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MERIT CUM MEANS BASED SCHOLARSHIP TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES STUDENTS FOR 2016-17

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 2016-17 are given below:-

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

If Fresh applications received are more than Target, then students will be selected on the basis of mark as per the target allotted for each religion. As far as, *Renewal of Scholarships are concerned, there is no target for them*

For 2016-17, 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. Only Online applications under the Scheme will be accepted and no request for Offline applications will be entertained.

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.

iv) Submission of Aadhaar is mandatory

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 children 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.

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ONLINE APPLICATION:

- The student can log on in the website www.scholarships.gov.in and Fresh applicants should select the option "New User ? Register Now" and Renewal students should select the option "Student Login", on the home page of National Scholarships Portal. Fill up the application as per the instructions given by the system. The student should also scan the enclosures and upload them. Maximum file size is 100 KB. Supported file type are *.png, *.jpg, *.jpeg, *.tif, *.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 online application.
- Renewal:** Renewal Students have to apply with their Permanent ID which they got previous year or the bank account number which they applied in previous year.
- The student must take printout of the filled in online application without fail to submit along with the uploaded documents to the Educational Institution.
- 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.
- Entering Aadhar Number is mandatory. Therefore students should enter Aadhar number 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.
- 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 for renewal students, then online printout of Marksheet with due attestation from HOD will be accepted.
- Proof of religion- Community Certificate or self declaration of religion as per format specified in the Portal
- Income certificate obtained from the Revenue Authority of the State or self declaration as per format specified in the Portal.
- 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 hard copy of the application along with requisite enclosures will be summarily rejected.
 - Scholarship will be sanctioned strictly based on Merit
 - List of Courses approved by the Ministry alone are eligible for scholarship

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 for Day scholars / Rs.500 pm subject to a maximum of 10 months per academic year.

Time line for Fresh & Renewal scholarship:

	For Fresh	For Renewal
Submission of Online applications for fresh / Renewal scholarship by students	15th July to 31st October 2016	

The time line for further action by the Institution are being finalised by Ministry and will be intimated shortly. The Institution can however go ahead with verification etc in order to complete the same as soon as possible.

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