scholarships to all eligible existing awardees, who are continuing their respective courses in the year 2014-15.

II. Scope of the scheme

The scheme covers all professional/non-professional courses offered by Government/aided/self financing colleges, Universities, research & scientific institutions in Kerala at bachelor's level. But preferences will be given to students undergoing courses in Govt/aided institutions over those students studying in self financing institution.

III. Implementing agency

Kerala State Welfare Corporation for Forward Communities Limited is the nodal agency for implementing the scheme. The scheme will be notified through Print and Electronic Media.

IV. The Scheme

Under the scheme scholarship will be provided to the finally selected candidates belonging to economically backward sections of forward communities for pursuing Graduate level courses in Engineering, Medicine(MBBS,BDS,BVSC,BAMS,BHMS etc.) Management, Arts, Nursing & Paramedical (Bsc Nursing B Pharm, BSC MLT BPT etc.) Commerce, Pure sciences, Agricultural science, Law etc. in institutions/colleges recognized by various universities in Kerala.

V. Rate & No. of Scholarships

The Scholarship will cover the actual course fee, exam fee & hostel fee not exceeding an amount of Rs. 10,000 /- annum. In the case of new awardees, from 2014-15 onwards 1:1 ratio will be maintained between professional/non professional courses.

VI. Eligibility

(i) Any student belonging to forward community, below 35 (Thirty Five) years, as on First day of the month of the Advertisement of the Scheme (groups of people who do not come under the purview of reservation scheme operated by the Government of India or any of the State Governments in India and those groups who are not listed as other backward classes, scheduled classes and scheduled tribes and OECs) and whose annual family income not exceeding **Rs. 2 lakhs (Rupees Two lakhs Only)** per annum, are eligible to apply

(ii) A first class or 60% or equivalent grade in the relevant +2/higher secondary level examination.

(iii) Any student belonging to the aforesaid category who has been admitted to bachelors degree in a college/institutions duly recognized by a University in Kerala, is eligible for the award of merit scholarship.

(iv) Those students who are availing similar scholarships or stipends from Central or State Government or any other body shall not be eligible for these scholarships.

(v) The candidate shall not change the course of study for which scholarships has been sanctioned.

(vi) Only those, doing regular and full time course in a College/ Institution duly affiliated by the universities in Kerala shall be eligible for the scholarship.

(vii) Preference will be given to those students undergoing courses in Govt./aided colleges over students undergoing courses in self financing Institution/self financing courses.

VII. Selection Procedure

The Scheme will be advertised in the newspapers and also in the website of the Corporation (www.kswcfc.org) giving summarized information about the Scheme. The candidates shall after assessing their eligibility and suitability, as per conditions of the Scheme, apply through the website www.kswcfc.org in the prescribed application form. The applicant shall also forward the print-outs of application along with the credentials to KSWCFC Ltd for verification. The last date of receiving applications will also be mentioned in the advertisement/website. Thereafter, all applications received up to the last date will be scrutinized by the Kerala State Welfare Corporation for Forward Communities Limited. The beneficiaries will be selected based on their annual family income i.e by giving priority to lower income. In case of tie-up for two or more candidates % of marks obtained in +2 /higher secondary examination will take in to consideration.

VIII. Mode of disbursement

Scholarship will be disbursed to the finally selected students through the bank accounts of SBT/SBI.

IX. Jurisdiction of the Scheme

The jurisdiction of the Scheme is up to providing prescribed financial support to the selected candidates for pursuing higher education in the specified subjects. The Scheme does not cover employment aspects of the awardees and also does not provide for any kind of assistance to the awardee in seeking employment anywhere, after his/her having availed the award.

X. Furnishing of False Information

If any candidate has furnished any false information/document and is established as false, he/she will be debarred from the award and if he/she has availed of it or is availing, an action will be initiated for recovery of the merit fellowship/scholarship spent with 15% compound interest thereon. Such candidate will also be black listed for any future assistance.

XI. General Conditions

- i. KSWCFC is the nodal agency for implementing the scheme.
- ii. KSWCFC notifies the scheme by inserting suitable advertisement in the print and electronic media.
- iii. For new awardees ,from 2014-15 onwards 1:1 ratio will be maintained between professional/non professional courses.
- iv. Scholarship will be disbursed to the selected candidates through the applicants bank accounts of SBT/SBI.
- v. KSWCFC will evolve its own mechanism for verifying the genuineness of the certificates furnished by the candidates in order to eliminate the possibility of students availing of the merit scholarship on fake certificates.
- vi. Annual family income of the applicant that is by giving priority to lower income groups
- vii. Preference will be given to those students undergoing courses in Govt./aided colleges over students undergoing courses in self financing Institution/self financing courses.
- viii. The decision of the KSWCFC in regard to awarding the merit scholarship shall be final and no appeal would lie against any decision by KSWCFC in regard thereof.
