

**Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education**

**REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
FOR JAMMU & KASHMIR.**

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

To provide tuition fees, hostel fees, cost of books and other incidental charges to 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, 250 for engineering and 250 for medical studies. The number of scholarships for engineering and medical studies would be kept flexible i.e. more than or less than 250 scholarship per annum, for each of these streams, subject to the ceiling of 5000 fresh scholarships per annum and subject to the savings accruing from any shortfall in the number of students opting for general degree courses.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Students belonging to the State of Jammu & Kashmir, appearing for the Class XII or equivalent exam 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 for scholarship under this scheme. Students pursuing 'Integrated Courses' in such colleges/institutes where the scheme is applicable, would be eligible for scholarship for the duration of the course.

5. EXCLUSIONS

Students pursuing courses through Open Universities **would NOT** be eligible under the scheme. Students availing of other scholarships schemes **would NOT** be eligible to avail of this scholarship scheme. Students gaining admission through 'management quota' would **NOT** be eligible for scholarship under this scheme. Students pursuing courses, such as Diploma Courses, not leading to award of a Degree, **shall NOT** be eligible under this scheme. The income-ceiling will be Rs. 4.5 lakhs per annum.

6. Reservation

There will be internal earmarking of scholarship for SC, ST & OBC categories, as per the quota prescribed for the State of J&K. 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. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The total number of scholarships will be 5000 fresh scholarships per year. 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. The awardees would be selected from amongst the students who belong to Jammu & Kashmir and who appear for the Class XII or equivalent exam through the State Board of Jammu & Kashmir and from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools located in Jammu & Kashmir.

8. PROVISION of TWO SEATS UNDER SUPERNUMERARY QUOTA

Students, who fulfill all the eligibility criteria and have already gained admission in various universities/colleges/institutes, **up to 23rd August, 2012** would not be disturbed and would be considered for the scholarship, those students who have not been able to gain admission would be admitted under the **supernumerary quota** which would be **effective from 24th August, 2012**. This would be subject to the overall ceiling of 5000 scholarships (4500 for general degree courses and 250 for engineering and 250 for medical studies/dentistry).

The supernumerary quota, across universities/colleges/institutes, would be allotted to the students based on Class XII merit and this quota would be administered by AICTE, through a dedicated website. UGC would furnish the list of universities/colleges to AICTE.

Students seeking admission through the supernumerary quota would compulsorily have to submit their applications **on-line** through the website of AICTE. Thereafter, the merit list of these students would be prepared, based on their Class XII marks. These students would be allotted seats in the various universities/colleges/institutes based on their choice, as per their ranking in the merit list.

9. 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 (BD

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'. The charges in rented accommodation will be reimbursed as per certificate given by the Head of the college / institute, regarding reasonableness of rates etc. Flexibility for deciding fees to be reimbursed for certain courses rests with the Inter-Ministerial Committee, within the overall ceiling.

10. Institutes

Courses such as Agriculture, Fisheries, Horticulture, Veterinary Science etc. would form part of general degree courses. The Inter-Ministerial Committee from time-to-time would decide the institutes eligible to participate in the scheme. The overall number of fresh scholarships per year would be capped at 5000.

11. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND RENEWAL

The scholarship granted under the scheme will be kept renewed within subsequent classes subject to good conduct and maintenance of prescribed attendance. **Students failing to get promoted to the next class/level would get the scholarship in the following year, subject to the condition that if the student fails again for the second time, then he/she would forfeit the scholarship and the scholarship would not be renewed for the subsequent years.** If a scholar is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and / or on account of any unforeseen event, the scholarship may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical

certificate and other proof to satisfy the Head of the Institution who will also certify the same.

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 institution is recognized, subject to the condition that the scholarship will not be paid twice for the same year of study. In case the scholarship is cancelled for any reason, the decision of the MHRD will be final and binding. In the event of denotification/deletion of any institution, the scholarship will continue to be available to the students already admitted under the Scheme, if otherwise eligible, till completion of the course.

12. Procedure for disbursement

The scholarship would be sanctioned based on the eligibility certificate, admission certificate and other documents, presented by the students, through the college/institute. Scholarship (as per actuals certified by the institutions identified under this scheme) will be paid to the selected students by the Central Government through the college / institute in which the student is studying. The funds would be sanctioned by the Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD. The process of submission of documents by the students and forwarding of the list of students alongwith the fee structure, hostel charges etc., to the Dept. of HE [NS Division], by the institute, may be completed within **15 days from the date of admission.**

13. Implementation/Monitoring

An 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 would be Chaired by Secretary, Department of Higher Education and would have Adviser PAMD, and Adviser Education, Planning Commission 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, as invitees. A mid-term evaluation of the Scheme would be conducted after two years of operation of this scheme.

14. Documents

The student would submit all the requisite documents to the college/institute in which he/she is securing admission. The college/institute would forward the list to the Scholarship Division of the Dept. of Higher Education, as per the proforma given at Annexure I, for fresh awardees and at Annexure II for renewal. Along with other documents required by the college/institute, the students would also be required to furnish the following :

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

FRESH SCHOLARSHIPS

Annexure-I:

Proforma for claiming Scholarships for students from J&K under the Special Scholarship Scheme for J& K														
Name of the institute:			Whether Govt. approved/Private											
• Complete Address:			(Please (✓) which is applicable)											
Telephone Number/FAX Number/E-mail ID:														
Sr. N o.	Name of the student	Father's Name	Complete Address	Annual total family income	Name of the entrance exam and rank no.	Inter-se ranking in the institute	Course of study in which admission secured	Duration/ length of the course	Year('n' th) in which presently studying	Annual Fee	Other non-refundable charges	Lodging & boarding charges	Books & stationery	Total (Col. 11 to 15)
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Bank a/c No. of Institute:
IFSC Code:
MICR No.:

Signature of authorized Officer
with Name & Designation &
Office Seal

