## Odisha Mukhyamantri Medhabruti Puraskar Yojana

The state government of Odisha has announced Mukhyamantri Medhabruti Puraskar Yojana or Chief Minister Merit Scholarship Scheme in the state. This Medhabruthi scheme has been launched for the student of 10th Class in which meritorious students will get Rs. 5,000 cash reward. Under the scheme, the government will provide scholarship to a total of 40,000 students across the state. Moreover, the teachers and parents will also get special rewards if their students/children do well in the exam of 10th class.

The CM of Odisha has announced this scheme on the special occasion of Children's Day. In addition, the state government has also launched Mo School campaign and Odia Bhasha Bruti Puraskar all over the state. The government will provide Rs. 100 crore to spread the Mo School campaign.

All the active participant will make a part in the development journey of their alma mater. In addition, these participants also will make be a part of the change if they want to see in their school.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Residence: This scheme is only for those who are currently residing in Odisha permanently. This means that you need be of Odisha domicile to be eligible to take part.
- Education: You must be pursuing your board exams. If you are about to take your Class X board exams, this scheme is for you.
- Scholarship norms: If you are already receiving the scholarship awarded by the state
  or the central government or any other agency then you cannot take part in this
  scheme.
- Income of household: The total annual income of the household should not exceed Rs. 6 lakh per annum. The student will have to submit their residential and income certificate attested by the Revenue Officer.
- Multiple registrations: You cannot register multiple times under this scheme. If it is found that you did so, then your registration shall not be accepted.
- Marks: The girls need to secure at least 60% marks on the aggregate in 10<sup>th</sup> board exams. The boys need 70% marks to get the benefit.
- Selection of students: The government will first take 100 students from the block and municipal level and then select 50 students from each municipality. Also, 20 students shall be chosen from the NAC to get its benefit.

## Key features

- Cash prizes: The key feature of this scheme is financial assistance. The students who will give their upcoming board exams will get cash prizes under this scheme.
- Amount distributed: The government shall give Rs. 5000 per student. This amount shall be given to about 40,000 students across the states that are appearing for their 10<sup>th</sup>
- Extracurricular activities: This scheme will look after the child's overall development. This is why it will not only focus in academics but will also take into account extracurricular activities such as sports and music.
- Encourage education: This scheme has a reward which will encourage students to pursue their higher education. This way more and more students shall pursue higher education in the state, increasing its overall education rate.