FREE-SHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP

Policy Document

Shahid Matangini Hazra Government General Degree College For Women
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Aims and Objectives

Shahid Matangini Hazra Government General Degree College for Women arranges scholarships and free-ships for the needy students with the objective to encourage them for better performance. In consonance with the Vision of the college, which is to impart higher education especially to the desiring and deserving students belonging to socially, and economically backward and unprivileged section of the rural society, the institution believes that any student will not be deprived of education due to financial barrier for which scholarship is given to the needy students.

The Mechanism

There is a Scholarship Committee the college consisting of Principal, faculty members, which determines the eligibility criteria of application for scholarship/free-ship and identifies the needy students by verifying the genuine applicants.

The scholarship sub-committee shows proper direction to the students for attainment of the scholarships according to their eligibility. A notice inviting application for scholarship/free-ship from bona fide students of the college along with a valid income certificate is put up on the college notice board. After receiving the applications, the Scholarship Committee scrutinizes them and publishes the list of eligible students. The Committee selects the students based on their regular attendance in class, their excellence in academics or games and sports and the authenticity of their need.

The Scholarship committee discusses in detail the eligibility criteria, selection process, and procedures of applying for the various government and private scholarships available for higher education for the freshly admitted students.

The Practice

The students of Shahid Matangini Hazra Government General Degree College for Women avail the following government scholarships and free-ships for smoothly continuing the higher education.

- **Student Aid Fund (Government Scheme):**

Shahid Matangini Hazra Government General Degree College for Women provides financial support to the meritorious but economically weak students in the form of tuition fee waiver based on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee. The selection process starts with the enrolment of the students in different programs and based on the merit and other eligibility, the Scholarship Committee recommends full or half tuition fee to the deserving students with special skills sets mainly considering the following criteria:
- Satisfactory academic achievement
- Students must be in the compliance with the "Code of Student Conduct"
- Student to demonstrate financial hardship/meritorious candidate
- Students must meet any other requirements as set forth by the authority.

- **Swami Vivekananda Merit-Cum-Means Scholarship (SVMCM):**

With a view to assisting the meritorious students belonging to economically backward families in the State of West Bengal to pursue higher studies, the Government of West Bengal introduces this scheme of giving scholarships at different levels of higher studies, at educational institutions based in West Bengal. The eligibility criteria and selection process have been decided by the Government of West Bengal. The detail of which is available in the following website: https://svmem,wbhed.gov. in/page/about.php

- **OASIS Scholarship:**

The Backward Classes Welfare Department of the Government of West Bengal operates the Oasis Scholarship Portal, which serves as a centralized online platform for all scholarships available to students belonging to the SC, ST, and OBC categories in the state. The West Bengal OASIS Scholarship 2023 is a merit-cum-means scholarship scheme initiated by the Government of West Bengal to provide financial assistance to students belonging to economically weaker sections of society who are pursuing higher education. The scholarship is aimed at providing financial support to students who face financial constraints and may not be able to afford the cost of education. The merit judging criteria, eligibility and selection process of this scholarship have been decided by the Government which is mentioned in the website: https:/loasis.gov. in/

- **Kanyashree Prakalpa Seholarship (K1 and K2):**

This is one of the best Scholarship schemes initiated by the Govt. of West Bengal especially for the Girls' students, which is internationally recognised. Kanyashree Prakalpa is given to improve the status and wellbeing of girls, specifically those from socio-economically disadvantaged families through Conditional Cash Transfers by Incentivizing them to continue in education for a longer period of time, and complete higher education, thereby giving them a better footing in both the economic and social spheres. To reinforce the positive impact of increased education and delayed marriages, the scheme also works to enhance the social power and self-esteem of girls through a targeted behaviour communication strategy. The communication strategy not only builds awareness of the scheme, but also includes adolescent-friendly approaches like events, competitions and Kanyashree clubs, and the endorsement of strong women figures as role models to promote social and psychological empowerment. A massive number of Girls students of our institution are regularly benefitted by this popular scholarship scheme.

The two different types of Kanyashree Prakalpa Kl and K2 available in our Institution level. The eligibility criteria, selection process and any other requirement are totally controlled by the Government rules which available in the following website:
https:/www. wbkanvashree.gov. in/kp_4.0/index. php

- **National Scholarship (NSP):**

The Government of India provides scholarships to all those students who are not able to finance their education. For this purpose, the government has launched a National Scholarship Portal. For all Indian Students, Minority scholarship, Merit-cum-means scholarship, Disabilities

Scholarship, Financial assistance for the Wards of the Beedi/Cine/1OMCILSDM Workers, Central sector scholarship etc. Every academic year, many students of our institution are availing scholarships for their higher education. Application processes, eligibility criteria, selection processes are totally based on Government rules, the detail of which is available in the website: https://scholarships.gov.in/

- **Aiykashree Scholarship:**

To address the growing aspiration for education in the minority communities of the State of West Bengal and with a view to providing them more avenues for socio-economic and educational mobility by extending financial support and encouragement to the meritorious students belonging to the minority communities, the State Government has set up the "Aikyashree"- West Bengal State Scholarship for Minority students. Under this scheme, eligible students can apply for Post Matric and Merit-Cum-Means scholarship, and many students of our institutions are getting benefited from this scholarship in a regular basis. The eligibility criteria, selection procedure, renewal process for all scholarship under this scheme have been set forth by the Government of West Bengal and readily available in the following website: htps://wbmdfescholarship.in/

Evidence of Success
Each year the number of student beneficiaries availing Government Scholarship/Free-ships is increasing and there is a consensus among the students and the community at large that economic hardship is no longer an obstacle in the path of achieving higher education. Many of the beneficiaries have been able to continue higher studies despite all odds at home specifically at the financial front.