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CancelApply NowCheck EligibilityMaharashtraMerit AwardsAwardEducationSchoolStudent With DisabilityDetailsThe "Merit Awards"
is a scheme by the Department of Social Justice & Special Assistance, Govt. of Maharashtra. In this scheme, awards are given to the
students with disability who rank 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. Only citizens who are permanent residents of the state
of Maharashtra are eligible to apply for this scheme. This scheme is 100% funded by the Govt. of Maharashtra.BenefitsThe quantum of
the award is â, '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 â, '100/- per student.EligibilityThe 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
ProcessOfflineStep 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 RequiredProof 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.Frequently Asked QuestionsHow Much Shall Be The Quantum Of The Award?The
quantum of the award is â, '1,000/- cash amount and a certificate.How Much Of Travel Expense Is Provided To Attend The Place Of The
Award?The beneficiary is also provided travel expenses to attend the place of the award, and felicitation up to an amount â, '100/- per
student.What Are The Objectives Of This Scheme?The objective of this scheme is to award the students with disability who rank 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. What Is The Maximum Amount Of Financial Assistance That One Can Receive Through This
Scheme?The maximum amount of financial assistance that one can receive through this scheme is â, '1,000/- along with a
certificate.Who Are The Target Beneficiaries Of This Scheme?The target beneficiaries of this scheme are Students with Disabilities
(SwDs) who rank 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. Are There Any Eligibility Criteria Regarding The Percentage Of
Disability Of The Applicant?Yes, the percentage of disability of the applicant should be 40% and above.Are Orthopedically
Handicapped Persons Also Covered In This Scheme?Yes, this scheme also covers Orthopedically Handicapped Persons.Is The
Residential Certificate / Domicile Certificate Of The State Of Maharashtra, A Mandatory Document For This Scheme?Yes, the
Residential Certificate / Domicile Certificate of the State of Maharashtra is a mandatory document for this scheme.Can I Reapply To This
Scheme If I Am Already Availing The Benefits Of This Scheme?No, you can not reapply to this scheme if you already have availed of
its benefits.What Is The Full Form Of SJSA?The full form of SJSA is "Social Justice & Special Assistance".Is This A State Funded Or A
Centrally Funded Scheme?This is a 100% State Funded scheme.Is There Any Application Fee?No, the entire application process is
entirely free of cost.Is There Any Compensation For The Delay In The Disbursal Of The Scheme Benefits?No, there is no such mention
in the scheme guidelines.How Do I Know If A Field In The Application Form Is Mandatory?The mandatory fields have an asterisk (*)
mark at the end.Can Applicants From The Neighboring States Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Etc Also Apply To
This Scheme?No, only the citizens who are permanent residents of the state of Maharashtra are eligible to apply.Where Can I Find The
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Justice & Special Assistance, Government of Maharashtra is - <https://sjsa.maharashtra.gov.in/>Where Can I Find The Link To The
Scheme Guidelines?The Scheme Guidelines can be found at this link - [https://sjsa.maharashtra.gov.in/en/scheme-category/disability-
welfare](https://sjsa.maharashtra.gov.in/en/scheme-category/disability-welfare)What Is The Address Of The Department Of Social Justice & Special Assistance, Government Of Maharashtra?The address of
the Department of Social Justice & Special Assistance, Government of Maharashtra is: 437, Shankar Sheth Rd, Police Colony, Swargate,
Pune, Maharashtra 411042Where Can I Find The Addresses Of The District Social Welfare Offices?The addresses of the District Social
Welfare Offices can be found at - <https://sjsa.maharashtra.gov.in/en/contacts>Where Can I Post My Grievances Related To This Scheme?
You can post your grievances at the Grievance Redressal Portal by the Govt. of Maharashtra: <https://grievances.maharashtra.gov.in/en>Is
There An Income-Related Criterion For This Scheme?No, there is no income-related criterion for this scheme.Where Can I Find The
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the format of the application form for the scheme from the concerned authority.Sources And ReferencesGuidelinesOkWas this helpful?
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