

SWAMI VIVEKANADA WEST BENGAL GOVT. MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 2013-14

Applications are invited for awarding scholarship for the year 2013-14 under “Swami Vivekananda 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 Madhyamik Pariksha or its equivalent examination in 2013 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 examination in 2013 will be eligible to apply.

3) For scholarships at **Diploma (Polytechnic)** level (@ 750/- p.m.)

Students who are enrolled after passing-out in Secondary (M.P.) Examination or its equivalent as stated above in 2013 for first year Diploma (Polytechnic) course [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 1400/-)

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 2013 will be eligible to apply.

Applications can be made either electronically (through website) or manually this year for all the courses excepting medical education. In case of medical education applications should only be made manually and not electronically.

Detailed **particulars and guidelines** of the “Swami Vivekananda West Bengal Government Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme” along with proforma of Application Form, Model Proforma for Income Affidavit and Income Certificate will be available in the following website.

<http://mcmscholarship.wb.gov.in>

This website will have contact numbers and emails for extending assistance. This website can also be accessed from <http://www.banglarmukh.gov.in> and <http://www.higherednwb.net>. Applicant can apply electronically online (with steady internet connectivity) or electronically offline (intermittent connectivity) from this website. An applicant can also download the manual paper forms available and fill it (hand written or typed) like previous years and submit it.

a) **Online application** – The applicant will first get into the scholarship website <http://mcmscholarship.wb.gov.in> and register his name. Then he fills in the appropriate application form and submits it along with scanned copy of all requisite enclosures as attachments while staying connected. After submission of a completed application form electronically along with requisite scanned enclosures (e.g. certificates, declaration etc.), the same set needs to be printed and a recent passport size and signed photograph needs to be pasted on the application form. The entire set is required to be despatched in an envelope (affixed with the printed barcode to be generated from the system) to the offices mentioned below within the due date.

b) **Offline application** - In offline mode, the applicant downloads the editable form in the computer from the said scholarship website <http://mcmscholarship.wb.gov.in>, fill it offline, and submit it along with the scanned copy of requisite enclosures as attachments once connected. After submission of application form along with requisite scanned enclosures (e.g. certificates, declaration etc.), the same set needs to be printed and a recent passport size and signed photograph needs to be pasted on the application form. The entire set is required to be despatched in an envelope (affixed with the printed barcode to be generated from the system) to the offices mentioned below within the due date.

[Applicable for both online & offline application] - For example, in respect of the form meant for DPI Education Directorate- “Online/offline Application for Swami Vivekananda West Bengal Government Merit-cum-Means Scholarship- Education Directorate (ED)” must be mentioned on the envelope containing the application. In other cases “Online Application for Swami Vivekananda West Bengal Government Merit-cum-Means Scholarship- School Education (SE)/ Technical Education (TE)/ Technical Education & Training (DTE & T)”, as the case may be, should be mentioned.

c) **Manual application** - Manual applications should be submitted in the prescribed proforma along with requisite enclosures (e.g. certificates, declaration etc.) in envelopes to the mentioned offices within the due date. The words, “Application for Swami Vivekananda 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 is taken during the academic year 2013-14)

Different categories of applicants will send their hard copy of the applications (along with all enclosures) **to the offices** as mentioned here under regardless of online/offline/manual filling.

- i) Class-XI students- Commissioner, School Education, West Bengal, (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, West Bengal, Scholarship & Stipend Section, Bikash Bhavan, 9th floor, North Wing, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700091.
- iii) the students pursuing Polytechnic Diploma course as mentioned under serial number 3 above– 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) **(ONLY MANUAL this year)** 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.

Applicable for all candidates

- a) Duly completed applications must reach / be submitted to the Government Offices as mentioned by **31st December, 2013**. Applications received after the last date of submission will be summarily rejected without showing any reason.
- b) 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.
- c) **As the payments will be made through ECS only, furnishing of Bank details i.e. A/C No., Bank Name, IFSC Code and MICR Code of any nationalised Bank preferably the State Bank of India, is mandatory.**

N.B.

- a) Candidates opting for these scholarships and found eligible, **will not be allowed to enjoy any other Government (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.
- b) 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. (In case of Semester mode – Both Semester-I and Semester – II Examination to be cleared in the first attempt to claim the renewal of scholarship.)