

# **GUIDELINES FOR "NSP-WB" - WEST BENGAL STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MINORITY STUDENTS**

## **1. INTRODUCTION:-**

To address the growing aspiration for education in the minority communities of the state and with a view to providing them more avenues for socio-economic and educational mobility by extending financial support and encouragement to the meritorious students belonging to the six notified religious minority communities, the State Government has decided to set up the " NSP-WB " West Bengal State Scholarships for Minority Students in West Bengal to be fully funded from the State budget from the financial year 2026-27 onwards.

## **2. TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIP:-**

Three types of scholarships will be provided under this scheme:

- i) Pre-Matric Scholarship (for meritorious students from Class-IX to Class-X),
- ii) Post-Matric Scholarship (for meritorious students from Class-XI to Ph.D), and
- iii) Merit-cum-Means Scholarships (for pursuing technical & professional courses).

## **3. OBJECTIVES:-**

The primary objective of the Pre-Matric Scholarship is to encourage the minority communities to send their children to schools and to prevent drop-out.

The Post-Matric scholarship intends to encourage students to continue their pursuit of higher education.

The objective of Merit-cum-Means scholarship for professional and technical courses is to support the students to pursue professional / technical studies for consequently increasing their employability potential.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:-**

### **A. For Pre-Matric Scholarship**

- i) Applicant must be a domicile of West Bengal.
- ii) Must be studying in a School/ Institution recognized by an educational Board/ Council/ University of the State / Central Government.
- iii) Must have secured not less than 50% marks or equivalent grade in the previous final examination.
- iv) The annual family income should not exceed Rs.1 lakh.
- v) Students studying in institutes outside West Bengal will not be eligible.

### **B. For Post-Matric Scholarship**

- i) Applicant must be a domicile of West Bengal.
- ii) Must be studying in a School/ Institution recognized by an educational Board/ Council/ University of the State / Central Government.
- iii) Must have secured not less than 50% marks or equivalent grade in the previous final examination.
- iv) The annual family income should not exceed Rs.2 lakh.
- v) Students studying in institutes outside West Bengal will not be eligible.

**C. For Merit-cum-Means Scholarship**

- i) The applicant must be a domicile of West Bengal.
- ii) Must have got admission in a technical / professional courses.
- iii) Must have secured at least 50% marks in the last Higher Secondary/ Graduation examination.
- iv) Annual family income of the student should not be more than Rs.2.5 lakh.
- v) Students studying in institutes outside West Bengal will not be eligible
- vi) The students who are residents of West Bengal but pursuing studies in 88 reputed premier (listed) institutions located inside or outside West Bengal, as may be notified from time to time by the West Bengal Minorities' Development and Finance Corporation, are also eligible for applying.

**5. DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED (Mandatory):-**

- Aadhaar Card (Self or Parents) (or Aadhaar Enrollment ID, If applicable)
- Voter Card (EPIC) of student / parent
- Bank Account Passbook (Aadhaar linked / Seeded Bank Account)
- Original Mark sheet of the Previous year.
- Annual income certificate of Family (Issued by gazetted officer)
- Bonafide Certificate.
- Current Admission or Fee Receipt.

**6. SELECTION PROCEDURE:-**

Scholarships will be provided to eligible students in order of merit and subject to the budgetary allocation provided by the State Government.

For renewal, the applicant will be eligible for the scholarship if he/she has obtained 50% marks in his/her previous examination.

**7. RENEWAL APPLICATION:-**

Students who have received a Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-Cum-Means scholarship the academic session 2025–26 and has obtained 50% marks in his/her previous examination may be eligible for **renewal** for the 2026–27 academic session under their respective scholarship scheme through this portal.

**8. SANCTION PROCEDURE:-**

The applications will be received online through a portal designed for this purpose. The applications will be verified by the Nodal Teachers of the respective Institute.

The selection will be made as per the eligibility criteria and the disbursement will be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

## 9. RATES OF SCHOLARSHIPS:-

The proposed rates of scholarships (figure in Rupees) are as follows:

| Sl. No | Types of Scholarship | Class of Study                                              | Day Scholars                  |                       |       | Hosteller                     |                       |       | Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|        |                      |                                                             | Admission fees & tuition fees | Maintenance Allowance | Total | Admission fees & tuition fees | Maintenance Allowance | Total |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1      | Pre-Matric           | IX & X                                                      | 4000                          | 1000                  | 5000  | 4000                          | 6000                  | 10000 | (1) Admission and tuition fee are subject to actuals.<br><br>(2) Hostellers include students not staying in hostel of the institute concerned but are staying as paying guest or on rent<br><br>(3) Maintenance allowance is payable for a period not exceeding 10 months in an academic year<br><br>(4) Full course fee (Admission fees & tuition fees) may be reimbursed for listed institution. |
| 2      | Post-Matric          | XI & XII                                                    | 7000                          | 2300                  | 9300  | 7000                          | 3800                  | 10800 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|        |                      | XI & XII (technical & vocational courses of this level)     | 10000                         | 2300                  | 12300 | 10000                         | 3800                  | 13800 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|        |                      | Under Graduate & Post Graduate                              | 3000                          | 3000                  | 6000  | 3000                          | 5700                  | 8700  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|        |                      | M.Phil & Ph.D                                               | 3000                          | 5500                  | 8500  | 3000                          | 12000                 | 15000 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3      | Merit-cum-Means      | Medical , Engineering, Management, Law, CA, CS etc. courses | 20000                         | 5000                  | 25000 | 20000                         | 10000                 | 30000 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## 10. CONDITIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP:-

- The applicant has to submit a certificate regarding family income at the time of application.
- For 'renewal' applicants, the continuance of scholarship will be subject to securing 50% marks in the previous year examination.
- Maintenance allowance will be provided to hostellers and day scholars.
- Students should be regular in attendance, for which the yardstick will be decided by the competent authority of the school.
- If a student violates school discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or cancelled. The State Government can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the scheme.
- If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered.
- The course/tuition fees and maintenance allowance will be credited to the Aadhaar Seeded/ linked bank account of the student directly under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode
- An amount not higher than 2% may be kept for administrative expenses by the WBMDFC for implementation of the Scheme.

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## **GUIDELINES FOR SWAMI VIVEKANANDA MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP (SVMCM) FOR MINORITIES**

Applications are invited from Minority students for scholarship for the year 2026-27 under “SWAMI VIVEKANANDA MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR MINORITIES” for providing financial assistance to the meritorious students of West Bengal, pursuing higher studies. The Minority students of Post Madhyamik levels and onwards in regular courses including Polytechnic courses, who are resident in West Bengal and studying in educational institutions of this state after passing out in **Current year** from the State Board/Council of Secondary/Higher Secondary, Madrasah Education and State University may apply for this scholarship (SVMCM for Minorities) subject to other eligibility criteria as stated below:-

### **1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SVMCM FOR MINORITIES:-**

#### **For Fresh application**

- 1) Applicant must be a domicile of West Bengal and has been continuing education in the recognized institutes situated in West Bengal.
- 2) Student should have passed out in the current year from recognized institutions affiliated/accredited to the WBBSE/WBCHSE/WBBME or university situated in the state of West Bengal.
- 3) Students who passed their X or XII from CBSC or ICSC their previous Institute must be located at West Bengal. Outside West Bengal Institute's candidates will not be eligible to apply for this scholarship.
- 4) Annual family income not exceeding Rs. 2.5 lakhs (Certificate to be issued by any gazetted Officer not below the rank of Joint BDO).
- 5) Minimum marks required in the last Examination - 60% for Higher Secondary to Graduation level, and 53% for Post-graduation level & Honours subject at Graduation level and 55% for Graduation Level in case of engineering students.

#### **For Renewal Application**

- 1) **For Higher Secondary Level to Undergraduate Level** -Minimum 60% marks (combining both semester).
- 2) **For Post Graduate Level** - 50% marks (combining both semester).
- 3) The student must have passed the previous class/examination with the prescribed eligible marks **in the first attempt**. In the case of semester-based courses, the student must have **cleared all semester examinations in the first attempt**.

### **2. DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED FOR SVMCM:**

- (i) Aadhaar Card (Self) (or Aadhaar Enrollment ID, If applicable)
- (ii) Voter Card (EPIC) of student/ parent .
- (iii) Original Mark sheet of the last examination.
- (iv) Income certificate in the prescribed format.
- (v) Bank Account Passbook (Aadhaar linked / Seeded Bank Account)
- (vi) Institute verification form duly authenticated by the Head of the Institution (HOI) in the prescribed format.

### 3. RATES OF SCHOLARSHIPS:-

| Sl. No. | Current Course of study | Last Exam Passed in Current Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | % achieved in last Exam | Amount of Scholarship / Year |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| i       | Higher secondary        | Madhyamik or equivalent. The percentage to be calculated excluding optional elective subjects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 60%                     | ₹12000/-                     |
| ii      | Diploma (Polytechnic)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Madhyamik or equivalent for first year Diploma (polytechnic).</li> <li>H.S. or equivalent for Diploma in               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pharmacy,</li> <li>Modern office practice &amp; Management and</li> <li>3-D Animation &amp; Graphics for 2 year duration</li> </ol> </li> <li>H.S (Vocational courses for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year diploma(Polytechnic courses on lateral entry basis)</li> </ul> | 60%                     | ₹18000/-                     |
| iii     | D.El.Ed                 | H.S. or equivalent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 60%                     | ₹12000/-                     |
| iv      | Graduation level        | Higher Secondary or equivalent. The aggregate (60%) will be calculated out of Best of five.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 60%                     | ₹12000/- to ₹60000/-         |
| v       | Post-Graduation Level   | Honours subject at Graduation level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 53%                     | ₹24000/- to ₹60000/-         |
|         |                         | Graduation level in case of Engineering students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 55%                     |                              |

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- If a student violates school discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or cancelled. The State Government can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the scheme.
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- The scholarship amount will be credited to the Aadhaar Seeded / linked bank account of the student directly under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
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