



# **AICTE – SWANATH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR STUDENTS**

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## **GUIDELINES FOR AICTE – SWANATH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR STUDENTS**

### **1.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME:**

The Scheme is being implemented by AICTE to provide encouragement and support to orphans, wards of parents died due to Covid-19, wards of Armed Forces and Central Paramilitary Forces martyred in action (Shaheed) to pursue education. This is an attempt to give every such child, an opportunity to study further and prepare for a successful future through education in AICTE Approved institutions and courses.

### **2.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP:**

- 1) The candidate should be from any one of the following categories:
  - (i) Orphan
  - (ii) Either or both parents died due to Covid 19
  - (iii) Wards of Armed Forces and Central Paramilitary Forces martyred in action (Shaheed)
- 2) Family income from all sources should not be more than Rs. 8 lakh per annum during the financial year of the application. A valid income certificate issued by State/UT Government is to be enclosed.
- 3) The candidate should be currently studying in the AICTE Approved institutions and courses at Degree/ Diploma level in regular mode.

### **3.0 NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**

A maximum of 2000 scholarships (1000 for Degree Students and 1000 for Diploma Students) will be awarded every year to eligible candidates as above.

### **4.0 AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

Rs. 50,000.00 per annum for every year of study i.e. maximum 4 years duration for first year admitted Degree students and maximum 3 years for Diploma Students as lump sum amount towards payment of college fee, purchase of computer, stationeries, books, equipment, software etc. No other additional grant will be payable in lieu of hostel charges and medical charges etc. In case student is currently studying in the 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> year at degree level the duration of the scholarship will be reduced to 3/2/1 year respectively. Similarly, for students currently studying in the 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> year at diploma level the duration of the scholarship will be reduced to 2/1 year respectively.

## **5.0 CRITERIA OF SELECTION:**

### **(i) For Degree Level:**

The selection of candidate will be carried out solely on the basis of merit of qualifying examination to pursue the Degree course from any of the AICTE approved institutions i.e. on the basis of percentage of marks obtained in the 10+2/ equivalent examination.

### **(ii) Method of Resolving ties (For Degree Level):**

The procedure to be adopted for breaking ties (similar percentiles) shall be as under: -

**A) Percentage of Marks in 10th Examination:** In case qualifying examination percentile does not break ties, then higher percentage of marks in 10th examination will be ranked higher.

**B) Age:** In case 10th examination percentile does not break ties, then the candidate of elder age will be ranked higher.

**C) Annual family income:** If above methods do not break ties, and then the candidate with lower annual family income will be ranked higher.

### **(iii) For Diploma Level:**

The selection of candidate will be carried out solely on the basis of merit of qualifying examination to pursue the Diploma course from any of the AICTE approved institutions i.e. on the basis of percentage of marks obtained in the 10<sup>th</sup> / equivalent examination.

### **(iv) Method of Resolving ties (For Diploma Level):**

The procedure to be adopted for breaking ties (similar percentiles) shall be as under: -

**A) Age:** In case qualifying examination percentile does not break ties, then the candidate of elder age will be ranked higher.

**B) Annual family income:** If above method does not break ties, and then the candidate with lower annual family income will be ranked higher.

## **6.0 RESERVATION:**

As per Government of India norms.

## **7.0 PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING:**

- 1) The candidate fulfilling the eligibility conditions is required to apply online on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) after initiation of application process and notice to be published on AICTE/NSP website.
- 2) The host institution where the candidate is studying, will be required to verify the online application.
- 3) Department of Education (DTE) of respective State/ UT will verify these applications as second level of scrutiny.

## **8.0 RENEWALS:**

- 1) The scholarship will be renewed for the next year of study on receipt of renewal through National Scholarship Portal (NSP) by submitting promotion certificate along with bonafide certificate from the Head of the Institution on the NSP portal.
- 2) Student failing to get promoted to the next class/ level or those who are not applying in time for the scholarship, would forfeit the scholarship.

## **9.0 MODE OF PAYMENT:**

After selection, the awardee will be paid scholarship through DBT mode on annual basis.

## **10.0 DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED ON NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL:**

### **A. For Candidates whose either or both Parents Died due to Covid 19:**

- (i) Death Certificate of Father/Mother or both explicitly mentioning that the death was due to Covid-19.
- (ii) If one parent (Father or Mother) is alive, current year income certificate explicitly mentioning that income of family less than 8 Lakh.
- (iii) Bonafide Certificate issued by the institution.
- (iv) 10+2/equivalent and 10<sup>th</sup> Mark sheet for Degree Level and 10<sup>th</sup> /equivalent for Diploma Level
- (v) Category Certificate (SC/ST/OBC-NCL)
- (vi) Candidate Declaration Form, mentioning details as per enclosed format, duly verified by Tehsildar / S D M.



## **B. For Orphan Candidates:**

- (i) Death Certificate of Father & Mother.
- (ii) Candidate Declaration Form, mentioning details as per enclosed format, duly verified by Tehsildar / S D M.
- (iii) Bonafide Certificate issued by the institution.
- (iv) 10+2 / equivalent and 10<sup>th</sup> Mark sheet for Degree Level and 10<sup>th</sup> /equivalent for Diploma Level
- (v) Category Certificate (SC/ST/OBC-NCL)

## **C. For Wards of Armed Forces and Central Paramilitary Forces martyred in action (Shaheed)**

- (i) Death Certificate.
- (ii) Shaheed Certificate issued by the Armed Forces/ Central Paramilitary Forces
- (iii) Bonafide Certificate issued by the institution.
- (iv) Current year income certificate explicitly mentioning that income of family less than 8 Lakh.
- (v) 10+2/equivalent and 10<sup>th</sup> Mark sheet for Degree Level and 10<sup>th</sup> /equivalent for Diploma Level
- (vi) Category Certificate (SC/ST/OBC-NCL)

## **11.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- 1) Applications will be invited once in a year through National e-Scholarship Portal of the Government of India.
- 2) Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. Only verified online applications will be considered for the award of scholarship.
- 3) If a candidate fails/ drops out in subsequent year, he / she will not be eligible for further scholarship.

- 4) The grant of scholarship is subject to the condition that the student does not receive any financial assistance in shape of scholarship/any emoluments, salary, stipend etc. from any other source during her/ his course of study in the Institute. In case of receipt of any financial assistance from any other sources, the scholarship shall be discontinued and the entire amount of scholarship will have to be refunded to AICTE by D/Draft drawn in favour of "Member Secretary, AICTE" payable at New Delhi.
- 5) Scheme will be implemented and monitored by the AICTE.
- 7) For converting Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) to percentage, multiplying factor will be 9.5 i.e. to convert the CGPA into percentage;  $CGPA \times 9.5$  will give the percentage.
- 8) In case both CGPA & Total marks are given in the mark sheet, total marks will be considered for determining percentage.
- 9) If grades are given like A1, A2, B1, B2 etc. in the mark sheet, first the grades will be converted into CGPA and then average CGPA will be calculated. This CGPA will be converted into percentage as given in point No. 7.
- 10) For the purpose of the calculation of percentage in 10+2, marks secured by candidate in any five subjects taken in 10+2 of various boards (CBSE/ISC etc) to be considered.
- 11) Provisional list of shortlisted candidates will be uploaded on the AICTE web portal. In case, candidate has any query about merit list of scholarship, they may raise their grievances within a month. No query regarding merit list will be entertained after one month duration from the date of publishing of merit list on AICTE website.
- 12) Query regarding non-payment of the scholarship due to invalid/ wrong account number will be entertained only up to six months from the date of publishing of merit list on AICTE website.