



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
MINORITIES & BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

ONLINE APPLICATION FOR MERIT-CUM-MEANS BASED SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS BELONGING TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES FOR THE YEAR 2015-16.

Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare Department, Govt. of Odisha invites Online applications for award of Merit-cum-Means based scholarship for the year 2015-16 to meritorious students of Odisha belonging to the notified Minority Communities (i.e. Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Sikh, Zoroastrian (Parsi) and Jain) pursuing Technical/Professional Courses at Under Graduate / Post Graduate level in recognized Institutions under recognized Universities of Odisha and other recognized Universities of other States of India . Unlike previous year the online implementation of the Merit-cum-Means based scholarship Scheme will be done through common National Scholarship Web portal of the Govt. of India under URL www.scholarships.gov.in

Eligibility:

1. Students must be permanent resident of Odisha.
2. Income ceiling of parents shall not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum.
3. Minimum eligibility mark is 50%, secured in the last final examination of the Board/ University .
4. 30% scholarship is earmarked for Girl students.

Documents to be enclosed:

1. One Passport size photograph with signature of the student thereon (for Fresh Scholarship)
2. Certificates in support of educational qualification/Income/Residence duly attested,
3. Self-attested copy of the 1st page of Savings Bank Pass Book mentioning correct A/C no, IFSC code etc.
4. Self-certification of the students towards community certificate

Time Line (Fresh/Renewal Scholarship):

| Sl. No. | Activities | Fresh Scholarship dates | Renewal Scholarship dates |
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| 1 | Submission of online applications by the students | 01-06-2015 to 30-09-2015 | 01-06-2015 to 15-11-2015 |
| 2 | Scrutiny of online applications by the Institute | 01-06-2015 to 20-10-2015 | 01-06-2015 to 25-11-2015 |
| 3 | Scrutiny of online applications by State | 01-06-2015 to 31-10-2015 | 01-06-2015 to 05-12-2015 |
| 4 | Generation of Merit list & submission of proposal by State | 01-11-2015 to 05-11-2015 | 01-06-2015 to 07-12-2015 |

Eligible students are advised to fill up their application ONLINE by accessing www.scholarships.gov.in (but not www.momascholarship.gov.in) . **Uploading of documents by students are made mandatory both for Fresh and Renewal cases. Scrutiny of online applications on the basis of the uploaded documents will be done by the respective District/State.** Only Online Applications under the scheme will be accepted and no request for accepting Offline applications will be entertained.

- ❖ The students who have availed MCM scholarship for the year 2014-15 and not changed their course shall apply for RENEWAL scholarship. Other applicants to apply for FRESH scholarship.
- ❖ In case of any problem faced by the students at the time of filling up of the application through online, they may refer to FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) available on home page of the website or take the help of Helpline No. 0674-2391780/or e-mail on stscpms@gmail.com
- ❖ Applicants are advised to be very careful to mention the accurate Bank Account related Information in the specified Box of the online application. In case of any wrong entry or mismatch of the SB A/c No., this Deptt. will not be held responsible for mis-credit / diversion of the scholarship
- ❖ As Aadhaar seeding of Bank A/c may be made mandatory by Govt. in future for sanction of Scholarship in favour of the beneficiary, students on priority basis may go for Aadhaar enrolment also to go for seeding of Aadhaar with Bank A/c.

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