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## **NOTICE**

The Form of **Kanyashree Prakalpa** 2013 (a conditional cash transfer scheme under the Department of Women Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal with the aim of improving the status and well being of the girl child in West Bengal by incentivizing schooling of all teenage girls and delaying their marriages until the age of 18, the legal age of marriage) is available from the college office. Eligible girl students are hereby advised to collect the form from the college office.

### **1. Benefits**

There shall be two types of Benefits:

- (1). Annual scholarship of Rs. 500/-
- (2). One-Time Grant of Rs. 25,000/-

### **2. Eligibility Criteria for Scholarship**

The eligibility criteria for receiving scholarship will be the following:

- (1). Age of the applicant should be between 13 and 18 years
- (2). The applicant is not married
- (3). The applicant is enrolled between class VIII and XII and regularly attending an institution of education or vocational training.
- (4). The annual family income of the applicant is less than Rupees 1,20,000/- but is waived if the applicant has lost both parents or is physically handicapped.

### **3. Eligibility Criteria for One-time Grant**

The eligibility criteria for receiving the One-time grant will be the following:

- (1). The applicant must have completed 18 years on or after 1st April '2013 but not completed 19 years during the time of application.
- (2). The applicant is pursuing education, vocational training or sports activity or is an inmate of any home registered under J.J.Act.
- (3). The applicant is not married.
- (4). The annual family income of the applicant is less than Rupees 1,20,000/- but is waived if the applicant has lost both parents or is physically handicapped or is an inmate of home registered under J.J. Act.

#### **4. Documents Required**

Any undertakings or declarations given by the applicant's parent / guardian can be on ordinary paper countersigned by the appropriate certifying authority. The following documents are required to avail the benefits of the scheme:

- (1) Copy of Birth Certificate issued by Municipal or Panchayat authorities and attested by the appropriate certifying authorities or certificate of age issued by the Head of Institution of education or training or institution of higher education or Home registered under J.J. Act where the girl is enrolled.
- (2) Declaration by applicant's parents or guardians in case of scholarship and by applicant in case of one-time grant to the effect that she remains unmarried at the date of application, attested by appropriate certifying authority.
- (3) Declaration of family income by applicant's parents or guardians attested by appropriate authority. This declaration not required in case the applicant has lost both

parents or is physically handicapped or is an inmate of Home registered under J.J. Act.

(4) Certificate issued by the Head of Institution of education or training or Institution of higher education or sports organization or Superintendent of Home registered under J.J. Act , declaring her enrolment in the institution.

(5) Declaration by guardian in case applicant has lost both parents, attested by appropriate certifying authority.

(6) Copy of Handicapped certificate, if applicable

## **5. Appropriate Certifying Authority**

Undertakings or declarations made by the applicant or applicant's parents/guardians may be certified by any of the following:

(1). Group A Officer of State Government or of the Government of India who is either posted in the area, or is a resident of the area.

(2). Member of Parliament, Member of Legislature of the area of residence of the applicant.

(3). Councillor of ward of Municipal areas, Gram Panchayat Pradhan of the area of residence of the applicant.

## **6. Payment Mode**

The Scholarship or One-Time grant will be paid to the beneficiaries by way of fund transfer through a bank account only. For minor girl joint bank account will be preferably under the guardianship of mother/female guardian.

- (1). Having a bank account in the applicant's name is not a pre-requisite at the time of applying for either of the Scheme's benefits. Once an application is approved, the applicant will be helped in opening and operating a bank account by the banking partner).
- (2). The implementation will be through lead bank system at state, district and block level.

**Officer-in-Charge**

