Guidelines of Merit Scholarship Application for Students & Institutions.

(For Fresh Application)

The following guidelines shall come into effect from 6th Oct. 2016:

- 1. Fresh Application: With effective from 2016, the qualifying percentage of marks to be eligible to apply for Merit Scholarship are:
 - i. For class 11&12, the minimum qualifying percentage of marks in the last class 10/11 exam should be 80%.
 - ii. For Degree/P.G. level, the minimum qualifying percentage of marks in the last HSSLC/ Degree Exam should be 70%.
- 2. To continue with the Merit Scholarship, a Student has to maintain consistent academic result or the required percentage of marks for renewal of Merit Scholarship annually until completion of the course duration.
- 3. In case of any issue with regard to Percentage / Marks, the concerned University mark sheet grade/pattern will be final.
- 4. Student having a study break of more than 2 (two) years will not be eligible to apply for this scholarship.
- 5. Documents to be enclosed/attached with print out hard copy:
 - a. Xerox attested copies of mark sheet, admit card from Cl. 10 onwards.
 - b. Xerox attested copies of Schedule Tribe and Indigenous Certificate.
 - c. Xerox attested copy of Admission receipt.
 - d. Xerox attested copy of School/College/University Registration / Affiliation Certificate.
- 6. Instruction for students studying in NIOS.
 - Students studying in NIOS will be eligible for award of merit scholarship under the following conditions:
 - a) To apply for 10+2 course: applicant must have passed class 10/11 with the following subject combination:
 - i. English ii. Alt. English/MIL iii. Science. iv. Maths. v. Social Science.
 - b) To apply for Degree/P.G. course: applicant must have passed class 12/Degree with the following subject combination:
 - i. English ii. Alt. English/MIL along with three optional subjects.
- 7. Non-Naga students who are permanently settled in Nagaland and secured top 10 positions in Board/ University can also apply for this scholarship with necessary enclosures in column no.5 along with Xerox copy of Permanent Resident Certificate issued by the competent authority.
- 8. Students applying for this scheme are not eligible to apply for any other scholarship schemes.

- 9. Individual submission of hard copy to this Office will not be entertained for students studying within Nagaland.
- 10. Incomplete/ wrong entries in the e-form or incomplete enclosure of necessary documents will subject to rejection. Correction/rectification after submission to the Department will not be entertained.
- 11. Student repeating in the same class as "repeaters" will not be entitled to scholarship for the second year.
- 12. Applicant is warned that if he/she gives false statement/ declaration/ documents etc. or otherwise obtain scholarship through fraudulent means, he/she will be black listed and debarred from getting scholarship under this scheme or any other scholarship schemes for the entire period of his/her studies. The scholarship amount if already paid will also be recovered.
- 13. Hostel certificate/form: (For Hostellers only)
 - i. Students residing in a registered hostel outside Nagaland needs to enclose a Hostel certificate / commendation certificate from the hostel warden for proof.
 - ii. Students residing in a registered hostel within Nagaland will use only the Hostel Form issued by this Department. Misuse of Hostel forms by warden/Proprietor will lead to Hostel disqualification.

GUIDELINES FOR INSTITUTIONS

- 1. Head of Institutions within Nagaland should make sure that a copy of the Statistical Data/ Enrolment list of the students which has been submitted to NBSE/CBSE/NU should also be sent to this Directorate annually along with the hard copy of scholarship forms.
- 2. Institutions within Nagaland are directed to compile all merit scholarship forms and submit to this office in bulk.
- 3. The last date for submission of hard copies of merit scholarship forms (in bulk) by the institutions to this office shall be notified in the State portal every year. Submission of hard copies after the last date will not be entertained.
- 4. Head of the Institutions/ In charge of scholarship at the Institutions should ensure that all necessary documents that have been mentioned in column no. 5 are intact and genuine including the Hostel forms.

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