

**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
DIRECTORATE OF UNIVERSITY & HIGHER EDUCATION**

**GUIDELINES FOR
“STATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP”**

1. BACKGROUND :

The Directorate of University & Higher Education, Manipur has taken interest with regard to the award of State Merit Scholarship through **on-line submission** to meritorious students of Manipur to promote higher education in the interest of the students if they continue their further studies inside and outside this state but within the country from the academic session, 2015-16.

2. OBJECTIVES :

- 1) To provide equal opportunities for higher education to the poor meritorious students.
- 2) To provide equal opportunities for students studying inside or outside the state but within the country.

3. SCOPE :

It is envisaged to provide 250 (two hundred fifty) fresh scholarships every year for general degree and P.G. courses, as detailed in the table below :

Courses	No. of seats	Remarks
a) Degree courses (BA/B.Sc./B.Com, etc)	150 (one hundred fifty)	Rates and number of seats are subject to modification from time to time by the Government.
b) Post Graduate courses (MA/M.Sc./M.Com, etc)	100 (one hundred)	

4. ELIGIBILITY :

- 1) Students with domicile of Manipur who have passed Class XII or equivalent exam from an institution recognized by Board of Education, including Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE), and have secured admission in general degree course (Integrated courses included) and for P.G. courses who have passed Degree or equivalent exams from a recognized Institute and secured admission in one of the disciplines (where scholarship is offered) in Universities/Colleges/Institutions recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC).
- 2) For availing scholarship under this scheme, the income of the parents of the student should not exceed Rs.4.5 lakh per annum.
- 3) The minimum percentage of marks for different streams should be as follows :

Courses	Percentage of marks
a) Degree courses in Science	60%
b) Degree courses in Arts & Commerce	60%
c) PG courses in Science	60%
d) PG courses in Arts & Commerce	60%

5. EXCLUSIONS :

The following shall not be eligible under this scheme-

- 1) Students who have admitted with a gap academic year,
- 2) Students pursuing courses/programs through Open Universities.
- 3) Students already availing scholarship for pursuing the Undergraduate/ Postgraduate programme under any other scheme(s).
- 4) Students gaining admission through 'management quota'.
- 5) Students pursuing technical or professional courses.
- 6) Students whose parents' income exceeds Rs.4.5 lakh per annum.

6. SELECTION PROCEDURE :

Directorate of University & Hr. Education will award only two hundred fifty (250) fresh scholarships per year. In case the number of applicants exceeds the number of scholarships available, the awardees will be selected on the basis of marks secured by them in the qualifying exams.

7. RATE OF SCHOLARSHIP :

An amount of Rs.500/- p.m. for General Degree courses and Rs.750/- p.m. for P.G. courses will be given through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the beneficiary student.

8. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AND RENEWAL :

- 1) The duration of scholarship is 10(ten) months for Fresh & 12(twelve) months for Renewal Cases.
- 2) The scholarship granted under the scheme will be kept renewed during the period of the first degree course, subject to good conduct and maintenance of prescribed attendance. Students failing to get promoted to the next class/level would get the scholarship in the following year, subject to the condition that if the student fails again for the second time, he/she would forfeit the scholarship and it would not be renewed for the remaining period of the course. If an awardee is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and/or on account of any unforeseen event, the scholarship may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical certificate and other proof to the satisfaction of the Head of the Institution.
- 3) The progress of the scholar is to be monitored by the head of the department of the Universities/Colleges/Institutions. The scholar is required to submit yearly continuation certificate duly signed [in a separate Renewal Form] by the head of the department/Institution of the Universities/Colleges/Institutions to the Directorate of University & Hr. Education, Manipur.

9. PROCEDURE FOR DISBURSEMENT :

The scholarship would be sanctioned based on the eligibility certificate, admission certificate and other documents, presented by the students, through the university/college/institute to the Directorate. Scholarship (as certified by the institutions identified under this scheme) will be paid to the selected students by the Directorate

through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) Mode and will be transferred to the Bank account of the beneficiaries. The process of submission of required hard documents by the students may be completed within 30 days from the date of submission of the first report.

10. IMPLEMENTATION / MONITORING :

Scheme will be implemented and monitored by the Directorate of University & Hr. Education. An evaluation of the scheme would be conducted periodically.

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