

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
(DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT AND MINORITIES)
SCO 148-149, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh-160022



**Merit cum Means based Scholarship Scheme
for Minority Students -2018-19**

Last Date- 30th September, 2018 (For Fresh & Renewal students)

Captain Amrinder Singh
Chief Minister

Online applications are invited from students belonging to minority communities (Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Parsis & Jains) pursuing technical or professional courses at graduate/ post graduate level in the institutions in the Punjab State approved by an competent authority under Merit-cum-Means Based Scholarship Scheme for the Session 2018-19 through the National Scholarship Portal of the Government of India, under URL:www.scholarships.gov.in. This scheme is being implemented as 100% Central Sponsored scheme.

Eligibility & Conditions for Scholarship

- i) Annual income of the beneficiary/parent or guardian of beneficiary should not exceed Rs. 2.50 lacs from all sources.
- ii) Scholarship is awarded to the students who have secured not less than 50% marks or equivalent grade in the previous final examination.
- iii) Renewal of scholarship depends on successful completion of the course during the preceding year and securing not less than 50% marks.
- iv) A scholarship holder under this scheme will not avail any other scholarship/stipend for pursuing the same course.
- v) A student residing in Punjab State is entitled for scholarship under the quota of the State irrespective of his place of study.
- vi) Income certificate should be on self certification basis by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper for self-employed parents/guardian and from employer for employed parents/guardian.

Rate of Scholarship

Sr. No.	Type of financial assistance	Rate for hosteller	Rate for day-Scholar
1.	Maintenance allowance from date of admission (for 10 months only)	Rs. 10,000 per annum (Rs. 1000/- pm)	Rs. 5,000 per annum (Rs. 500/- pm)
2.	Course fee*	Rs. 20,000/- per annum or actual whichever is less	Rs. 20,000/- per annum or actual whichever is less
	Total	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 25,000/-

*Full course fee will be reimbursed for National Level Institutions such as IIT's, IIM's etc.

Time-Line (for Fresh & Renewal Scholarship):-

Last date for submission of online applications for fresh and for renewal students is 30th September, 2018.

How to Apply :-

- (a) The eligible students can apply online on the website www.scholarships.gov.in. Students will forward their applications online to the institution and will take a print out of the same. This print out along-with all requisite documents (as prescribed in the print out) will be submitted to the concerned institution. Student will get a permanent ID, which he/she will retain/ keep with him/her for any further correspondence etc.
- (b) The Schools/Colleges/institutions are advised to register themselves and their courses details on the NSP by 15th August, 2018 so that there students can apply and they can verify such application on the portal without any delay. Institutes will scrutinize & forward all these applications online by login on the same website with User IDs and Passwords (provided to them earlier by Welfare Department). It is also requested to all institutions that don't disclose user id and password to anyone.
- i) **Note:-i) The scholarship scheme is an individual beneficiary oriented scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs and the whole scholarship is disbursed to the beneficiary under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. In this regard, it is stated that the linkage of beneficiary's identification with UID/Adhaar No. is presently not mandatory. However, as the Gazette Notification under Section-7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) (with respect to this scheme) has been notified (a copy of Gazette Notification-S.O.1284 (E) (No.1137) dated 21.04.2017. It will be necessary for the eligible applicants to provide Aadhaar No. while applying for the Scholarship and in case, an individual does not possess Aadhaar one can provide the details of alternative identification documents. Bank Account of the student till the age of 18 years may be joint account with their parents/guardian. The scholarship amount to students will be disbursed directly to beneficiaries' bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode by GOI.**
- ii) Students/Institutes are advised to read the "FAQ's and Information For Institutes" available on the home-page of the website carefully before filling online applications and scrutiny by the institutes.
- iii) Institutes will retain online applications hard copies with necessary documents of students at their own level and forward online applications to Welfare Department on National Scholarship Portal.
- iv) **No manual application will be entertained.**

For further detail, Visit:- www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. Queries/Clarifications and for new registration welcomed at: minoritymcm@gmail.com & No.0172 5015858, 7696904322.

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