

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.
2	Post-Matric	XI & XII	7000	2300	9300	7000	3800	10800	(2) Hostellers include students not staying in hostel of the institute concerned but are staying as paying guest or on rent
		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) Maintenance allowance is payable for a period not exceeding 10 months in an academic year
3	Merit-cum-Means	Medical, Engineering, Management, Law, CA, CS etc. courses	20000	5000	25000	20000	10000	30000	(4) Full course fee (Admission fees & tuition fees) may be reimbursed for listed institution.

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.