Govt. of West Bengal
Backward Classes Welfare Directorate
8, Lyons Range, Kolkata-700001

Memo No. 499(P)-BCWD Date: 26.11.2012

Scheme of: Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC students studying in Classes IX & X.
(Effective from 01.07.2012)

The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the SC students reading in classes IX & X to improve their participation in Pre-matric stages and to minimize the incidence of drop-out-cases in the secondary level.

Conditions of Eligibility:

i. Student should belong to Scheduled Caste.
ii. His/her parent/guardian’s income should not exceed Rs. 2 lakh per annum.
iii. He/she should not get any other Centrally funded Pre-matric Scholarship.
iv. He/she should be a regular full time student studying in a Govt. School/Govt. recognized school or a Central/State Board of Secondary Education.
v. Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one year. If a student has to repeat a class, he/she would not get scholarship for that class for a second (or subsequent) year.
vi. The Scholarship will be payable for 10 months in an academic year. It is payable from the month of admission, to the month in which the examinations are completed provided that if the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission.
vii. The award once made will continue subject to good conduct/attendance. It will be renewed for class X after the student passes class IX. In case of renewal of scholarship, it will be paid from the month following the month upto which scholarship was paid in the previous year.
viii. Candidates belonging to one state but studying in another state will be awarded scholarship by the state to which they belong and will submit their applications to the competent authority in that state.

Rates of Scholarships

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<td>Scholarship (for 10 months)</td>
<td>Rs. 150/- per month</td>
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Students with disabilities studying in classes IX & X in private un-aided recognised schools will also be eligible for allowances under this scheme which include i) Monthly reader allowance for blind students, ii) Monthly transport allowance for students with disabilities, iii) Monthly escort allowance for severely disabled, iv) Monthly helper allowance @ Rs. 160/- each and v) Monthly coaching allowance to mentally retarded & mentally ill students @ Rs. 240/- p.m.

In order to ensure timely payment of scholarship, it is required to issue Entitlement Cards and the applicants may be requested to open bank A/cs in a Nationalised Bank /Co-operative Bank/Gramin Bank. The Bank A/c details are to be submitted. The scholarship amount will be credited directly into the bank A/cs of the students.

The order is issued in due cancellation of this Directorate previous order vide no. 496(P) BCWD dt. 16.11.2012.

Commissioner, 26/11/12
Backward Classes Welfare

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