

**MERIT CUM MEANS BASED SCHOLARSHIP TO MINORITY STUDENTS FOR 2015-16**

Applications are invited for Merit Cum Means Based Scholarship through ONLINE from the students belonging to the Minority Communities viz., Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist and Zoroastrian (Parsis) and Jain as notified by the Government of India, who are pursuing Degree or Postgraduate level Professional / Technical Courses in the Government / and in all Government .recognized Private Educational Institutions. Community wise number of Fresh scholarship allotted to Tamil Nadu for the year 2015-16 are given below:-

Muslims	Christians	Sikhs	Buddhists	Jains	TOTAL
1075	1173	3	2	26	2279

** As far as, Renewals of Scholarships are concerned, there is no target for them

The Ministry of Minority Affairs (GOI) has introduced ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (OSMS) for Merit Cum Means Based Scholarship from the year 2011-12 onwards. The site was accessed through the URL www.momascholarship.gov.in. However, from 2015-16, the online implementation of the Merit cum Means Based scholarship will be done through the common National Scholarship Web Portal of the Government of India, under URL www.scholarships.gov.in

ELIGIBILITY:

- Students who get admission in Professional Courses on the basis of competitive examination or without facing competitive examinations are eligible for applying to this scholarship provided they should have obtained 50% marks or more in the previous year final examination at Higher Secondary/Graduation level
- Annual Income from all sources of the student's Parent or Guardian should **not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh**
- Students who have been awarded Fresh scholarship in the previous year should apply for only Renewal Scholarship provided, they should have obtained not less than 50% of marks in the previous examination and successful completion of the course. Those students who are having arrears in previous year are not eligible to apply for Renewal scholarship.

Other Conditions: i)The scholarship holder shall not avail any other scholarship / stipend /Concession from BC/MBC/Adi Dravidar Welfare, Educational Departments, any other Boards, concession like exemption from payment of Tuition Fee for First Generation Graduates etc for the same purpose. ii) 30% reserved for Women Candidates, if sufficient Women Candidates are not available, Male candidates will be selected. iii) Scholarship will not be given to more than two students in a family. iv)A student resident of Tamil Nadu will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of Tamil Nadu only, irrespective of his/her place of study. v) Scholarship will not be sanctioned to students who enter their Bank Account No. or IFS Code incorrectly. Hence, students are requested to pay more attention while feeding in the computer.

HOW TO APPLY:

Fresh: 1st step – The student can log on in the website www.scholarships.gov.in

2nd Step - Student have to go with the option "**Student Login**", on the home page of National Scholarships Portal. Fill up the application as per the instructions given by the system then click "**Save & Continue**" button. After saving, student will get a "Temporary ID". The system will instruct the applicant to submit his/her Temporary ID and date of birth to fill subsequent details. The student should also scan the enclosures and upload them. Maximum file size is 100 KB. Supported file type are *.png, *.jpg, *.jpeg, *.tiff, *.gif. Once registration is complete click "**Confirm & Submit Application**" a Permanent Registration ID is generated and the online application will be forwarded to the Institution. This Permanent ID can be used for Renewal and tracking the status of the application.

Renewal : Renewal Students have to apply with their Permanent id which they got previous year. Student can also use Forgot Registration ID to retrieve their ID.

2. The student **must take printout of the filled in online application** without fail to submit along with the uploaded documents to the Educational Institution.

3. While entering basic parameters like religion, name of the institution, percentage of marks, parental annual income and bank details students are requested to concentrate **as these details cannot be edited at any level.**

4. Registration Number of 12th and 10th Marksheet should be correctly entered as this number will be verified with Examinations Department.

5. Entering Aadhar Number is not mandatory. However, those students who are having their Aadhar number is requested to enter in online application. They are also requested to link Aadhar Number in their Bank Account. For this purpose student are requested to kindly contact their respective Banks and link Aadhar number in their Bank account without fail.

List of documents to be uploaded in online and hard copy submitted to the Educational Institution along with the application by the student:

- Filled in **ONLINE application** form (Fresh/Renewal) with recent passport size **photograph.**

- Attested copy of **Marksheet** (Consolidated Marksheet only) for fresh scholarship. In respect of Renewal Scholarship Previous year Marksheet should be enclosed. If Marksheet is not received within due date, then online printout of Marksheet with due attestation from HOD will be accepted.
- Proof of religion-** Community Certificate / Transfer Certificate or **declaration of religion** by way of an affidavit on non judicial stamp paper with a value of Rs.10/-
- Income certificate** obtained from the Revenue Authority of the State. Employed parents/guardians may obtain income certificate from their employer and it may be submitted
- Fee receipts** issued by the Institution as proof for payment of Tuition fee, Library fee, Examination fee & Other non refundable fee
- Clear **copy of Bank pass book** or copy of cancelled cheque leaf as proof for Bank Account Number (Core Banking Service) and IFS Code (11 digits) of the student bank details.
- If the student is a hosteller then **hostel fee receipt** should be enclosed or a declaration by institution that the student is a hosteller
- Tamil Nadu Engineering **Admission Allotment Order copy** for verifying that the student does not avail First Graduate Concession(for Engineering students only)
 - The filled in applications along with above documents must be submitted to the Educational Institutions within the stipulated time mentioned below.
 - Non-submission of mark sheets, Bank pass book copy and other requisite certificates with scholarship application will be summarily rejected.
 - Scholarship will be sanctioned strictly based on Merit

Type of Marksheet to be submitted for various courses for Fresh and Renewal Scholarship

Professional / Technical Courses	For Fresh scholarship	For Renewal Scholarship
All UG courses (irrespective of year of study ie I, II, III, IV)	1) HSC Marks.....total mark obtained alone should be entered in online ie if 1019 marks obtained out of 1200 then this mark should only be entered irrespective of the year of study. 2) Diploma marks for Lateral Entry only Consolidated Marksheet should be enclosed and the total of 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th and 6 th semester marks which are included for computation of aggregate total and award of class alone should be entered in online	Previous Year Examination (Semesters/Non Semester) Marks without any arrears
All PG courses	UG Marks only (Consolidated mark sheet should only be enclosed) Marks which are included for computation of aggregate total and award of class alone should be entered in online application ex CGPA	

Rate of scholarship : Full Course fee (except refundable deposits) will be reimbursed to those students studying in **Listed institutions** as notified by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. **For other institutions**, Course fee of Rs.20000 or actual fee whichever is less and Maintenance Allowance of Rs.10000 for Hosteller @ Rs.1000 pm and Rs.5000 for Day scholars @ Rs.500 pm subject to a maximum of 10 months per academic year.

Schedule for Submission of Applications & Scrutiny

	For Fresh	For Renewal
Submission of Online applications for fresh / Renewal scholarship by students	30-9-2015	15-11-2015
Last date for Scrutiny of online application by Institute	20-10-2015	25-11-2015

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO INSTITUTIONS

- Since Government of India has launched common Web portal for scholarship schemes of various department, there will be only one User ID and password for the institution. Those institutions who have already registered with this Department, the User ID and password for this new portal will be sent to Institutions Email ID.
- The Head of the Educational Institution is requested to ensure that the name of their Institution have been registered in the above website. If not registered so far, they have to send the requisition to District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officer at District Collectorate with proof of affiliation of the Institution, the name of University, details of the Courses offered, Address of the Institution, Phone No., Fax No., email ID, Mobile Nos. of the Principal / Dean and staff who is dealing with scholarship scheme to the undersigned for enrolment. Necessary user ID and Password will be sent to the Institution through email/SMS after enrolment of the Institution. Once User ID & Password (temporary) are received by the Institution they have to immediately change the password of their own and to upload the courses offered, yearwise fee structure etc for further process.
- The institution is advised to take up verification as soon as the online application and hard copy of the application are received from the students and not wait for the last date.

Website : Name of the Institution registered, Scheme details, online application etc are available in the website www.scholarships.gov.in