

# Merit Awards

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## Benefits (Merit Awards)

- The quantum of the award is ■1,000/
- cash amount, certificate. The beneficiary is also provided travel expenses to attend the place of the award, and felicitation up to an amount ■100/
- per student.

## Eligibility (Merit Awards)

- The applicant should be a citizen of India.
- The applicant should be a permanent resident of Maharashtra State.
- The applicant should be a Person with Disability (Visually Handicapped, Low Vision, Hearing Impaired, Orthopedically Handicapped, etc).
- The applicant should have ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd among disabled students in the Secondary School Certificate (S.S.C.) and Higher Secondary Certificate (H.S.C.) in their respective divisional boards of education.

## Application Process (Merit Awards)

- Step 1: Visit the District Social Welfare Office , and request a hard copy of the format of the application form for the scheme from the concerned authority.
- Step 2: In the application form, fill in all the mandatory fields, paste the passport-sized photograph (signed across), and attach all the (self-attested) mandatory documents.
- Step 3: Submit the duly filled and signed application form along with the documents to the Regional Deputy Commissioner, District Social Welfare Office.

- Step 4: Acquire the receipt/acknowledgment of the successful submission of the application form from the District Social Welfare Office.

### **Documents Required (Merit Awards)**

- Proof reg. the Latest Educational Qualification. Proof of securing 1st
- 2nd
- and 3rd among disabled students in the Secondary School Certificate (S.S.C.) and Higher Secondary Certificate (H.S.C.) in their respective divisional boards of education. Bonafide Certificate from the Institution. Aadhaar Card. 2-Passport Sized Photograph (Signed Across). Residential Certificate / Domicile Certificate of the State of Maharashtra. Disability Certificate. Details of the Bank Account (Bank Name
- Branch Name
- Address
- IFSC
- etc). Any other document required by the District Social Welfare Office.

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