WEST BENGAL GOVT. MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 2012-2013

Applications are being invited for awarding scholarship for the year 2012-2013 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 examination in 2012 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. Examination or its equivalent as stated above in 2012 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 2012 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 2012 will be eligible to apply.

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 approved by UGC, 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, West Bengal, Bikash Bhavan, 10th floor, East Wing (North), Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091.

iv) The 1st year UG and PG courses (Engineering & Technology) and other professional Engineering courses of equivalent stature approved by AICTE - Directorate of Technical Education, West Bengal, Bikash Bhavan, 10th floor, East Wing(South), Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091.

v) The 1st year UG (Medical) courses like MBBS, BDS, BHMS, BAMS and UG Nursing - Directorate of Medical Education West Bengal, 'Swasthya Bhavan', Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091.

Detailed particulars of the "West Bengal Government Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme" along with proforma of Application Form, Model Proforma for Income Affidavit and Income Certificate may be available from the abovementioned Government offices and the following websites :-

1) www.wbgov.com
2) www.banglarmukh.gov.in
3) www.higherednwb.net

Applications (hand written or typed) – in the prescribed 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 2012-2013 is to be mentioned)

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, 2012**. It may be noted here that duly filled in and completed applications will only be considered for awarding Scholarships. Level-wise number of awardees will be selected considering both merit and means of the applicants from the valid applications received within the last date of receiving applications. Applications received after the last date of submission will be summarily rejected without showing any reason.

N. B.

1. 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. **In case of suppression of fact of getting double scholarships from the Government Authorities for the same course of study the scholarships granted shall be cancelled automatically and the scholarships payee shall be asked to refund the amount at once.**

2. **For renewal of scholarship, application with "continuity Certificate" from the head of the educational institution must be deposited to the concerned scholarship sanctioning authority within one month from the date of his/her admission in the next higher class due to promotion by passing in the first attempt.**

PROFORMA OF THE APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP 2012-2013

APPLICATION FOR THE WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR 2012-2013

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

To
The Director,
Public Instruction, West Bengal/School Education, W.B./
Medical Education, W.B./Technical Education, W.B./
Technical Education & Training, W.B.

1. a) Name of the applicant (in block capital letters) : _____
   b) Caste of the applicant – General/OBC/SC/ST : _____
   c) Whether he/she belongs to any linguistic /religious minority community : if yes- which one : _____

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 with Pin Code, phone and fax nos.(if any) of the present institution : _____
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6. Sex (Male/Female) : _____

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

8. Name of father/husband of the applicant : _____

9. Present family residential address (with contact phone no./mobile no., if any : _____
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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, 2011 to 31st March, 2012 : Rs……

(i) In case of salaried parents/guardians, the gross salary certificate, in original, from the employer must be enclosed.

(ii) 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 must be enclosed (Proforma may be available from Govt. website).

(iii) In case of both salaried and non-salaried parent/guardian an income affidavit in original on a non-judicial stamp paper valued Rs.10/- or more and sworn by parent/guardian before a Notary Public or a first Class Magistrate declaring the total income from all sources (giving the detailed break up) during the preceding financial year must be enclosed (Model proforma may be available from Govt. Website).

14.	i)	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)	: _____ _____ _____
	(ii)	Whether the applicant has been nominated/has received any other State / Central Government scholarship / stipend for the present course of study: (Mention yes or no) : (If yes, give details)	: _____ _____ _____
15.		Whether the applicant has any S.B.I. bank account with core banking facility; Mention account no, name of the branch and IFS code number	: _____ _____

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

1. nature of the applicant (with date) : _____
2. nature of father/guardian/husband (with date) : _____
3. nature of mother (with date) : _____
4. nature and seal of the Head of the present Institution (with date) :

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N.B. Model proforma of Income Certificate and Income Affidavit will be available from the following websites of Government of West Bengal :-

1) www.wbgov.com
2) www.banglarmukh.com
3) www.higherednwb.net

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MODEL PROFORMA FOR INCOME CERTIFICATE

(To be given by any Govt. Officer not below the rank of Jt. B.D.O./Executive Officer in case of Municipality/Deputy Commissioner of Corporation in case of Non-salaried Parent/Guardian)

I Certify to the best of my knowledge that Shri/Kumari/Smt. _____ son/daughter/wife of Sri _____ resident of Village / Town : _____ P.S. _____District : _____ is known to me for _____ (Years/Months).

His/Her father/ Guardian/husband is a permanent resident of Village / town _____ P.S. _____ District _____ State _____.

The total annual family income from all sources of both the parents/Guardian/Husband/Student for the year 2011-2012 is Rs. _____ .

_____
(Signature)

Place :

_____
Name (in Block Letters)

Date :

_____
(Designation)

Full Address :

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MODEL FORM OF DECLARATION OF INCOME IN THE FORM OF AFFIDAVIT

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

Whereas my son/daughter/dependent Shri/Kumari/Smt. _____ a student of _____ college/school has applied for grant of West Bengal Govt. Merit-cum-Means Scholarship, I, Shri _____ son of Shri _____(Address) _____ do hereby declare that my total annual family income from all sources in the preceeding year ending 31st March, 2012 is Rs._____ (in words also)_____). I make myself personally responsible for the accuracy of the facts and figures furnished.

I further declare 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 _____ (Name of Student) and the Government decision whether the declaration of particulars is false shall be final and binding on me.

Place : _____

Date : _____ _____

(Signature in full)

Affirmed /Sworn before me Identified by

_____

Signature of Notary Public/Ist Class Magistrate

Seal