

Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
GUIDELINES FOR THE 'SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR JAMMU &
KASHMIR (06.07.2015)

1. BACKGROUND

An Expert Group was constituted by the Prime Minister on 18th August, 2010 in the context of enhancing employment opportunities in Jammu & Kashmir and to formulate jobs plan involving the public and private sectors. Among the key recommendations of the Expert Group, one was to offer 5000 fresh scholarships per annum over the next five years to encourage the youth of J & K to pursue higher studies outside the State of J&K. The proposal arises out of the identified strategy of a human resource development initiative focused on improving skill set through improving access to education.

2. OBJECTIVE

The scheme envisages to build capacities of the youth of J&K to enable them to compete in the normal course. Scholarship is to meet the expenditure towards tuition fees, hostel fees, cost of books and other incidental charges would be provided to the students belonging to Jammu & Kashmir who, after passing Class XII or equivalent examination, secure admission in Government colleges/institutions and other select institutions outside the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

3. SCOPE

It is envisaged to provide 5000 fresh scholarships every year over the next five years. Out of these, 4500 scholarships would be for general degree courses (courses such as Pharmacy, Nursing, Agriculture, Fisheries, Horticulture, etc. would form part of general degree courses), 250 for engineering and 250 for medical studies. There is a provision of Inter-changeability of slots among General Degree, Medical and Engineering Streams,

subject to the savings accruing from any shortfall in the number of students opting for general degree courses.

4. RATE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The components of scholarship for every scholar under this scheme would be as under :

Tuition Fees:

Upto Rs.30,000/- per annum for general degree courses.

OR

Upto Rs.1.25 lakhs per annum for engineering courses.

OR

Upto Rs.3.00 lakhs per annum for medical studies, including Bachelor of Dental Surgery.

Tuition Fee, payment will be made as per actuals or as per the norms laid down by State Fee Regulatory Authority, whichever is less and within the overall ceiling of the guidelines. The receipt/certificate to this effect would be duly certified by the college/institute.

In addition to this, hostel fees and incidentals will also be given for all categories of courses. The ceiling for this will be Rs. 1 lakh per annum. Course fees, Hostel fees, etc. would be paid as per 'actuals', subject to the production of receipts. Reimbursement of Hostel Charges/mess (dining) charges and expenses towards books and stationery would be based on the certification by the college / institute authorities and as per actuals, within the overall ceiling of the guidelines. The expenses incurred by the students, who are not residing in the hostel and have paid rent for private accommodation and incurred expenses on account of food and books/stationery would be reimbursed subject to the institute certifying the reasonableness of these expenses & non-availability of hostel accommodation, as per actual and rent should be restricted to the Hostel Fees charged by the institute/ College or as per the overall ceiling of the guidelines, whichever is less.

5. ELIGIBILITY

Students belonging to the State of Jammu & Kashmir, appearing for the Class XII through the State Board of Jammu & Kashmir and from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools located in Jammu & Kashmir, pursuing general degree courses, engineering and medical studies in govt. colleges/ institutes/ other non-govt. institutes recognized by AICTE or UGC, or institutes created through an Act of the State Govt., located outside the State of Jammu & Kashmir, would be eligible to apply for scholarship under this scheme. Students pursuing 'Integrated Courses' in such colleges/institutes where the scheme is applicable would also be eligible to apply for scholarship for the duration of the course. The family income from all sources must be below 6 lakh per annum.

6. RESERVATION

The reservation norms as prescribed for the State of J&K in respect of SC,ST and Socially and Economically backward classes will be followed for providing scholarship under the Scheme. The break-up is given below:-

- a. **SC – 8%**
- b. **ST – 11%**
 - (i) Gujjar & Backward – 6%
 - (ii) Leh District – 2%
 - (iii) Kargil District – 2%
 - (iv) Other ST – 1%
- c. **Socially and Economically backward classes-25%**
 - (i) Weak & under privileged classes/social cast (OCS)-2%
 - (ii) Resident of backward area-20%
 - (iii) Resident of adjoining actual line of control-3%

However, in case of any quota remaining unfilled, it would be filled up by the general category students. Horizontally, a reservation of 3% will be provided for Physically Handicapped, as per government norms.

7. EXCLUSIONS

Categories of Students **NOT** eligible under the scheme are:

- Students pursuing courses through Open Universities.
- Students availing benefit of other scholarships schemes.
- Students gaining admission through 'management quota' .
- Students pursuing courses, such as Diploma Courses, not leading to award of a Degree.
- Students pursuing Post Graduate level studies, in any discipline.
- Students having family income over Rs. 6 lakhs per annum.
- Students admitted on their own to the University/ College /Institute not approved under 12 B of UGC Act (for Genreal Degree Courses) or not recognized by AICTE and not having NBA accredited courses (for Engineering Degree Courses) or not approved by Medical Council of India (for medical degree courses) .

8. ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The students need to apply online on AICTE's web portal- <http://aicte-jk-scholarship-gov.in/>. The State Government of Jammu & Kashmir through the facilitation centre will facilitate submission of online application and verification of original documents of the candidates to ascertain their eligibility under the scheme for seeking admission to various institutes outside the State of J&K. AICTE will thereafter provide centralized admission to the eligible students on merit-cum-preference for two supernumerary seats created in the UGC and AICTE approved institutes. The students who have applied online on AICTE portal would also be eligible for scholarship if they have taken admission on their own to the Universities/ Colleges/Institutions approved under 12 B of UGC act, recognized by AICTE and having at least one NBA accredited courses.

The scholarship would be sanctioned after due verification subject to the student fulfilling all the eligibility criteria. The following certificates/documents would have to be submitted along with the application:

- (i) Certificate of domicile of the State of Jammu & Kashmir
- (ii) Certificate of Class XIIth and Xth Examination
- (iii) Certificate of income
- (iv) Requisite Certificate, if claiming scholarship under any reservation quota [SC/ST/OBC/PH etc.].

9. SCHOLARSHIP PROCEDURE

From the academic year 2015-16 onwards, all the eligible students need to apply online on AICTE's Web portal- <http://aicte-jk-scholarship.in/>

The following students would be considered under the scheme, based on merit criteria (institution-wise) and stream wise ceiling of number of scholarship:

- Students provided admission through counseling conducted by AICTE for 2 supernumerary seats.
- Students taken admission on their own to college approved under 12B of UGC act, or recognized by AICTE and having at least one NBA accredited course.
- Students taken admission on their own in Medical stream
- Students taken admission on their own in Centrally Funded Institutions.

In case the number of applicants exceeds the number of scholarships available, then the awardees will be selected on the basis of marks scored by them in the Class-XII or equivalent exam.

10. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship granted under the scheme will be kept renewed in subsequent classes subject to good conduct and maintenance of attendance as prescribed by the respective institute/college. Students failing to get promoted to the next class/level for any reason, including illness, will get the scholarship in the following year, subject to the condition that he/she will get the scholarship for only the maximum duration of the course (i.e. 3 years for

general degree courses, 4 years for engineering courses and 5 years for medical courses). The scholarship will not be paid twice for the same year of study.

A scholar would be allowed to continue/renew his scholarship if he/she changes the course of study to a stream not offered by his School Board in Class XII (e.g. Law, Fashion Technology, etc.). Students pursuing courses in which the duration is 5 years, would get scholarship at the prescribed rates. Students changing their college/institute of study would be allowed to continue/renew the scholarship, provided the course of study and the institute is recognized, subject to the condition that (i) the scholarship will not be paid twice for the same year of study, and (ii) the shifting has the approval of AICTE. In case the scholarship is cancelled for any reason, the decision of the MHRD will be final and binding. In the event of de-notification /deletion of any institute, the scholarship will continue to be available to the students already admitted under the Scheme, if otherwise eligible, till completion of the course.

11. SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSAL PROCEDURE:

From the academic year 2015-16 the fresh and renewal scholarship will be disbursed under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme only.

(a) FRESH SCHOLARSHIP :

The scholarship would be disbursed directly into the bank account of the beneficiary which needs to be preferably seeded with the Aadhar Number. The students are required to upload the following documents after getting it verified from their institute:-

1. Joining report in the allotted college.
2. Fee Receipts (Tuition / Hostel/ other incidental charges) for the Academic Year for which the scholarship is being claimed .
3. In case if student not residing in the Hostel:-
 - a) Certificate From University/Institute regarding Reasonability of Rent claimed
(Annexure-II)

4. Book receipts in the name of students detailing names of books purchased for the Academic Year for which the scholarship is being claimed and duly attested by the Authorized signatory of the Institute.
5. Copy of first two page of Bank Pass Book clearly indicating followings:
 - a) Name of Account holder
 - b) Name and Address of the Bank
 - c) IFSC Code, CBS Code
 - d) Bank Account Number
6. Copy of Aadhar Card

(b) RENEWAL PROCEDURE :

The scholarship would be disbursed directly into the bank account of the beneficiary which needs to be preferably seeded with the Aadhar Number. The students are required to upload the following documents after getting it verified from their institute.

1. Copy of Mark Sheet for the Academic Year for which the scholarship is being claimed / Last semester result showing promotion to next academic year.
2. In case mark sheet is not issued or examination is not conducted and student is promoted to next class, a certificate in this regard issued by the Head of the institute as per Annexure - I
3. Fee Receipts (Tuition / Hostel/ other incidental charges) for the Academic Year for which the scholarship is being claimed.
4. In case of student not residing in the Hostel:-
 - b) Certificate From University/Institute Regarding Reasonability of Claimed Rent (Annexure-II)
6. Book receipts in the name of students detailing names of books purchased for the Academic Year for which the scholarship is being claimed and duly attested by the Authorised Signatory of the Institute.

7. Copy of first two page of Bank Pass Book clearly indicating followings:
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12. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

For better and effective implementation and monitoring of this Scheme, constitution of a Committee was recommended in CCEA note. Accordingly, a Committee – Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) – on Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir was constituted. The Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted for the purpose would ensure proper implementation, including flexibility of the Scheme and to decide about courses, fees, institutes etc. The Inter-Ministerial Committee Chaired by Secretary, Department of Higher Education would have Adviser PAMD, and Adviser Education, NITI Aayog and representative of Dept. of Expenditure, as Members and representatives of the Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment, Tribal Affairs, Home Affairs and Dept. of Science & Technology, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and representative of Govt. of J&K as invitees.

13. ASSOCIATION OF GOVT. OF J&K

In order to associate the State Government in implementation of the scheme, , Principal Secretary (HE), State Govt. of J&K has been co-opted as a special invitee in the meetings of the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC).

The State Government would provide handholding support to the students to facilitate them in applying for the Scholarship and to publicize this scheme in J&K, through Radio Spots, in Urdu, Kashmiri and Dogri. Govt. of J&K to direct all the School Principals to make announcements about this scheme in the school assembly.

Name of the Institute

FEE RECEIPT

(In case where fee is charged from the student)

Received a sum of Rs. _____ from _____ (Student's name) Class _____

Roll No. _____ towards **tuition fee** for the academic year _____.

Authorized Signatory

Name of the Institute

HOSTEL FEE RECEIPT

(In case where students are staying in college hostel and hostel fee charged by the college)

Received a sum of Rs. _____ from _____ (Student's name) Class _____

Roll No. _____ towards **hostel fee** for the academic year _____.

Authorized Signatory

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the claim for the rent of the accommodation hired by the students who are not staying in the College Hostel is as per the prevailing rate in the locality where the student is staying and that the amount claimed is within the hostel charges of the college and the overall ceiling under the scheme guidelines.

Authorized Signatory