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âœ Grant of Marriage Allowance to the Widow's Daughter (GMAWD) âœ is a financial assistance scheme by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Puducherry. This scheme aims to provide financial support to widows for the marriage of their daughters. Eligible widows can receive â, '25,000/- to cover marriage expenses. The scheme is implemented through Puducherry's Department of Women and Child Development.

Benefits Financial assistance of â, '25,000/- for marriage expenses.

Eligibility

- The applicant should be a widow with an annual income not exceeding â, '75,000/-.
- The widow should be a citizen of India and a native of the Union territory of Puducherry by birth or continuous residence of 5 years or more.
- The allowance is applicable only for the first marriage of the bride.
- The marriage must be performed in accordance with the law.
- The allowance is granted for the marriage of one daughter only.
- The age of the bride should be above 18, and the bridegroom's age should be above 21.

Application Process

Offline

Online

Step 1: The interested applicant should visit (during office hours) the Office/ Sub-Office of the Department of Women and Child Development, and request the hard copy of the prescribed format of the application form from the staff exclusively entrusted to issue and collect filled-in applications.

OR The interested applicant should take print of the prescribed format of the application form.

Step 2: In the application form, fill in all the mandatory fields, paste the passport-sized photograph (signed across, if required), and attach copies of all the mandatory documents (self-attest, if required).

Step 3: Submit the duly filled and signed application form along with the documents to the Deputy Director (Women Development) or the Child Development Project Officer (depending on the location), at least 30 days before the proposed marriage date.

Step 4: Request a receipt or acknowledgment from the concerned authority to whom the application has been submitted. Ensure that the receipt contains essential details such as the date and time of submission, and a unique identification number (if applicable).

Documents Required

Residence Certificate from the Revenue Department. Income Certificate from the Revenue Department. Marriage Invitation. Birth Certificate / TC of Bride. Birth Certificate / TC of Bridegroom. Death Certificate of the Bride's Father. Marriage Registration Certificate (Within 60 Days After Marriage). Aadhaar Card of the Widow and Her Daughter (Bride). Caste Certificate. Ration Card. Recent Passport-size Photograph of the Applicant. Voter Card of Bride. Voter ID Card of the Applicant.

»¿In the absence of an Aadhaar Number; the applicant is required to provide his/her Aadhaar Enrolment ID along with ANY ONE of the following documents -

- Bank or Post Office Passbook with Photo.
- Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card.
- Passport.
- Ration Card.
- Voter Identity Card.
- MGNREGA Card.
- Kisan Photo Passbook.
- Driving license issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988).
- Certificate of identity having a photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tehsildar on an official letterhead.
- Any other document as specified by the Department.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a specific format for the application form that offline applicants need to follow?
Yes, interested applicants should request the hard copy of the prescribed format from the Department or take a print of it. Are there any additional requirements for the marriage to be eligible for the allowance?
The marriage must be performed in accordance with the law to be eligible for the allowance. What is the financial assistance provided under the scheme for marriage expenses?
Eligible widows can receive â, '25,000/- to cover marriage expenses. Can applicants submit the online application without registering on the e-District Portal?
No, applicants need to register on the e-District Portal before submitting the online application. Is there a specific time frame for submitting the filled application form for offline applicants?
The filled application should reach at least 30 days before the proposed marriage date. Is there a maximum limit on the number of daughters for whom the widow can avail the allowance?
The allowance is granted for the marriage of one daughter only. Can applicants request a hard copy of the application form for offline submission?
Yes, interested applicants can visit the Department of Women and Child Development during office hours to request a hard copy of the prescribed application form. Are online applications available for the scheme, and what are the key steps for submission?
Yes, applicants can apply online through the e-District Portal of the Government of Puducherry. Steps include registration, filling the application form, and uploading mandatory documents. Is there a specific age requirement for both the bride and groom to be eligible for the allowance?
Yes, the bride should be above 18, and the groom's age should be above 21 to qualify for the scheme. Can widows with an annual income exceeding â, '75,000 apply for the scheme?
No, the scheme is applicable to widows with an annual income not exceeding â, '75,000. What is the purpose of the "Grant of Marriage Allowance to the Widow's Daughter" scheme?
The scheme aims to provide financial support to widows in Puducherry for the marriage of their daughters, offering â, '25,000 for marriage expenses.

Sources And References

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