

A HANDBOOK ON SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR THE STUDENTS OF ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGES

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Need for this handbook

Our Indian culture and heritage has always stressed upon the importance of learning at young age with complete focus. Growth through gaining knowledge and self- inquiry has been a part of our system till now. The great Tamil poetess Ouvaiyar boldly declares that a learned man is superior to a ruler. She further goes to say that those who are not literate should only be called as trees and trees are not so, as they are useful unlike an illiterate! She insists upon learning while one is young. But not everyone is fortunate to study, as poverty happens to be a big barrier. Ouvaiyar is very empathetic in her verses about those who suffer due to poverty at young age. While she is pungent about asking alms, she says one need to continue learning even if he has to seek monetary help from others and should not shy-away from asking for help. She rather insists on philanthropy in her every work and asks the fortunate ones to extend their benevolent hand to help the poor, instead of being silent spectators.

Fortunately, with the efforts of our Government, more and more first generation learners seek Higher Education. In my experience as a teacher for past one and half decades, I see the number of students who cross the hurdles and join Colleges with dreams of bright future has definitely multi-folded. On one side while it is very heartening to be a part of this growth, on the otherside it is very painful to see these young learners run pillar to post to pay their tuition fee/ exam fee, even when it is very nominal. It makes one feel guilty when we come across mothers who pledge their meager jewellery or fathers who take loan at very high interest rates. Also, there is a trend among these students to work after College hours to repay this loan, take up part time adhoc jobs, sundry jobs, night shifts and this tells upon their health and they miss and mess up with academics.

Inspite of so many welfare schemes and scholarships, students are helpless sometimes. This may be due to their limited knowledge, exposure, lack of awareness and many times sheer inertia and fear make them feel so. These students definitely need a simple, uncomplicated, direct and easy to read source to look for their scholarship needs answered. In this information technology age, there are many websites that are loaded with tera byte information. With simple background, limited knowledge and time stipulation, they are not able to sieve the required assistance from the internet hay, many a times. Moreover with so many academic streams, very many fellowships, research assistances, abroad scholarships, scholarships of various other States in a diverse Country like ours, finding a prospective, more suitable assistance becomes very tough. Hence, the thought occurred to have a compilation of scholarship awarding agencies and organisations. It should be simple, area-specific, with limited and necessary information to help students from Arts and Science Colleges. Hence, this handbook is a step towards simplifying the process.

With so many initiatives from Government to make our Country excel in Education, many Non-Governmental Organisations are working in unison to achieve this goal at a faster pace. Our Country is very rich when it comes to philanthropy and every household has a story to vouch this. Every educational institution has loads of stories shared by the students, how their teachers helped them to find a financial assistance or how the teachers themselves paid exam fee or tuition fee. I wish this handbook serves as a guide to teachers to look out for help.

I hereby thank our Principal for the encouragement and motivation he gave me to carry on this work. I sincerely thank the Management for their support to bring out this handbook.

I hereby express my gratefulness to all those organisations, groups or individuals who help others as karmayogis and assume them as a tool in the hands of Paramathman.

I wish many students are benefited by this compilation.

For feed back, please mail me at uthra_13@yahoo.com.

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Disclaimer

The data compiled and presented in this handbook are from various Newspapers, tabloids and internet sources. Much effort has been taken to present only more suitable and authentic details collected from the websites hosted by the agencies awarding scholarships. The data given is as available during November, 2011. The policies and rules of awarding bodies may change from time to time. Students and parents are advised to check these data as and when they apply, as they may change in future, due to change in circumstances. Moreover this book is not an advertisement to any of these agencies and the compilation has been done with the sole aim of helping the student community. Though it is exhaustive list, it is not a complete one. There may be many more philanthropists apart from those mentioned in this booklet. Moreover, the author and the College do not have any relationship with these funding agencies. Parents are requested to take utmost care to bear these in mind while applying for scholarships.

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Tips to Parents and students seeking scholarship

1. Always read the instructions fully and then fill up the application.
2. Double check the data you have entered.
3. Check what the sponsor offers- whether it is a free scholarship or a loan or does it need any surety, before you accept it.
4. In case of any doubts, seek help from others/ authorities/teachers – clarify, instead of making guesses.
5. Do not be in desperation to get scholarship, when it may affect your future prospects.
6. Read instructions whether you should submit online copy only/ online copy also. Just because your friend submitted hard copy in an earlier year, it need not be the same that year also.
7. Sign in an email account.
8. Do not have too many e- mail-ids as it will mess up the follow-up process.
9. Check your postal mail and e-mail regularly.
10. Keep necessary documents ready while applying for scholarship.
This may be –
 - Original and photocopies of
 - Community certificate
 - Income certificate from the appropriate authority
 - Address proof
 - Reciept of College fee/ other fees
 - Admit card
 - Mark sheets – X and XII
 - Degree Certificate or
 - Provisional Degree Certificate (While applying for Post-graduate or Research)
11. Keep a few passport photographs and soft copy (.jpeg image) to attach with the application.
12. One set of attested copy in hand will always be helpful- Do not submit attested copy unless asked for.
13. Open a bank account in a Nationalised bank. Do not run at last minute.
14. Keep required stationery in hand-
 - Black, blue ball- point pens
 - A4 sheets to write requisition letters
 - Carbon papers to make copy
 - Envelopes, postage stamps for specified amount
 - Glue
 - Staplers, gemclips
15. Always take copy of the requisition form and letter and then submit. In case of online submission, save a copy of the file. If not able to save file as such, use, “PrtScrn” option, take copy, open a word document and paste the data of every screen of your application.
16. Most of the College and Universities have many scholarship schemes. Students should contact the Administrative Office of your institution/ check with seniors/ check with College Calendar or website or handouts and utilize them to the fullest possibility.
17. Maintain a notebook in which you make a note of the places you have applied for scholarship, date, person you spoke to and so on for future reference.

1. The Rajasthani Association

Address

The Rajasthani Association, Tamil Nadu
128, NSC Bose Rd., Golden Complex,
Sowcarpet, Chennai.

Contact : 044-25360496 /044- 25392438

Website : www.ryabookbank.com

Information

Students of City Colleges studying Arts and Science courses, polytechnic, nursing and B.Pharm can apply furnishing their fee receipt.

2. Jaigopal Garodia Vivekananda Trust

Address

Jaigopal Garodia Scholarships Centre,
Jaigopal Garodia Vivekananda Vidyalaya trust
U-6, Seventh Street,
Anna Nagar, Chennai.

Contact : 26206261.

Information

Scholarships are given to economically- weaker students in the society.

3. Unity Trust Scholarship

Address

No.10/2, Lal Mohammed Cross Street,
Chepauk, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India 600 005.

Contact : + 91 98842 48927 / +91 44 2855 2042 / 4215 6587

Website : www.unitytrust.in

Information

Students are invited from financially underprivileged undergraduate students.

4. Asha Chennai

Address

85/2 First Floor, Luz Avenue
Mylapore, Chennai-600004.

Contact : 9176734114

Website : www.ashanet.org

Information

Asha Scholarships project aims to fund the school fees and cost of uniform and books for children from 1st standard to college (LKG and UKG in exceptional cases). The children should be from under-privileged background and be nominated by a nominee who should be an Asha volunteer or someone trusted by Asha. The nominee would play an active role in mentoring the children.

5. Gaurav Foundation Scholarship

Address

C/o, GauravSinghal Group,
New No. 43 | Old No. 34, II Floor,
SundaramPillai Street, Purasawalkam,
Chennai. Tamil Nadu. India – 600 007

Email : contact@gauravfoundation.org

Website : gauravfoundation.org

Information

Gaurav Foundation is a public charitable trust and an Non Government Organization formed in the year 2007 by the Founder Chairman and Managing Trustee Mr. Gaurav Singhal. Scholarships are awarded to students who have excelled their academics and wish to continue studies further.

6. South Kanara Dravida Brahmin Association

Address

AG-70,RiverviewColony,
AnnaNagar,
Chennai - 600 040.

Contact : 044- 2621 1895

Website : www.skdbassociation.com

Information

An association to bring together all South Kanara Dravida Brahmins together for the benefit of the whole community. The main purpose of the Association is to help deserving poor students seeking higher studies by granting scholarship.

7. OCPL Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Address

Oriental Cuisines Private Limited
No 74, Cathedral Road,
Chennai -600086

Contact : +91 (44) 30414000/4032/4056

Website : www.orientalcuisines.in

Information

Empowering the underprivileged and skilled youth to live life with purpose and to the fullest. OCPL aims to provide merit scholarships to deserving candidates to complete basic as well as higher education.

8. Sri Vidyasagar Educational Trust

Address

B-1, Narumukai Apartment,
Brindavan Nagar Extension,
Aadambakkam,
Chennai-600088.

Information

Sri Vidyasagar Educational Trust gives scholarships for students from economically weaker sections, studying in recognised Industrial Training Institutes in Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur districts. The scheme is open to first year students. Applicants should have passed class X and XII in the first attempt with 60 percent of marks.

9. Kalki Krishnamurthy Memorial Trust

Address

Managing Trustee,
Kalki Krishnamurthy Memorial Trust,
14th Main Road,
Kasturba Nagar, Adyar.
Chennai – 600 020.

Information

Scholarships would be distributed to bright students from economically poor background. Eight scholarships for post-graduates at Rs.3,000 each; 67 scholarships for graduate students at Rs.2,000 each and 85 scholarships for plus two or polytechnic students at Rs.1,200 each.

10. Monday Charity Club

Address

No.2, TTK Road,
Chennai- 600 018.
Near Ethiraj Kalyana mandapam
Contact : 044-24994806

Information

Monday Charity Club has been involved in serving the needy at grassroots level. The various services provided by the organisation include providing education to the financially poor children and other needy people. It runs a book bank and counselling for families.

11. Sophia Merit Scholarship India

Address

Old No.31, New No.6,
Krishnapuri Second Street,
Raja Annamalai Puram,
Chennai-600028.

Contact : 916-485-4238, 916-359-5104, 408-997-2702

Website : www.sophiascholarship.org

Information

The Scholarships will substantially cover tuition, boarding and lodging costs for the entire length of the Degree Program. To be eligible for Sophia Scholarship for subsequent years the students have to pass the year and also maintain the Merit Status.

12. Fair And Lovely Foundation Scholarship

Address

Fair and Lovely Foundation,
P.O. Box No. 11281,
Marine Lines Post Office,
Mumbai-400020.

Contact : 1800220130

Website : www.fairandlovely.in

Information

Women who got a minimum of 60% in standard X and XII can apply. Applications can be downloaded from the above mentioned website.

13. LIC- Golden Jubilee Scholarship

Address

LIC Customer Zone Chennai
Armenian Street,
Parrys Corner,
Chennai-600001.

Contact : 044-28604197 / 044-28616184

Website : www.licindia.in

Information

Scholarships are given to students who have passed Class X or XII exam or its equivalent with a minimum of 60% and are interested to pursue higher education in the field of Medicine, Engineering, Graduation, in any discipline, Diploma Course in any field or other equivalent courses.

14. Sahu Jain Trust Scholarship

Address

Secretary,
Sahu Jain Trust,
18, Institutional Area,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003

Website : <http://sahujaintrust.timesofindia.com/>

Information

A philanthropic organisation founded by Smt. Rama Jain & Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain gives need-cum-merit based educational scholarships for pursuing (a) Technical Trade Courses including Computers and Infotech. (b) Professional Courses (like Engineering & Medical) (c) Graduation, Post Graduation and other Courses. Scholarship amount ranges from Rs. 150/- to Rs 1,000/- per month.

15. Foundation For Academic Excellence And Access

Address

C-25, Qutab Institutional Area,
New Mehrauli Road,
New Delhi-110016.

Contact : 011-41689133

Website : www.faeaindia.org

Information

FAEA awards scholarships to students who pursue Undergraduate studies in Arts/Commerce/Science/Medical/Engineering/Technical and other Professional courses.

16. Satyakama Charitable Trust

Address

The Managing Trustee,
Satyakama Charitable Trust,
Post Box No. 7565,
Bangalore-560075.

Website : www.tamilbrahmins.com

Information

Satyakama Charitable Trust has been giving monetary help to girl students of the Brahmin community for higher education, generally after +2, but sometimes even after SSLC. Students who come from genuinely very poor families of the Tamil or any of the South Indian Brahmin community, who are intelligent and have scored very good marks in the final exams, and are really interested in further studies but not able to do so can apply for this scholarship.

17. T.V.S.Choultry Scholarships**Address**

The Founder Trustee and The Managing Trustee,
Sri.T.V.S.Choultry ,
Trunk road,
Nellore – 524001,
Andhara Pradesh.

Contact : 9848375150, 9885199663

Website : www.nellorebrahmins.com

Information

Aims to give financial support to meritorious poor Brahmins for their higher education. Promotes and develops interest in the young Brahmin students to study well and achieve higher goals, and at the same time to maintain the traditions and good ethics. Provides books and stationery to the deserving Brahmin students.

18. Mulakanadu Maha Sangh**Address**

M V Ramachandran,
No. 183/22, 10th B Main,
1st Block, Jayanagar,
Bangalore - 560011

Contact : 99005 77589, 080 65953222, 99805 90206

Information

Mulakanadu Maha Sangha awards assistance to Mulukanadu Brahmin students (from Primary to Post-Graduation courses, Professional, Sanskrit and Vedic courses) and for a Prathibha Puraskar for students from Class 10 onwards.

19. Shri Brihad Bharatiya Samaj Scholarships**Address**

Shri Brihad Bharatiya Samaj,
178 NK Mehta International House, behind LIC Yogakshema,
Babubhai Chinai Marg,

Backbay Reclamation,
Mumbai – 400020.

Information

Students undergoing full-time degree courses in Indian universities and IITs in medicine (MBBS, BDS, ayurveda and homoeopathy), engineering, technology, pharmacy, computer science, agriculture, veterinary science, nursing, education and post-graduate courses in these faculties are awarded scholarships. Students and overseas students of Indian origin with a minimum of 70% and others with minimum of 60% in their last university exam and female students studying in first year and above for nursing and education with a minimum of 45 per cent can apply.

20. Sri Sathya Charitable Trust

Address

No.5/10, Ganga Nagar,
1st Main Road,
Kodambakkam,
Chennai-24.

Contact : 9444029131

21. Womens Voluntary Service Of Tamilnadu

Address

Old No.19, New No.6,
Near Presidency School,
Mayor V R Ramanathan Road,
Chetpet,
Chennai – 600031.

Contact : +(91)-(44)-28361434, 28361825

Information

The organisation stands for all round improvement and development of underprivileged women and children. They distribute financial assistance, school uniforms and scholarships to indigent women and students.

22. National Merit Scholarship

Website : www.educationhp.org

Information

Under this scheme scholarship will be provided to the students studying in Govt. school in rural areas. However the scholarship from Post Matric to post- graduate level will be awarded on the basis of merit of post plus 2 and graduation because the scheme is being implemented from post

plus 2 to PG level. The annual income of parents from all sources should not exceed Rs. one Lakh.

23. Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Scholarships

Address

Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd

New No:536,

Anna Salai, Teynampet

Chennai 600 018.

Contact : : 044-24349519, 24349542

Email: smv@cpcl.co.in

24. Bharat Petroleum Scholarship for Higher Studies

Website : <http://www.bharatpetroleum.com/scholarship>

Information

BPCL is passionate about the 'Generation Next', and thus also supports the various education initiatives at all levels. BPCL scholars are a group of India students who yearly, seek assistance from BPCL in doing their post-graduation.

25. Indian Oil Scholarships Scheme for Graduate and Post-Graduate students

Website : <http://www.iocl.com/Aboutus/Scholarships.aspx>

Information

600 scholarships are being offered for professional courses. The distribution of scholarships may be Zone-wise based on number of students appeared for 12th Standard during 2010-11 and will be equitably distributed in the four zones. For MBA course marks obtained in graduate course will be considered.

26. Indian Oil Sports Scholarship

Address

Mr. D. V. Prasad

Dy. Manager (admn)

Indian Oil Bhavan

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

G-9 Ali Yavar Jung Marg

Bandra (East)

Mumbai - 400 051

Contact : 022-26447341

E- mail : dprasad@indianoil.co.in

Website : <http://www.iocl.com/Aboutus/IndianOilSports.aspx>

http://www.iocl.com/Aboutus/SportsScholarshipsDetails_English_2009-10.pdf

Information

The objective of this scheme to award Indian Oil Sports Scholarships to promising young players with a view to encourage talent and create a pool of sportspersons from whom to select sport appointees to the Corporation.

Elite Scholar : Representing the country in team games or national ranking in individual games between 1-5 Junior or Sub-Junior and quarter-finalist of national championship in individual games.

Scholar : Representing the state team in team games or national ranking in individual games between 6 to 10 Junior or Sub-Junior and quarter-finalist of national championship in individual games. Scholarship will be given to upcoming cadet, sub-junior and junior players up to the age of 19 years.

27. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) Scholarships for SC/ST

Address

The DY. General Manager (Admin)

ONGC, Tel Bhavan

Dehradun- 248003 (Uttaranchal)

Contact : 0135-2759561/67 , 2752161/65

Website : http://www.ongcindia.com/Scholarship/Appvd_SC_2009.pdf

Information

Candidate should be student of either 1st year of Graduate Engineering Course or 1st year of Masters Degree in Geology / Geophysics / MBA pursuing full time course at any IIT or University/Institute recognized by Govt. of India. Student should have obtained Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA) of not less than 6.0 in 10 points scale of grading system or its equivalent in their class XII examination for Engineering students and in Graduation Degree for candidates pursuing post-graduation in Geology / Geophysics / Business Administration.

28. N T P C Scholarships for Engineering students

Address

Shri P.M. Mathew,

Deputy General Manager (HR) NTPC Ltd.,

NTPC Bhawan, SCOPE

Complex, Core – 7,

Lodi Road, New Delhi – 110 003

Website : www.ntpc.co.in

Information

Expanding its outreach in the area of social concern, NTPC has started a scholarship scheme to promote the educational interests of the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Physically Challenged students and thus helping them in shaping their careers as well. Students belonging to SC/ST/Physically Challenged categories (Visually Handicapped/ Hearing Handicapped/ Orthopaedically Handicapped) and pursuing 4 years full time degree course in Engineering in the disciplines of Electrical, Instrumentation, Mechanical, Computer Science, Electronics/ Telecommunication from a college/university/ institute recognized by the Govt. of India and should be in the 3rd Year.

29. K.C. Mahindra Scholarships

Address

Roma Balwani
Head, Group Corporate Communications
Mahindra Towers,
Media Cube,
G. M. Bhosale Marg,
Worli,
Mumbai - 400 018.

Contact : +91 22 24901441

Website : www.mahindra.com

Information

The K.C. Mahindra Education Trust has set up scholarships and grants for socially and economically underprivileged students.

30. Bright Future For Blind

e-mail : sujokdoc@gmail.com

Information

Bright Future for Blind, a non-profit NGO based in Chennai. This NGO gives scholarships for underprivileged students, including visually challenged students. Scholarship beneficiaries have to spend at least five to 10 hours a week with the visually challenged, reading to them their study materials. The aim is to help at least 100 visually disabled with regular scribes for assistance in their academics. The organisation has tied up with the National Association for the Blind, to identify the visually challenged. These students will receive scholarship assistance - tuition fee, books and uniforms (where applicable) will be covered under this assistance. The scholarship beneficiaries will receive assistance every year until their completion of studies. Students with a distinction of 80 per cent or above in their previous year and a reference from their Headmaster/Principal on their economic difficulties would meet the pre-requisites.

31. Infosys Scholarship For Poor Students

Address

Infosys Foundation

C/O Infosys Towers,

No. 27, J.P. Nagar, 3rd Phase,

Bannerghatta Main Road,

Bangalore 560 076, Karnataka, India.

Contact : 91-80-41032515 / 26587422, Fax: 91-80-41032140

Website : http://www.infosys.com/infosys_foundation/index.htm

E-mail: foundation@infosys.com

Mrs. Saraswati (9900906338)

#580, Shubhakar , 44th cross, 1st 'A' main road, Jayanagar ,7th block, Bangalore

Mr. Shivkumar (9986630301) - Hanumanthnagar office

Ms. Bindu (9964534667)-Yeshwantpur office

Information

Bright students coming from poor financial background who have finished their 10th standard and scored more than 80% are asked to contact the people mentioned here to get the form. The NGO Prerana (supported by Infosys foundation) is conducting a written test and those who clear the test will be eligible for financial help for their further studies.

32. Ullas Trust – Polaris Scholarships

Address

Ms. RajeswaryVinoth

Manager, Ullas Trust, Chennai

Contact : + 91-44-39874000 Extn.: 5109

Email: rajeswary.ullas@polaris.co.in

Information : The Ullas Trust was set up in 1997 by the employees of Polaris Software to ignite young minds and encourage a 'Can do' spirit in students . The Ullas Trust is anchored around the theme of 'the Power of Dreams'. The initiatives are focused on encouraging the students to dream big and with conviction; work on an action plan to translate these dreams to reality. After the 12th standard, aspirants apply for the higher education scholarships and go through a formal interview by panels of Polaris employees, where they build a case of why they should be awarded the scholarships. This again gives them a head-start in facing interviews. Parallely, the Polaris employees use this interaction to gauge the commitment of the student in pursuing their dreams as well as counsel the student, if they find an important area for development.

33. Dreams Alive – Cognizant Technology Scholarships

Contact : 9841437698,9840160919,9841351317,9965920301,9791389913

Facebook: Team Dreams Alive

e-mail : dreamsalive@cognizant.com

Information

Dreams Alive has been formed as a small team in 2008 by supporting orphanages. It has been started by giving biscuits only. Now, it is a registered NGO, with the mission to help others at any cost.

34. Central Sector Scheme Of Scholarship

Address

Deputy Secretary(A&V),
CBSE, Shiksha Kendra,
2 Community Centre,
Preet Vihar,
Delhi-110092.

Website : www.icbse.org

Information

The applicant should have passed in All India Senior School Certificate Examination (AISSCE) conducted by CBSE and secured a minimum of 80 % marks. Income of parents from all sources should not exceed Rs 4.5 lakh per annum. Pursuing regular course (not correspondence or distance mode) from recognized educational Institutions.

35. Ministry of Minority Affairs Scholarships

Websites : <http://www.tn.gov.in/bcmbcmw/welfschemes.htm>

<http://www.tn.gov.in/schemes/bcmbcmw.pdf>

<http://www.education.nic.in/circulars/nat-scheme.pdf>

<http://www.tn.gov.in/bcmbcmw/documents/PostmatricSchemeDetailsforMinorities.pdf>

<http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/>

<http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/scholarship>

<http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/Postmetric>

<http://www.tn.gov.in/schemes/ywsd.pdf>

Information

The Ministry of Minority Affairs has introduced a scheme of Merit Cum Means Based Scholarship for students belonging to the minority communities for technical and professional courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels. This is a centrally sponsored scheme, fully funded by the Central Government. The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students belonging to minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses. The scholarship scheme has been implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu through Directorate of Minorities Welfare,

Chennai in coordination with Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation. The Tamil Nadu has been forefront in implementing various welfare programs to Minorities.

Also Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India provides post-matric scholarship scheme for meritorious students from minority communities. The objective of the scheme is to award scholarships to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections of minority community so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education, increase their rate of attainment in higher education and enhance their employability. The scheme is implemented through the State Government/ Union Territory Administration. For various new scholarships and schemes for Higher Education, you may visit the websites.

36. Department of Backward classes and Most Backward classes and Minorities welfare, Govt. of Tamilnadu schemes

Websites: <http://www.tn.gov.in/bcmbcmw/welfschemes.htm>

<http://www.tn.gov.in/bcmbcmw/welfschemes.htm#Free Education Schemes>

<http://www.tn.gov.in/bcmbcmw/welfschemes.htm#Thanthai Periyar Memorial & Perarignar Anna Memorial Awards>

Information

The objective of the Government is to take up measures for the all – round development of BCs/MBCs/DNCs. The Tamil Nadu has been forefront in implementing various welfare programs to Minorities. Also the Government offers free education schemes for under graduation based on the student's socio- economic status. There are incentives for rural MBC/DNC girl students.

Scholarship application forms are centrally printed and supplied to the Educational Institutions by the District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officers in the districts. The eligible BC/MBC/DNC students can therefore easily obtain the Scholarship forms free of cost and resubmit the filled in application forms directly to the Heads of Educational Institutions. However specimen copy of the Scholarship application forms is also made available the above mentioned website, which can be down-loaded by the general public/students, in case of any difficulty in securing the printed scholarship applications from the Educational Institutions. Students are generally advised to apply for scholarships in the printed scholarship forms.

Thanthai Periyar Memorial Award

Two Boys and Two Girls in each district, who secured Highest marks in X Std. among the BC/MBC/DNC students and studying Diploma Courses in Polytechnics are awarded Rs.3000/- per year for three years. There is no income ceiling fixed and no application is necessary. Prizes will be awarded by the DBCWOs on receipt of merit list from Directorate of Government Examinations and disbursed through the Heads of Educational Institutions.

Perarignar Anna Memorial Award

2 Boys and 2 Girls in each district from BC/MBC/DNC students who secured Highest marks in +2 Exams in each District and pursuing Professional Courses Viz. Medical, Engineering,

Veterinary, Law, Agriculture, etc., in the Institutions situated in Tamil Nadu are awarded Rs.3000/- per year for four years or till the normal Course completion. No income ceiling is fixed and no application is necessary. The prizes will be awarded by DBCOs on receipt of merit list from Directorate of Government Examination and disbursed through the Heads of Educational Institutions.

For the BC / MBC /DNC students staying in hostels attached to educational institutions & private approved hostels, in addition to the regular Postmatric / Free Education amounts, the boarding & lodging charges are also sanctioned and disbursed along with the scholarship amount. The students staying in Hostels attached to the Institutions are eligible for sanction of boarding & lodging charges at the a specified rates. The Government is running 973 BC, MBC & DNC Hostel throughout the State. Students are eligible to avail this facility based on their socio economic status. Besides the above free Government hostels, the Government have also recognised privately managed subsidised hostels for enabling the poor BC/MBC/DNC students to secure accommodation and food for continuing their studies.

37. Directorate of Collegiate Education Scholarships

Address

Department Of Higher Education, Government Of Tamilnadu
Office of the Director of Collegiate Education (DCE)
9th Floor, EVK Sampath Buildings ,
College Road , Chennai 600 006.

Contact : 28271911, 28212091,28276791, 28276792, 28203104, 28203106, 28203109
Director of Collegiate Education also has various regional offices in Tamilnadu.

Website : www.tndce.in

<http://www.tndce.in/Scholarship.asp>

<http://www.tndce.in/aboutus.htm#SCHOLARSHIPSCHEMES>

Information

Director of Collegiate Education Tamilnadu has its mission and vision to make Tamilnadu pioneer in the field of Higher Education; facilitate Computer literacy in the state; promote the research activities in Colleges; inculcate values of equality, unity and justice; make the education relevant and excellent; promote general education in various disciplines in the State; promote innovative, job oriented curriculum; achieve 100% percent results; promote the extensional activities like NSS, NCC, SPORTS, etc. To achieve these, many scholarships and assistance through State and Central Scheme of scholarship / concessions are awarded to the students undergoing Higher Education.

The applicants should check with the circulars and policies regarding these scholarships with the authorities concerned. For more information please visit their website. A few scholarship schemes are listed below.

- National Merit Scholarships (Government of India)
- State Scholarships for the children of school teachers
- State Merit Scholarship
- Adhoc Merit Grant for S.C & S.T. students
- State Collegiate Scholarships
- Scholarships to Tamil Nadu students pursuing research studies in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Scholarships to cadets belonging to Tamil Nadu in Rashtriya Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun.
- Scholarships to cadets belonging to Tamil Nadu in National Defense Academy, Kadakvasala, Pune.
- Educational concessions to the children of Defense Service Personnel.
- Educational concessions to the children of ex-service men.
- Scholarships to the children of Political sufferers.
- Grant in aid scheme of scholarship to students from non-Hindi speaking states for post metric studies in Hindi.
- Scheme of payment of stipend to full time Ph.D. research scholars in Govt. and aided colleges.

38. Maulana Azad National Scholarship Scheme for Girls belonging to Minorities

Address

The Secretary,
Maulana Azad Education Foundation,
Social Justice Service Centre, Chelmsford Road,
New Delhi - 110 055.

Contact : 23583788, 23583789

Website : <http://maef.nic.in>

Information

To recognize, promote and assist meritorious Girl students belonging to National Minorities who can not continue their education without financial support. Only Girl Students belonging to National Minorities, (i.e. Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs, Parsis) can apply. Scholarship will be admissible for expenditure on payment of School/College Fee, purchase of syllabus books, purchase of stationery/equipments required for the course & payment of Boarding/Lodging charges.(Application can be downloaded from the web site and photocopy of the application form can be used freely. No fee/any other amount is to be paid for application.

39. Post graduate merit scholarship scheme for University rank Holders

Address

University Grant Commission (U G C)

Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi

Pin:110 002

India

E-mail: webmaster@ugc.ac.in

Website: <http://www.ugc.ac.in/>

http://www.ugc.ac.in/financialsupport/IG_PGM_guideline.pdf

Information

The scholarship may be tenable for a period of two years to enable the rank holders of each university at undergraduate level to pursue their Master's Degree. While in General Courses the First and Second Rank holders admitted in any Postgraduate Programme would be awarded the scholarship, in Honours Courses the scholarship would be awarded only to the First Rank holders. These awardees will have to submit the proofs of their merit position at undergraduate level as well of their admission in postgraduate programmes. The scholarship would, however, be subjected to securing a minimum of sixty per cent marks at undergraduate level. The scheme is applicable to such students who have taken admission in regular, full-time Master's Degree course in any recognized university or a Post-Graduate college. This scholarship is available to the student for first PG Degree only. Age limit for the students is 30 years at the time of admission in PG course.

40. Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship Scheme For Single Girl Child

Online application

Website : www.ugc.ac.in

http://www.ugc.ac.in/financialsupport/IG_SGC_guideline.pdf

<http://www.ugc.ac.in/notices/SGC201113.pdf>

Information

The Union Government of India has taken various steps to uplift the status of women by implementing various schemes including free education for girls. In order to achieve and promote girls education, UGC has introduced a Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for single girl child with an aim to compensate direct costs of girl education to all levels specially for such girls who happen to be the only girl child in their families. The girl students who are admitted to various non-professional PG courses in Universities / Colleges and happen to be the only girl child in the family. Any single girl child of her parents only. In a family if one son and one daughter is available then girl child will not be considered for scholarship under the scheme. The scheme is applicable to such a single girl child who has taken admission in regular,

full-time Masters Degree course in any recognized university or a post graduate college. This scholarship is available to the student for first PG Degree only.

41. Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY)

Address

The Convener

Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY)

Indian Institute of Science

Bangalore - 560 012

Contact: (080) 2360 1008, 2293 2975 / 76 (EPBX 11-22) ; Fax: (080) 2360 1215

e-mail : application@kvpv.org.in

Website : <http://www.kvpv.org.in/main/index.htm>

Information

The "Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana" (KVPY) is a program started in 1999 by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India to encourage students of Basic Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to take up research careers in these areas. The aim of the program is to identify and encourage talented students with aptitude for research. The KVPY is funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. The program is administered by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc, Bangalore). The selection of students from those studying in +1, +2, any U.G. Program in Science / Medicine and also Engineering students having aptitude for scientific research, are carried out by IISc (Bangalore), IIT-Bombay (Mumbai), and ICMR (New Delhi), respectively, in association with two Zonal Centers one at Kolkata (Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Kolkata) and another at Mumbai (HBCSE, TIFR). There are special groups or committees set up at IISc, which screen the applications, conduct interviews at various centers, make the final selection. Generous scholarship and contingency grant are provided (up to the pre-Ph.D. level) to the selected students. In addition, summer programs for the KVPY Fellows are organized in prestigious research and educational institutions in the country.

Stream SB: Students enrolled in 1st year B. Sc./B.S./Int. M.Sc. during the academic year 2011–2012 and have secured a minimum of 60% (50% for SC/ST) marks in aggregate in SCIENCE subjects in the XII Standard Board Examination.

SP (Basic Sciences)

Students enrolled in XI/XII standard, I/II year (B.Sc./B.S./Int. M.Sc.) in Basic Sciences and I/II year B.E./B.Tech./B.Arch. during the academic year 2011–2012 and have secured a minimum of 60% (50% for SC/ST) marks in aggregate in the X & XII Standard Board Examinations. Additionally students enrolled in the II year B.Sc./B.S./Int. M.Sc./B.E./B.Tech./B.Arch. program must have secured a minimum of 60% (50% for SC/ST) marks in the I year examination. A hard copy of an original and creative Science based research project done by the applicant is required to be submitted along with the application.

42. INSPIRE Scholarship (SHE)

Address

Ms Rupashree Dash , Scientist 'B',
Department of Science & Technology,
Technology Bhavan,
New Mehrauli Road,
New Delhi – 110016.

Contact : 011 – 26590487

Website : www.inspire-dst.gov.in

Information

This scheme offers 10,000 scholarships every year @ Rs.80,000/- each for undertaking Bachelor and Masters level education in the Natural & Basic sciences. A striking feature of the programme is that it does not believe in conducting competitive exams for identification of talent at any level.