

WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Applications are being invited for awarding scholarship for the year 2009-10 under “West Bengal Government Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme” introduced for providing financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students of West Bengal pursuing higher studies. The students of post-Madhyamik levels in regular courses who are domiciled in West Bengal and studying in one of the educational institutions of this State after passing out from the State Board/Council of Secondary/Higher Secondary Education and Madrasah Siksha Parishad or a University of West Bengal, set up by State Act, whose annual family income is Rs.80,000/- or less may apply for this scholarship provided their educational qualifications are as follows :

1) For Scholarships at Higher Secondary level (@Rs.500/- p.m.) -

At least 75% in aggregate in Madhyamik Pariksha or its equivalent as stated above excluding optional elective subject. Students who are enrolled in Class-XI on passing the Madhyamik Pariksha or its equivalent exam in 2009 will be eligible to apply.

2) For the Under Graduate level scholarships (@ Rs.750/- to Rs.1500/- p.m.) -

Candidates must obtain at least 75% marks, consisting of two language subjects and three best elective subjects. Students who are enrolled in the first year of Under Graduate Course after passing the H.S.Exam or its equivalent as stated above in 2009 will be eligible to apply.

3) For scholarships at Diploma (Polytechnic) level @ Rs. 750/- p.m.) –

Students who are enrolled after passing-out in Secondary (M.P.) Examination or its equivalent as stated above in 2009 for first year Diploma (Polytechnic) courses [H.S. Examination or its equivalent for Diploma in Pharmacy or Modern Office Practice & Management of 2 year duration] and after passing-out in ‘West Bengal State Council of Vocational Education & Training’ courses which is equivalent to H.S. Examination for 2nd year Diploma (Polytechnic) courses on lateral entry basis will be eligible to apply. Candidates must obtain at least 75% marks in aggregate [excluding the marks secured in the optional elective subject, if any]

4) For the Post-Graduate level scholarships (@Rs.1200/- to Rs.1400/- p.m.) -

At least 55% marks in Honours subjects at the Graduation level. Students who are enrolled in the first year class of Post Graduate Course in general education after passing the Graduation with Honours in 2009 will be eligible to apply.

A Proforma of the Application Form will be available from Government Website. Application can be made in Plain paper using the said proforma – either hand written or typed or by using computer. The last date of submission of duly completed application forms is 30th November, 2009.

Different categories of applicants will submit their applications to different offices as mentioned hereunder:

i) Class-XI students - Directorate of School Education, W.B., (Training & Examination Cell), Bikash Bhavan, 7th floor, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091.

ii) The 1st year students of UG and PG Courses in general education (Arts, Commerce and Science) and other professional courses excluding Engineering & Medical –

Directorate of Public Instruction, W.B., Scholarship & Stipend Section, Bikash Bhavan, 9th floor, North Wing, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091.

iii) The student pursuing 1st year or 2nd year Polytechnic Diploma Course after passing Madhyamik Pariksha/Higher Secondary or its equivalent examination - Directorate of Technical Education & Training, W.B., Bikash Bhavan, 10th floor, East Wing(North), Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091.

iv) The 1st year UG (Engg) and other professional Engineering courses of equivalent stature, like - BE, B Tech etc. - Directorate of Technical Education, W.B., Bikash Bhavan, 10th floor, East Wing(South), Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091.

v) The 1st year UG(Medicine) and other professional Medical courses of equivalent stature, like MBBS, BDS, BHMS, etc. - Directorate of Medical Education W.B., 'Swasthya Bhavan', Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091.

Detailed particulars of the “West Bengal Government Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme” may be available from the abovementioned Government offices.

Applications (hand written or typed) – in the following proforma alongwith requisite enclosures (e.g. certificates, declaration etc.) are to be submitted in envelopes to the offices mentioned above within the due date. The words, “Application for West Bengal Government Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme for pursuing*Course of studies” is to be clearly written on the envelope.

*(the name of the course in which admission taken during the academic year 2009-10 is to be mentioned)

Candidates opting for these scholarships and found eligible, will not be allowed to enjoy any other Governmental (Central/State) scholarship or stipend for the same course/stage of study. However, one time grant or assistance received from any source, or free or partly free-studentship allowed by the host institutions will not debar the students from availing of the benefits of the Scheme.

Duly completed applications alongwith requisite enclosures and a recent passport sized and signed photograph properly affixed on the application form must reach / be submitted to the Government Offices mentioned above by the 30th November, 2009. It may be noted here that duly filled in and completed applications will only be considered for awarding Scholarships.