Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme (PMSS)

Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme (PMSS) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and it is implemented through State Governments and UT administrations. The Scheme provides financial assistance to the Scheduled Caste students studying at post matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education. These scholarships are awarded by the government of the State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs i.e. where he/she is permanently settled.

As per the PMSS guidelines, for all the newly admitted SC/St students under PMSS Fee category, it is mandatory to fill and submit the Freeship card at the time of admission.

Following enlists the major conditions of Eligibility of Students for availing PMSS Scholarship.

1. The scholarships are open to Nationals of India (Resident of Punjab) only.

2. Only those candidates who belong to Scheduled Castes so specified in relation to the state/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs /domiciled as determined by the state/UT and who have passed the Matriculation or Higher Secondary or any higher examination of a recognized University or Board of Secondary Education will be eligible.

3. Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents'/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees Two lakh Fifty thousand only) during the last Financial Year. Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission only to courses which are continuing for more than one year. The income certificate shall be issued by the Authority as decided by the State Government.

4. The ceiling on age limit for admission as regular student in different classes should be decided by concerned Institutions.

5. Candidates who, after passing one stage of education are studying in the same stage of education in a different subject e.g. Intermediate Science after Intermediate Arts or B.Com after B.A. or M.A in one subject after M.A in other subjects will not be eligible.

6. All the children of any parent/guardian will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme.

7. A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other scholarship/stipend. If awarded any other scholarship/stipend, the student can exercise his/her option for either of the two scholarships/stipends, whichever is more beneficial to him/her, and should inform the awarding authority through the Head of the Institution about the option made. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts another scholarship/stipend. The student can however, accept free lodging or a grant or ad- hoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging in addition to the scholarship amount paid under this scheme. 8. Students should have Aadhaar linked Bank accounts to facilitate payments through the Aadhaar Payment Bridge.

Above guidelines are subject to amendment by the central/state government time to time. Complete guidelines are available on government website <u>https://socialjustice.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/PMS_for_SCs_Scheme_Guidelines.pdf</u>

To apply for PMSS, the students should have following documents:

- 1. Printout of Freeship Card (Fresh)
- 2. Copy of Caste Certificate having father name included (Attested)
- 3. Copy of income certificate of Current Financial Year (Attested)
- 4. Copy of Punjab Residence Certificate (self-Attested)
- 5. Copy of 10th DMC (self-Attested)
- 6. Copy of 12th DMC (self-Attested)
- 7. Gap affidavit/Undertaking if any
- 8. Copy of student AADHAR Card (self-Attested)
- 9. Copy of parents AADHAR Card (self-Attested)

10. Copy of Bank pass Book of Account seeded with AADHAR Card (Self Attested)

During his/her studies, student will be required to furnish the documents as follows

- 1. Certificate of Attendance (Signed by HOD with Deptt. stamp)
- 2. Student Undertaking (fully filled and signed) (to be downloaded from portal)
- 3. Previous Academic Year result (self-Attested)

Two sets of these documents are to be submitted in the respective department by the students for further processing subsequently.

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