

DR. AMBEDKAR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR MERITORIOUS STUDENTS OF SCHEDULED CASTS / SCHEDULED TRIBES

BACKGROUND

1. Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr.B.R.Ambedkar is represented is respected all over the country for fighting for the welfare of poor and, downtrodden and weaker sections. He made significant contribution in Nation building. Scholarship provided by the Maharaja of Baroda was of considerable significance in the life and achievements of Baba Saheb. With a view to recognise merit and encourage and motivate students, it is proposed to provide a one-time cash award to the meritorious students of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) for pursuing higher studies.
2. The scheme would be known as “Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Scholarship Scheme”.
3. This scheme would be implemented by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, set up under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in 1992.

4. OBJECTIVE

To recognizing, promoting and financially assisting meritorious students belonging to Scheduled Castes for pursuing higher studies.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Students should belong to Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribe(ST).
- (ii) Family income of the students from all sources should not be more than Rs. 1.00 lakh in the preceding financial year.
- (iii) There shall be separate awards for SCs and STs.
- (iv) The student should have appeared in any of the recognized State/Central Board of Secondary Education and scored not less than 50% marks in the aggregate in the Secondary Certificate Examination. A list of 29 Boards/Council of the country is given at **Annexure-I**.

6. NO.OF SCHOLARSHIP

- 6.1 The Ambedkar National Merit Scholarship will be given to three students scoring highest marks in the regular Class X level examination conducted by the Education Board/Council. This will be separate for Scheduled casts and Scheduled Tribes. In case none of the first three eligible students are girls, the girl student scoring the highest marks will get a special award.
- 6.2 Thus, there shall be four awards for each of the 26 Boards for SC i.e. 104 awards and likewise another 104 awards for STs. In case more than one student scoring the same marks, the number of awards would be accordingly increased for covering all such eligible students.
- 6.3 Keeping in view the SC & ST population of the country as per 1991 census, 250 no. of special merit scholarship @ Rs.10,000/- each will be given to SC/ST students securing next highest marks, after first, second and third position. This will be in addition to the awards indicated at para 2 above. The break up of these 250 awards is given in Annexure II.

7. AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship will be given as one-time grant as per the following norms: -

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| I. | Student securing highest marks | Rs.60, 000/- |
| II. | Student securing 2 nd highest marks | Rs.50, 000/- |
| III. | Student securing 3 rd highest marks | Rs.40, 000/- |
| IV. | Girl student securing highest marks (In case she is not in the above three categories) | Rs.40, 000/- |
| Total | | Rs.1,90,000/-(Per Board/Council) |

This award amount will be payable over and above any other scholarship/award; the student may receiving from other sources.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

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| 8.1 | For 104 SC Students of 26 Boards | Rs. 49.4 lakh |
| 8.2 | For 104 ST students of 26 Boards | <u>Rs. 49.4 lakh</u> |
| | Total | Rs. 98.8 lakh |
| 8.3 | Special Scholarship 250 number @ Rs.10.000 = | Rs. 25.0 lakh |
| 8.4 | Total estimated expenditure | Rs. 123.8 lakh |
| 8.5 | Total no. of students to be benefited SC 104 + 167 | = 271 |
| | ST 104 + 83 | = 187 |
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| | | Total =458 Nos. |
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9. MODE OF SELECTION

The Board/ Council conducting the examination shall send details of the students (name, address, family income, percentage of mark, school last attended, nearest bank etc.) in the format given as **Annexure-II** to the Ambedkar Foundation within 15 days of announcement of the examination results, with copy of the Secretary, Education, Department of the concerned State Government. For the purpose of family income, a certificate given by the father/guardian of the child or Principal of the School attended will suffice. The information should be duly authenticated by the Secretary of the Board/ Council. The State Government shall verify and forward the list to the Foundation within the next 15 days, provided that if details are not received from the State Government within the Scheduled time, action will be taken based on the details received from the Board/ Council.

DISBURSEMENT

10. The proposal received from the recognized Board/ Council shall be processed in the Foundation and the Award amount shall be sent to the student awardees directly in the form of an Account

Payee Bank Draft by registered post under intimation to the Board/ Council and the educational institution last attended. The student awardees will be encouraged to keep the amount in fixed deposit and avail the interest accrued thereon, provided that there will be no bar for utilizing the amount for meeting personal educational health related expenditure.

11. Student awardees securing first, second, third and the girl student securing highest mark in each of the 26 boards/councils may either be invited to the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, New Delhi for a felicitation each year or Foundation may send the awards to the student awardees through the respective District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioners as per the convenience. In case the Foundation invites the students, the awardee and one escort will be paid actual fare by sleeper class train/bus from their place of study or from their hometown (both ways). A sum of Rs.2.08 lakh (@ Rs.1000/- (for awardee and escort on an average) will be spent for the purpose.
12. The scheme will have a total financial implication of Rs.125.88 lakhs per annum. It will benefit 458 students all over the country directly and will be of considerable indirect benefit to the students belonging to weaker sections by recognition of merit and academic excellence. In case any doubt is raised on the scheme, it shall be referred to the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation and decision of the Foundation will be final.

BOARD/ COUNCIL

A list of 29 Boards/Council of the country is given at **Annexure-I**.

ANNEXURE-I LIST OF BOARDS/COUNCIL

1. Andhra Pradesh Board of Secondary Education, A. R
2. Board of Secondary Education, Assam
3. Bihar School Education Board! Bihar
4. Goa Board of Sec. and Higher Secondary Education! Goà
5. Gujarat Secondary Education Board, Gujarat
6. Haryana Board of Education, Haryana
7. HR Board of School Education, Himachal Pradesh
8. J&K State Board of School Education, Jammu & Kashmir
9. Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board. Karnataka

10. Kerala Board of Public Examinations, Kerala
 11. Madhya Pradesh Board of Secondary Education, MR
 12. Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary, Maharashtra
 13. Manipur Board of Secondary Education, Mainpur
 14. Meghalaya Board of School Education, Meghalaya
 15. Mizoram Board of School Education, Mizoram.
 16. Nagaland Board of School Education, Nagaland
 17. Crissa Board of Secondary Education, Drissa
 18. Punjab School Education Board, Punjab
 19. Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education. Rjasthan
 20. Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education, Tamil Nadu
 21. Tripura Board of Secondary Education, Tripura
 22. UP Board of High School & Intermediate Education, UP.
 23. West Bengal Board of Secondary Education
- ALL INDIA BOARDS.
24. Central Board of Secondary Education
 25. Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations
 26. National Open School.

**No. of Special Scholarships
ANNEXURE - II**

| S.No. | State/UI | For SC 13 | For ST 4 |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 13 | 4 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 1 | 1 |
| 3. | Assam | 2 | 3 |
| 4. | Bihar | 12 | 1 |
| 5. | Goa | 1 | - |
| 6. | Gujarat | 3 | 6 |
| 7. | Haryana | 3 | 1 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 1 | 1 |
| 9. | Karnataka | 8 | 2 |
| 10. | Kerala | 3 | 1 |

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| 11. | Madhya Pradesh | 9 | 9 |
| 12. | Maharashtra | 10 | 7 |
| 13. | Manipur | 1 | 2 |
| 14. | Meghalaya | 1 | 3 |
| 15. | Mizoram. | 1 | 2 |
| 16- | Nagaland | - | 2 |
| 17. | Orissa | 6 | 7 |
| 18. | Punjab | 7 | - |
| 19. | Rajasthan | 8 | 5 |
| 20. | Sikkim | 1 | 1 |
| 21. | Tamil Nadu | 11 | 1 |
| 22. | Tripura | 1 | 2 |
| 23. | Uttar Pradesh | 32 | 1 |
| 24. | West Bengal | 18 | 4 |
| 25. | Jharkhand | 3 | 6 |
| 26. | Chattishgarh | 2 | 6 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 2 | - |
| 28. | J&K | 1 | 1 |

UTs

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|-------|----------------------|---|--------|
| 1. | Andaman & Nicobar | - | 1 |
| 2. | Chandigarh | 1 | - |
| 3. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 1 | 1 |
| 4. | Daman & Diu | 1 | 1 |
| 5. | Delhi | 2 | - |
| 6. | Lakshadweep | - | 1 |
| 7. | Pondicherry | 1 | - |
| Total | | = | 167 |
| | | | 83=250 |

Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Scholarship Scheme for meritorious students, of Higher Secondary Examination belonging to Scheduled Caste

1.BACKGROUND

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meritorious students, belonging to Scheduled Castes(SC) for enabling them to pursue higher studies.

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4.NO. OF SCHOLARSHIP

- 4.1 The Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Scholarship will be given to three students scoring highest marks in the regular Class XII level examination conducted by the Senior Secondary Board/Council in 4 streams such as Arts, Science (separate for Maths & Science) and Commerce.
- 4.2 Thus, there shall be 12 awards for each of the 29 Boards (including 3 all India Boards). In the case of more than one student getting the same marks, the number of awards would be suitably increased for covering all such eligible students.

5.AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

- 5.1 The scholarship will be given as one time grant as per the following norms:-

| S. No. | | Science | | Arts | Commerce |
|--------|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Medical stream | Non-medical stream | | |
| 1. | Student securing highest marks | Rs. 60,000/- | Rs. 60,000/- | Rs. 60,000/- | Rs. 60,000/- |
| 2. | Student securing 2 nd highest marks | Rs. 50,000/- | Rs. 50,000/- | Rs. 50,000/- | Rs. 50,000/- |
| 3. | Student securing 3 rd highest marks | Rs. 40,000/- | Rs. 40,000/- | Rs. 40,000/- | Rs. 40,000/- |
| | Total | Rs. 1,50,000/- | Rs. 1,50,000/- | Rs. 1,50,000/- | Rs. 1,50,000/- |

- 5.2 This award will be given over and above any other scholarship/award the student may receive from other sources.

6.SPECIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIRL STUDENTS

- 6.1 After first three positions of merit, the next three girl students securing the highest marks in each stream would be given a special scholarship @ Rs.20,000/- each. This is in addition to the other scholarships in order to encourage girl students.

7.FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

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| 7.1 | For 348 SC Students of 29 Boards | Rs.174.00 lakh |
| 7.2 | For 348 SC girls students & 20,000/-each of 29 Boards | <u>Rs. 69.60 lakh</u> |
| | Total | Rs.243.60 lakh |
| 7.3 | In the case of same marks secured by students 5% of total exp.is kept for meeting such expenditure | Rs. 11.18 lakh |
| 7.4 | Total estimated expenditure | Rs. 255.78 lakh |
| 7.5 | Total no. of SC students to be benefited – Merit Scholarship | - 348 |
| | Special merit scholarship for girl student | - 348 ----- |
| | Total | - 696 ----- |

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Vidya Bhawan, Nampally,Hyderababd-500 001.
2. Assam Higher Secondary Education Council, Assam
Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-781 021.
3. Bihar Intermediate Education Council, Bihar
Budh Marg, Patna- 800 001.
4. Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Goa
M-20, Nehru Nagar, A-210, Betim Cross, Alto Betim, Goa-403 521.
5. Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Gujarat
Sector-10-B, Gandhi Nagar-382 043.
6. Haryana Board of Education, Haryana
Hansi Road, Bhiwani-125 021.

7. H.P. Board of School Education, Himachal Pradesh
Gyana Lok Parisar, Civil Lines, Dharamshala-176 216, Distt: Kangra
8. J & K State Board of school Education, Jammu & Kashmir
Rerhari Colony, Jammu-180 005(Nov. to April)
Lalmandi, Srinagar-190 005(May-Oct.)
9. Karnataka Board of Pre-University Education
Technical Education Building, Palace Road, Banglore-560 001.
10. Kerala Board of Public Examination, Kerala
Pareeksha Bhawan, Poojappura, Thiruvannanthapuram-695 012.
11. Madhya Pradesh Board of Secondary Education, M.P
Bhopal.
12. Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary, Maharashtra
Shivaji Nagar, Pune-411 010.
13. Manipur Council of Higher Secondary Education
D.M. College Campus, Imphal-795 001.
14. Meghalaya Board of School Education, Meghalaya
West Garo Hills, Tura, Meghalaya-794 102.
15. Mizoram Board of School Education, Mizoram
Chaltlang, Post Box 7, Aizawl-796 012.
16. Nagaland Board of School Education, Nagaland
Post Box, 98, Kohima- 767 001.
17. Orissa Council of Higher Secondary Education
C-2, Pragnyapith, Samantapur, Bhubaneshwar-751 013.
18. Punjab School Education Board, Punjab
Vidya Bhawan, SAS Nagar, Phase-8, Mohali-160 059.

19. Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan
Ajmer- 305 001.
20. Tamilnadu Board of Higher Secondary Education, Tanil Nadu
DPI Compound, College Road, Chennai- 600 006.
21. Tripura Board of Secondary Education, Tripura
Nehru Complex(Gurkha Basti) P.O. : Kunjaban, Agartala, Tripura West-799 006.
22. U.P. Board of High School & Intermediate Education, U.P
Allahabad- 211 001.
23. West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education
Vidya Sagar Bhawan, 9/2, D. J.Block, Sector-II, Salt Lake, Kolkata- 700 091.
24. Jharkhand Intermediate Education Council
Rameshwaram Road, Barayatu Road, Ranchi- 834 009.
25. Chhatisgarh Madhyamik Shiksha Mandal
Pension Bada, Raipur- 492 001.
26. Uttaranchal Shiksha Evam Pariksha Parishad
Ram Nagar, Nainital- 263 001.

ALL INDIA BOARDS

27. Central Board of Secondary Education
2, Community Centre, Shiksha Kendra, Preet Vihar, Delhi-110092.
28. Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations
47-48, Pragati House, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019.
29. National Institute of Open Schooling
A-38, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048.