

4. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The awardees studying in Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Languages Commerce, vocational studies and fine arts are eligible to receive scholarship up to Ph.D. level whereas the awardees studying professional courses in medicines, engineering, technology, management and law, are eligible to receive the scholarship up to second degree level. Scholarships will be paid subject to fulfillment of the following conditions

4.1 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

- i. An Awardee is eligible for the scholarship provided if she/he:
 - a. takes up studies in approved courses.
 - b. maintains good conduct as certified by the Head of the College/Institution and continues his/her studies as a regular student.
 - c. does not absent herself/himself without proper leave.
 - d. takes up studies on a whole time basis.
 - e. does not take up any job with salary/remuneration/stipend.
- ii. (a) If an awardee is getting scholarship from other sources on regular basis, then he has to choose only one of the scholarship. In such cases the NTS scholarship will be temporarily discontinued for that year/period. His/her scholarship will be once again resumed if he/she approaches once again to NCERT for seeking NTS scholarship after fulfilling other conditions. All the students must also give an undertaking each year that they are not receiving scholarship or award from any other institutions. Further no student who is employed is eligible for payment of scholarship and accordingly, every student has to provide a certificate that he or she is not employed.
(b) Fee waiver/one time grant/subsidy in fee and residential accommodation will not make a student ineligible for scholarship.
- iii. No scholarship shall be available for studies abroad for any course.
- iv. An awardee can submit his claim bills any time during the course of study. However, the claim bills are to be submitted for each class/year separately.
- v. In case any awardee leaves her/his course of study within one month of registration/admission, no scholarship shall be paid to him/her.
- vi. In case awardee is not able to appear at the examination due to serious illness, one should send the medical certificate through the Head of the Institution within three months of his/her falling ill. The duration of illness should be clearly certified by a specialist, who is a Registered Medical Practitioner. The facility will be available to the awardee to continue the same course in which one is studying provided the principal or the head of the institution certifies that the overall performance of the awardee during the year is 60 per cent or above.
- vii. The NTS awardee is allowed one shift in the course of study till one month after the end of the first year of undergraduate courses, within the same institution or in another institution. However, she/he will not be awarded scholarship for the first year of the new course. Thus, in this case she/he will have to lose the scholarship for one year. It would resume in the next year provided all the requirements are met.

- viii. Scholarship shall be deemed to be discontinued with any gap of one academic session in studies at any time due to any reason.
- ix. Scholarship once discontinued on the basis of the rules of disbursement of scholarship cannot be revived under any circumstances.
- x. Awardees have to secure an aggregate of 60% marks or equivalent grade in order to be eligible for scholarship every year. If a student secured less than 60% in a year the scholarship is forfeited for that year. If a student fails to secure minimum 60% or equivalent grade for two consecutive or non-consecutive years. He or she will be ineligible for payment of scholarship and will be discontinued forever.
- xi. For seeking scholarship the awardee has to pass in all subject (core subject) in first attempt. If an awardee fails in any core subject, his/her NTS scholarship will be discontinued forever.
- xii. All rules are subject to change from time to time, as and when required, which will be binding on all awardees.

4.2 ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AT HIGHER SECONDARY STAGE

- i. The award of scholarship to the selected candidates shall commence subsequent to their clear promotion to Class XI.
- ii. The scholarship at the higher secondary stage or equivalent Classes XI to XII is payable for a maximum period of two years for studies in India only.
- iii. Student pursuing diploma or certificate courses will be provided scholarship, at this stage provided if they are not employed.
- iv. Awardees have to secure an aggregate of 60% marks or equivalent grade in order to be eligible for scholarship every year. If a student secured less than 60% in a year the scholarship is forfeited for that year. If a student fails to secure minimum 60% or equivalent grade for two consecutive or non-consecutive years. He or she will be ineligible for payment of scholarship and will be discontinued forever.
- v. In case an institution does not conduct an examination at the end of Class XI, the scholarship for the second year will be continued on the submission of a certificate to this effect from the Head of the Institution.
- vi. In case the performance is reported in grades, then equivalent to 60% aggregate will be taken into account.

4.3 ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS AT FIRST DEGREE LEVEL COURSES

- i. The awardee must obtain a minimum of 60 per cent marks at the end of +2 stage or equivalent examination for continuation of the scholarship at the first degree level course in Basic Sciences, Social Sciences or a professional course in engineering, medicine, management or law.
- ii. The scholarship to SC/ST/PH awardees will be paid after getting selected through Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), IIT and admitted in the one-year preparatory course for B.Tech. The scholarship will continue in 1st year subject to fulfillment of all the conditions laid down by respective IITs.

The continuation of scholarships in the second and subsequent years shall be subject to the following conditions :-

- iii. Withdrawal in non-core subject as per institutional rules of exemption is considered for payment of scholarship.
- iv.
 - a. At least 60 per cent marks in aggregate at the internal examinations. However, the scholarship to MBBS candidates for internship will be given, only if one secures 60 per cent or more marks in the final degree.
 - b. Awardees have to secure an aggregate of 60% marks or equivalent grade in order to be eligible for Scholarship every year. If a student secured less than 60% in a year the Scholarship is forfeited for that year. If a student fails to secure minimum 60% or equivalent grade for two consecutive or non-consecutive years. He or she will be ineligible for payment of scholarship and will be discontinued forever. In case the result is not declared in terms of marks and grades are given, these should be equivalent to at least 60 percent and above.
 - c. In case an Institution/University does not conduct an annual examination after such a class, a certificate from the principal/head of the institution would be acceptable to this effect that the overall performance of the awardee is 60 per cent or above.
 - d. In case of IITs and other institutions, which follow semester system of examination, the marks or an equivalent Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) at the end of an academic year will be considered.

4.4 ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER CONDITIONS AT SECOND DEGREE LEVEL COURSE

- i. Awardees have to secure an aggregate of 60% marks or equivalent grade in order to be eligible for Scholarship every year. If a student secured less than 60% in a year the Scholarship is forfeited for that year. If a student fails to secure minimum 60% or equivalent grade for two consecutive or non-consecutive years. He or she will be ineligible for payment of scholarship and will be discontinued forever. In case the result is not declared in terms of marks and grades are given, these should be equivalent to at least 60 percent and above.
- ii. An awardee shall be eligible to receive the scholarship in the second year only if he/she secures at least 60 per cent marks at the end of the first year. In case there is no university examination or grades are awarded, suitable certificate from the head of the institution will be acceptable.
- iii. In case an institution has semester system of examination at this stage, the marks, grades or CGPA as the case may be, obtained by an awardee in the examination conducted at the end of an academic year, will be considered for continuation of her/his scholarship during the next year.
- iv. The scholarships at this stage will also be available for doing a diploma course in management or specific branch of medicine or surgery provided the minimum qualification for entrance to such courses is a degree in the concerned discipline.

4.5 ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER CONDITIONS AT M.PHIL./PH.D STAGE

- i. An awardee shall be eligible to receive scholarship during the pre-doctoral/M.Phil. courses provided these are an institutional requirement for Ph.D. work. The continuance of scholarship after this pre-requisite course shall be subject to the successful completion of it.
- ii. An awardee will be eligible to receive scholarship for doing research work leading to Ph.D./D.Phil. degree provided he/she passes M.A./M.Sc./ M.Com./M.Phil course in the first attempt securing a minimum of 60 per cent marks or its equivalent grade after aggregating the marks for all the years in the university examination of the course. An awardee must begin research/pre-doctoral work within six months of the declaration of M.A./M.Com./M.Sc. result. The date of joining should be intimated to the NCERT immediately thereafter with a certificate from the concerned supervisor indicating the field of work.
- iii. At the end of two years, there would be an assessment of the quality of work done, by two independent experts on the basis of which the scholarship may be continued or discontinued.
- iv. The scholarship shall be continued during the second and fourth year only if the guide certified that the work during the first and the third year respectively has been of high quality.
- v. The change of topic/ guide/ Institution shall be allowed with the prior approval of both the guides and the NCERT.
- vi. An awardee can take up a teaching assignment for a short period not exceeding a total period of six months only within the tenure of four years with the prior permission of the NCERT only if his/her supervisor certifies that his/her assignment is not prejudicial to his/her progress. No scholarship shall be paid for this period, which of course shall be counted as part of the total period of four years.
- vii. The scholarship shall commence from the month of commencing the research work as certified by the Guide. However, regular registration documents must be submitted within six months of commencing the research work. In case of pre-doctoral/M.Phil. courses, scholarship will be awarded from the month of admission.
- viii. An awardee will be entitled to the scholarship for Ph.D. up to a period of four years ordinarily. If he/she submits the thesis/dissertation before four years period is over but continues to work on the same problem on which he/she has written the thesis/dissertation under the same supervisor, he/she will be entitled to the scholarship up to the viva-voce or the end of four years whichever is earlier. The supervisor has to certify in such cases that continuation of the Ph.D. research work after submission of the dissertation/thesis is necessary and has been undertaken.