

Dr. Ambedkar National Scholarship Scheme for meritorious students belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe

BACKGROUND

1. Bharat Ratana Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is respected all over the country for fighting for the cause of poor, downtrodden and the weaker sections. Having come from a family belonging to weaker sections, Baba Saheb, by dint of his hard work rose to the highest position and made significant contribution in the process of Nation building. Baba Saheb availed higher education both inside the country and abroad. Scholarship provided to him by the Maharaja of Baroda was of considerable signification in the life and achievements of Baba Saheb. With a view to recognize merit and encourage and motivate students, it is proposed to provide an one time cash award to the meritorious students, belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe(ST) for enabling them to pursue higher studies.
2. The Scheme would be known as “Dr Ambedkar National Scholarship Scheme.”
3. This scheme would be implemented by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, set up under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in 1992.

4. OBJECTIVE

To recognize promote and assist meritorious students belonging to weaker sections for pursuing higher studies.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Student should belong to Scheduled Cast (SC) or Scheduled Tribe(ST)
- (ii) Family income of the student from all sources should be less than ₹1 lakh in the preceding financial year.
- (iii) There shall be separate awards for SCs and STs
- (iv) The student should have appeared in any of recognized State/Centre Board of Secondary Education and scored not less than 50% mark in the aggregate in the secondary certificate examination. List of the 26 Board/Council of the country is given in Annexure I

6. NO. OF SCHOLARSHIP

- 6.1 The Ambedkar National Scholarship will be given to the three students scoring highest marks in the regular Class X level examination conducted by the Education Board/Council. This will be separate for Scheduled Cast and Scheduled Tribe. In case none of the first three eligible students are girls, the girl student scoring the highest mark will get a special award.

6.2 Thus, there shall be four awards for each of the 26 Boards for SCs, i.s., 104 awards and likewise another 104 awards for STs. In case of more than one student get the same mark, the number of awards would be suitably increased for covering all such eligible students.

6.3 Keeping in view the SC & ST population of the country as per 1991 census, 250 no. of special merit scholarship @` 10,000 each will be given to SC/ST students securing next highest marks, after 1st, 2nd and third position. This will be in addition to the awards indicated at para 6.2 above. The breakup of these 250 awards is given in Annexure II

MODE OF SELECTION

9. The Board/ Council conducting the examination shall send details of the students (name, address, nearest bank etc.) in the format given as Annexure III to the Ambedkar Foundation within 15 days of announcement of the examination result, with copy of the Secretary, Education, Department of the concerned State Government. For the purpose of family income, a certificate given by the father/ guardian of the child or Principal of the School attended will suffice. The information should be duly authenticated by shall verify and forward the list to the foundation within the next Government within the scheduled time, action will be taken based on the details received from the Bard/ Council.

DISBURSEMENT

10. The proposal received from the recognized Baord/ Council shall be processed in the Foundation and the Award amount shall be sent to the awardees student directly inform of and Account Payee Bank Draft by registered post under intimation to the Board/ Council and the educational institution last attended. The student awardees will be encouraged to keep the amount in fixed deposit and avail the encouraged to keep the amount in fixed deposit and avail the interest accrued thereon, provided that there will be no bar for utilizing the amount for meeting personal educational or health related expenditure.

11. Student awardees securing first, second, third and the girl student securing highest mark in each of the 26 board/Council will be invited to the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, New Delhi for a felicitation each year. The awardees will be paid actual fare by sleeper class train/ bus from their place of study both ways and @` 100/- per day towards food etc for the actual days of travel and felicitation. A sum of `2.08 lakh (@` 1000/- per awardee on average) will be spent for the purpose.

12. The scheme will have a total financial implication of `125.88 lakhs per annum. It will benefit 458 students all over the country directly and will be of considerable indirect benefit to the students belonging to weaker sections by recognition of merit and academic excellence. In case any

doubt is raised on the scheme, it shall be refunded to the Ambedkar Foundation and decision of the Foundation will be final.

ANNEXURE I

LIST OF BOARDS/COUNCIL

- 1 Andhra Pradesh Board of Secondary Education, A.P.
- 2 Board of Secondary Education, Assam
- 3 Bihar School Education Board, Bihar
- 4 Goa Board of Sec. and Higher Secondary Education, Goa
- 5 Gujarat Secondary Education Board, Gujarat
- 6 Haryana Board of Education, Haryana
- 7 H.P. Board of School Education, Himachal Pradesh
- 8 J&K State Board of School Education, Jammu & Kashmir
- 9 Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board, Karnataka
- 10 Kerala Board of Public Examination, Kerala
- 11 Madhya Pradesh Board of Secondary Education, M.P.
- 12 Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary, Maharashtra
- 13 Manipur Board of Secondary Education, Manipur
- 14 Meghalaya Board of School Education, Meghalaya
- 15 Mizoram Board of School Education, Mizoram
- 16 Nagaland Board of School Education, Nagaland
- 17 Orissa Board of Secondary Education, Orissa
- 18 Punjab School Education Board, Punjab
- 19 Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan
- 20 Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education, Tamil Nadu
- 21 Tripura Board of Secondary Education, Tripura
- 22 U.P. Board of High School & Intermediate Education, U.P.
- 23 West Bengal Board of Secondary Education

ALL INDIA BOARDS

- 24 Central Board of Secondary Education
- 25 Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations
- 26 National Open School

ANNEXURE II

No. of Special Scholarships

S.No. State/UT	for SC	for ST
20 Sikkim	01	01

	Total: 01	01

ANNEXURE III

Dr.Ambedkar National Scholarship
(Please use separate sheet- for SC and ST students)

Name of Board/Council of Education

This is to certify that students (as per list attached) belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes have passed out Secondary (Class X) certificate Examination in order of merit in the year _____ (scoring 50% or more marks) from this Board fulfilling the eligibility criteria of Dr. Ambedkar National Scholarships instituted by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Government of India, New Delhi.

Note

In case there is no girl student among the first three students, details of girls student securing highest marks may be furnished in the above format.

File No. & Date

Secretary
(Council/Board of Secondary Education)
Authenticated

File No. & Date
Copy to:
Director Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, 15-Janpath,
New Delhi-110001

Dr.Ambedkar National Scholarship

Merit list of SC/ST students for the year _____
Name of Council/Board _____

S . N o .	Name of the student	Father's/ Guardian Name	Full Postal Address	Family Annual Income	Sex Male/ Female	SC /S T	Name of School	Marks score d (Total	Perc enta ge	Name and location of nearest Bank
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Secretary
Board of Secondary Education
(State/UT)