Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)

Residential School Scheme for Rural Girls

Empowering rural girls with free education, skill development, and holistic support.

Eligibility

- Girls aged 10-14 (Classes 6-8).
- Belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Minority/BPL families in **Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs)**.
- No similar school within 3 km; must be out-of-school or at risk of dropping out.
- Priority for rural/disadvantaged girls; 75% of seats reserved for them.
- First-generation learners and differently-abled girls receive preference.

Benefits

- Free residential education: boarding, lodging, uniforms, books, mid-day meals.
- Vocational training and bridge courses for skill development.
- Digital literacy programs and exposure to extra-curricular activities.
- Healthcare and counseling services within the school.
- Supports continuation to higher education and prevents dropouts.

Required Documents

- Birth certificate or age proof.

- Caste/income certificate (SC/ST/OBC/BPL).

- Aadhaar card.

- Residence proof (EBB certificate or local authority certificate).

- School leaving certificate (if applicable).

- Passport-size photographs (2-3).

- Optional: Medical certificate for special provisions.

Application Process

- Identify the nearest KGBV through the District Education Office or state portal (e.g., Andhra Pradesh Portal).

- Visit the KGBV or Block Education Office in May/June to collect the admission form (free; handwritten allowed).

- Fill in personal, family, and school details; attach required documents.

- Submit in person or via online portal (if available).

- Attend counseling/interview; rural and socio-economic background may be assessed.

- If selected, join within the notified dates; no fees required.

Deadlines and Official Links

- Applications usually open March-May 2025 (varies by state; e.g., March 22-April 11 in some regions).

- Official Central Link: education.gov.in

- Example State Link: kgbv.telangana.gov.in

- Check National Scholarship Portal (NSP) for updates and submission.