



**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU  
DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES WELFARE  
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**MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIP TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES STUDENTS  
FOR THE YEAR 2017-18**

Applications are invited from the students belonging to Minorities viz, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Zoroastrians (Parsis) & Jains for Fresh and Renewal Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme for studying Degree or Postgraduate level Professional / Technical Courses in the Government, Government Aided, State and Central Government recognized Private Institution and Listed institutions notified by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, through the common **National Scholarship Portal (NSP)** of the Government of India, under URL [www.scholarships.gov.in](http://www.scholarships.gov.in). The Scholarship will be awarded directly to the students' Bank Account.

Community wise tentative allotment for number of Fresh scholarship to Tamil Nadu for the year 2017-18 are given below:-

Muslims	Christians	Sikhs	Buddhists	Jains	Total
1075	1173	3	2	26	2279

*\*There is no target for renewal scholarships. 30% of scholarship will be earmarked for girl students.*

**Eligibility:**

**Fresh**

- Students who get admission to a college to pursue technical/professional courses, on the basis of a competitive examination / without taking any competitive examination will be eligible for the scholarship.
- However, such students should have not less than 50% marks at higher secondary / graduation level/Polytechnic for lateral entry.
- **Selection will be done strictly on merit basis.**
- Annual income of whose parents/guardian from all sources does not exceed Rs.2.50 lakhs.

**Renewal**

- Students who have been awarded Fresh Scholarship in the previous year can apply for Renewal Scholarship provided if he/she scored not less than 50% of marks in the previous year examination without any arrears.
- Annual income of whose parents/guardian from all sources does not exceed Rs.2.50 lakhs.

**Other Conditions:**

- Scholarship will be awarded only for two children in a family.
- The Income Certificate would remain valid for One Year.
- The students should be regular in attendance for which the yardstick will be decided by the competent authority of the College/University.
- The student obtaining benefits under this scholarship scheme shall not be allowed to avail of benefits under any other scholarship scheme such as scholarship from BC/MBC/Adi-Dravidar Welfare, Education Departments, any other Boards, etc for the same purpose.
- Those who are availed concession like **Tuition fee for First Generation Graduates should not apply for this scholarship.**
- Online applications under the Scheme will alone be accepted and no request for Offline applications will be entertained.
- Continuation of the scholarship in subsequent years will depend on successful completion of the course during the preceding year.
- The list of eligible courses under Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship scheme is available on [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in).
- The scholarship is dependent on the satisfactory progress and conduct of the scholar. If

it is reported by the Head of the Institution at any time that a scholar has by reasons of his/her own act of default failed to make satisfactory progress or has been guilty of misconduct such as resorting to or participating in strikes, irregularity in attendance without the permission of the authorities concerned etc., the authority sanctioning the scholarship may either cancel the scholarship or stop or withhold further payment for such period as it may think fit.

- A scholar is liable to refund the scholarship amount, if during the course of the year, the studies for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued or change in the subject of study.
- If a student violates any other term and condition of the scholarship, the scholarship may be suspended or cancelled.
- If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement/certificates, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid shall be recovered fully in one lump-sum.
- The regulations under the scheme can be changed at anytime at the discretion of the Government of India.
- **Uploading all required supported documents is mandatory if the scholarship amount is more than Rs.50000/-.** However, students will have to submit the hard copies of the supported documents to the institution along with the printed copy of the online application within the time limit prescribed by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

**Before applying for Scholarship scheme through online on NSP, students should keep the following documents/information ready:-**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Student's Photo</li> <li>ii. A valid unique mobile number</li> <li>iii. An unique Email-id</li> <li>v. Mark sheet.</li> <li>(a) <b>Fresh:</b> Previous Qualifying Exam /Board consolidation Mark-sheet. i.e. HSC Marks Total mark obtained alone should be taken. For Diploma marks for lateral entry, consolidated mark sheets the total of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> semester marks which are included for computation of aggregate total and award of class alone should be taken.</li> <li>(b) <b>Renewal:</b> Previous year Consolidated Mark sheet (without any arrears) should be enclosed. If Mark sheet is not received within due date, then online printout of Mark sheet with due attestation from HOD will be accepted.</li> <li>v. Functional Bank Account in Student's name.</li> <li>vi. Hostel fee receipt or declaration of the institution that the student is a hosteller,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vii. Aadhaar Number (optional) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If enrolled , Aadhaar Enrolment Id slip:</li> <li>b. Not enrolled, Copy of First page of Bank Passbook with Photograph (Mandatory)</li> </ul> </li> <li>viii. Parents / Guardian's Income Certificate and Religion/ Community Certificate obtained from the Revenue Authority of the State or Self Declaration in Rs. 10/- Non-Judicial Stamp Paper in the format prescribed @ <a href="http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/">http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/</a> SCHEMES/PERFORMANCE&gt;Scholarship-Schemes &gt;post-matric-scholarship-scheme</li> <li>ix. Course and Course Fee for the academic</li> <li>x. Resident / Domicile Certificate.</li> </ul>
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**RATE OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

- Full course fee (except refundable deposits) will be reimbursed to those who are studying in Listed Institutions as notified by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- For other institutions, course fee of Rs.20000/- or Actual whichever is less and Maintenance Allowances @ Rs. 1000/- per month for Hosteller and Rs. 500/- for Day Scholars.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING ONLINE APPLICATION**

- i. The students **must go through the scheme guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available** on the home page of <http://scholarships.gov.in> portal before filling of online application.
- ii. The student can log on to National Scholarship Portal (NSP) under the url [www.scholarships.gov.in](http://www.scholarships.gov.in) . Fresh applicants should select the option "**New User? Register**". On successful verification, the students will be allowed to fill up their details essential for establishing their eligibility for scholarships. The Students will be allowed to

- apply for one scheme only from displayed list of eligible schemes.
- iii. Only registered and verified students will be allowed to apply for scholarship.
  - iv. **A student will be considered eligible under Renewal category if he/she is an existing scholarship recipient and continues in 2017-18 in the same scheme and in the same school/institute.**
  - v. Renewal Students have to apply with their Application id provided that they got scholarship sanctioned for previous year.
  - vi. Renewal students have to login to portal using his/her login credentials created in previous academic session while applying for Scholarship through the option “**Apply for Renewal**” on the home page of NSP.
  - vii. Renewal students will not be able to make changes in the Scheme and Institute.
  - viii. Non submission of hard copy of the filled-in online application along with requisite enclosures will be summarily rejected.
  - ix. While entering basic parameters such as religion, name of the institution, percentage of marks, parental annual income and functional bank account no, IFSC Code, Aadhaar number, etc., students are requested to take utmost care before making final submission. **Students will not be allowed to make any change(s) in application including change in opted scholarship scheme after submission.** The portal incorporates a provision to **save** the application before making final submission and also allowed to make multiple changes in the saved details before final submission.
  - x. Aadhaar details of the applications will not be shared with the Verifying Authorities to prevent accidental misuse.
  - xi. Students are instructed to contact the concerned District Backward Classes and Minorities Officers in the event of additional information, if any required.

<b>Last date for submission of online application for Post matric Scholarship by students.</b>	<b>Fresh</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
	<b>31<sup>st</sup> August 2017</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> July 2017</b>

**Instruction for Institutions:**

1. New institutions are required to have DISE/AISHE codes for registration under National Scholarship Portal.
2. Institutions are instructed to register the basic details such as name, address, registration number, affiliation, contact no., email, course details, recognition, annual course fee, eligibility criteria of admission, etc. in NSP so as the students can apply Scholarship through Online and and also get login credentials of the institution for further course of action.
3. All the existing institutions/ schools are necessarily required to update their metadata (including contact details, course details) and get it validated at once.
4. Institutions/ Schools must communicate their DISE/AICHE code to the students who are applying fresh scholarships so as to complete the application process swiftly.

For further details may log on to: <http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/> & <http://scholarships.gov.in/>

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