WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT MERIT – CUM – MEANS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Applications are being invited for awarding scholarship for the year 2008-09 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 course 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 state – aided University of West Bengal, 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. Students who are enrolled in Class- XI on passing the Madhyamik Pariksha or its equivalent examination in 2008 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 or Diploma Course after passing the H. S. Exam or its equivalent as stated above in 2008 will be eligible to apply.

3) 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 2008 will be eligible to apply.

A Proforma of the Application Form is given below. 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 14th November, 2008.

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 Course in general education (Arts, Commerce and Science) and other professional course excluding Engineering & Medical –
Directorate of Public Instruction, W.B., Scholarship & Stipend Section, Bikash Bhavan, 9th floor, North Wing, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700091.

iii) The 1st year students of Polytechnic Diploma Course- 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 2008-09 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 14th November 2008 (14.11.08). It may be noted here that duly filled in and completed applications will only be considered for awarding Scholarships.

PROFORMA OF THE APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FOR THE WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Affix the recent passport size photograph duly signed by the candidate only

1. a) Name of the applicant (in block capital letters) -

   b) Caste of the applicant – General/OBC/SC/ST

2. Name and year of the qualifying public examination conducted by Board/Council/University-

3. Total marks obtained in that examination .....out of .....
   (over all percentage.....) :
   (please attach attested xerox copy of marksheet)

4. Present course of study and duration of the course (mentioning also the exact date of admission in the present course by the applicant) :

5. Name, address, phone and fax nos. (if any) of the present institution :

6. Sex (Male/Female) :

7. Whether the applicant is domiciled in West Bengal (Yes/No) :

8. Name of father/husband of the applicant :

9. Present family residential address (with contact phone no./mobile no., if any) :

10. Profession of father/husband :

11. Mother's name and profession :

12. Guardian's name and profession (if father is deceased) :

13. Total income of the family, in rupees, from all sources for the period from 1st April, 2007 to 31st March, 2008 – Rs.....

In case of salaried parents/guardians, the gross salary certificate, in original, from the employer must be enclosed. In case of non-salaried parents/guardians, income certificate, in original, from any Government Officer not below the rank of Joint B.D.O./Executive Officer in case of Municipality/Deputy Commissioner in case of Corporation in model proforma for income certificate and a Declaration of income by parent/guardians must be enclosed. (Model Proforma available from website of Govt. of West Bengal).

14. Whether the applicant is in receipt of any other State/Central government scholarship/ stipend for the present course : Mention Yes/No :
   (if yes, please mention in details)

Certified that the information given above are neither false nor fabricated, and true to the best of our knowledge.

a) Signature of the applicant (with date)-
b) Signature of father/guardian/husband (with date)-
c) Signature of mother (with date)-
d) Signature and seal of the Head of the present Institution (with date)-

MODEL PROFORMA FOR INCOME CERTIFICATE

(to be given by not below the rank of Jt. B.D.O. / Executive Officer / Deputy Commissioner)

I certify to the best of my knowledge that Sri / Kumari / Smt. _____ _____ Son/Daughter /Wife of Sri _____ resident of _____is a citizen of India by birth/domicile

His / Her father / guardian / husband is a permanent resident of

Vill / Town _____ P.S. _____ Dist. _____

State _____.

The total annual family income from all sources of both the Parents/Guardian/Husband/Student is Rs. _____

_____
(Signature)

Place : _____
Date : _____

_____
Name (in Block letters)

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(Designation)

Full Address :

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Seal :

MODEL FORM OF DECLARATION OF INCOME

(To be given by the Parents/Guardians in case of non-salaried income)

Whereas my son/daughter/dependent Shri/Kumari/Shrimati _____ _____ a student of _____ _____ College / School has applied for grant of West Bengal Govt. Merit-cum-Means Scholarship, I, Shri _____ _____son of Shri _____ (Address) _____ declare that my total annual income from all sources in the preceding year ending 31st March, 200___ is Rs. _____(in words also _____) I make myself personally responsible for the accuracy of the facts and figures furnished.

I further undertake that in the event of the particulars given in this declaration being found to be false I shall refund the whole amount of the scholarship paid to the said_____and the
(Name of Student)
Government decision whether the declaration of particulars is false shall be final binding on me.

Place : _____

Date : _____ _____

(Signature in full)