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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
SHASTRI BHAVAN
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12th July, 2012

Dear Sir,

The Chairman & Managing Director, National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), vide, his enclosed letter dated 18th June, 2012, addressed to the Secretary, Department of Higher Education has informed that the NHFDC is implementing two schemes of Scholarship for Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India for the persons with disabilities.

Under these schemes, 1500 new scholarships are provided every year for pursuing higher/professional/technical course. For both the schemes, students may apply online at NHFDC's website (www.nhfdc.nic.in). The NHFDC is also extending education loan for all types of higher, professional and technical education. Details of all these schemes are available at the NHFDC's website.

I, therefore, request you to kindly give wider publicity to these scholarship/ educational loan schemes for the benefit of persons with disabilities.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl : As above.

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Harsh Bhal, I.I.S.
Chairman & Managing Director

D.O.No.NHF/2/22/3/Scholarship/2012) 1658
Dated: 18.06.2012

Sub: 1500 Scholarships for the Students with Disabilities

Dear *Shri Ashok Thakur,*

As you are aware that National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHDFDC) is implementing two schemes of Scholarship for Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India for the students with disabilities. Under these schemes, 1500 new scholarships are provided every year for pursuing higher/professional/technical course.

For both the Schemes, students may apply online at NHFDC's website (www.nhfdc.nic.in). The brief details are as follows:

- (i) **Scholarship Scheme (Trust Fund):** Under this scheme, 1000 Scholarships are provided to eligible differently-abled students for degree and post graduate level professional and technical courses from recognized institutions in India. The students may apply online (www.nhfdc.nic.in) any time in academic year and submit hard copy of the application. The Scholarship amount ranges upto 1.50 lacs depending upon course fee, maintenance allowance and books and stationary allowance of student.
- (ii) **Scholarship Scheme (National Fund):** Under this scheme, 500 Scholarships are provided in a year to the students with disabilities for pursuing post matric professional and technical courses of more than one year duration. The students may apply online (www.nhfdc.nic.in) and submit hard copy of the application along with requisite documents before 31st August, 2012.

The details of scheme are available on NHFDC's website www.nhfdc.nic.in. The copy of advertisement at Annexure-I, Scholarship Scheme (Trust Fund) at Annexure-II and Scholarship Scheme (National Fund) at Annexure-III for the students with disabilities is enclosed herewith, for ready reference.

The NHFDC is also extending education loan for all types of higher education, professional and technical education @3.5% p.a. (in case of female students and @4% p.a. for male students). Details are available at the NHFDC's website (www.nhfdc.nic.in).

I would, therefore request you to kindly issue necessary instructions to the offices /colleges/institutions to give wider publicity to the scholarship schemes for the benefit of students with disabilities. You may also consider to provide a link in the websites of your department/organization/other departments to the above mentioned website of NHFDC.

Yours sincerely,

Harsh Bhal
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Shri Ashok Thakur
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**1500 SCHOLARSHIPS
For
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR
2012-13**

Annexure - I

www.socialjustice.nic.in

www.nhfdc.nic.in

National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), for and on behalf of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, invites applications from Students with Disabilities for award of Scholarship under the following two Scholarship Schemes :-

1. Scholarship Scheme (Trust Fund) :-

- Under this scheme, 1000 Scholarships will be awarded to eligible students with disabilities for degree and post graduate level professional and technical courses from recognized institutions in India.
- 30% scholarships will be reserved for girls, which will be transferable to male students in case of non-availability of female candidates.
- Applicants may apply at any time in academic year for scholarship under this scheme. Scholarships will be awarded quarterly basis for the applications received in preceding quarter *Under this scheme, an advance copy of application should also be submitted online (www.nhfdc.nic.in) by the candidate.*
- Reimbursement of Non-Refundable fees restricted to the limit of fee of similar courses in Government/ Government -aided institutions. Maintenance allowance will be paid to the students for 10 months @ Rs. 2500/- per month for Professional Graduate Courses and Rs.3000/- per month for Professional Post-Graduate Courses in one academic year.
- Books/Stationery allowance will be paid to students pursuing Professional Graduate Courses @ Rs.6,000/- per annum and Rs.10,000/- per annum for pursuing Professional Post-Graduate Courses.
- Visual and hearing differently-abled students in addition will be provided financial assistance for purchase of aids & appliances (only once during life time).
- Monthly income of the beneficiary /parent or guardian should not be more than Rs.25,000/- (Rs. 3.00 Lakh p.a.) from All sources. Family income includes income of parent/guardian.
- A Scholarship holder under this scheme will not avail any other scholarship/ stipend for pursuing the course.

2. Scholarship Scheme (National Fund):-

- Under this scheme, 500 Scholarships will be awarded to eligible students with disabilities for pursuing higher academic/professional or technical qualification.
- Applicant has to apply online (www.nhfdc.nic.in) for scholarship before 31.08.2012 and scholarship shall be awarded once in a academic year under this scheme.
- Scholarship of Rs.1000/-p.m. for hostellers and Rs.700/-p.m. for day scholars studying in professional courses at graduation and above level, and Rs.700/-p.m. for hostellers and Rs.400/-p.m. for day scholars pursuing Diploma/Certificate level professional courses. Course fee reimbursed upto ceiling of Rs.10,000/- per year.
- Financial assistance can be given for computer with editing software for blind/deaf graduate and post graduate students pursuing professional courses and for support access software for cerebral palsy students.
- Monthly income of the beneficiary/parent or guardian should not be more than Rs.15,000/- (Rs. 1.80 Lakh p.a.) from all sources. Family income includes income of parent/guardian.
- Scholarship holder under this scheme will not concurrently hold any other scholarship/stipend

⇒ How to apply :- The applicant has to apply online (www.nhfdc.nic.in) and printed copy the online filled application duly countersigned and recommended by the Head of the Institution, where they are studying along with requisite documents send to: National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), Red Cross Bhawan, Sector-12, Faridabad-121007. It is to be noted that without a hard copy of application, a candidate's application in soft copy will not be entertained

⇒ For further details, please visit website of NHFDC "www.nhfdc.nic.in" or contact: NHFDC at, Telephone nos. 0129 - 2226910, 2287512, 2287513 Fax no. 0129 - 2284371. E-mail- nhfdc97@gmail.com



SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME II — FOR 1000 DIFFERENTLY ABLED STUDENTS

(To be funded out of Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities)

A STUDENT CAN APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP ANYTIME DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR (2012-13)

1. Objective:

- 1.1 The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the differently-abled students to enable them to pursue professional or technical courses from recognized institutes and get employed/self-employed.
- 1.2 Differently-abled students face several barriers physical, financial, psychological, mental in pursuing studies and living with dignity. At times such students are deprived of harnessing their latent skills and thereby miss the opportunity to earn their livelihood and find a dignified place for themselves in the society. This scheme envisages encouraging differently-abled students by providing scholarships and other assistance to pursue professional or technical courses and various skill development courses for their empowerment.

2. Number of Scholarships:

- 2.1 To start with every year 1000 scholarships will be provided to the differently-abled students throughout the country. 30% scholarships will be reserved for girls, which will be transferable to male students in case of non-availability of female candidates.

3. Scope:

- 3.1 These scholarships will be available for studies in India, by all differently-abled students who are covered under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999. Only Indian Nationals will be eligible for scholarships.

4. Rate of Scholarship and other benefits under the scheme:

- 4.1 The following benefits will be available under the scheme:-

- (i) Non-refundable fees shall be fully awarded in case of Government/Government-aided institution. In case of private Institutes the reimbursement would be restricted to similar courses in Government/Government-aided institutions.
- (ii) Maintenance allowance will be paid to the students for a period of 10 months only in one academic year at following rates.

Class/Course	Maintenance allowance (Rs. per month)	Book/Stationery allowance (Rs. Per annum)
Professional Graduate Courses	2500/-	6000/-
Professional Post-Graduate courses	3000/-	10000/-

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S.No	Courses of Study	(Rs. Per month)	
		Rate of scholarship hostellers (Rs/month)	Day scholars (Rs/month)
(1)	Ph.D. / M. Phil and Post Graduate/Graduate level courses in Engineering/Indian and other systems of Medicine/ Agriculture/Veterinary/ IT/ Biotechnology, Education Management / Architecture, Physiotherapy, Music and other professional courses	1000	700
(2)	Diploma and certificate level professional courses	700	400
(3)	In respect of students with cerebral palsy, mental retardation, multiple disabilities and profound or severe hearing impairment, for pursuing general/professional/technical/vocational courses after class VIII	700	400

III. The students will also be reimbursed the course fee subject to a ceiling of Rs.10,000/- per year.

Besides students living in the hostel/residential facility provided by the institutions, those students will also be considered as hostellers who live in accommodation hired at least by a group of 3 students living together with common mess arrangement. Such students will have to furnish a certificate in this regard countersigned by the head of the institution and a certificate from the owner of the house in case of own arrangement or accommodation taken on rent.

IV. Applications for the scholarship is required to be submitted in as per the prescribed proforma (Annexure 'A'). Applications for renewal/continuation of award are to be submitted in the prescribed proforma as per (Annexure 'B'). No other proforma is to be adopted for making the application. The last date for receipt of application for new cases as well as renewal/continuation is 31st Aug, 2012.

V. List of enclosures (attested copies only):

(i) Academic records (attested copy of certificates and Mark sheets - matric & above), (ii) Family Income Certificate/ Proof of annual income, e.g. Salary Slip, last Income tax Assessment order, (iii) attested copy of Disability Certificate (iv) Course fee receipt (if any) with break up of each item duly paid during the academic session (v) Hostel Certificate or certificate from the house owner in case of accommodation hired by at least by a group of 3 students living together with common mess arrangements.

VI. The Hard copy of the printed applications for the scholarship may be sent to the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India), Red Cross Bhawan, Sector-12, Faridabad-121007

(Haryana). Telephone no. 2226910, 2287512, 2287513, Fax-0129-2284371, e-mail-nhfdc97@gmail.com

A Student should submit only one application along with all the relevant documents together with recommendations of the Institute concerned.

Applications for the award of scholarship will be countersigned and recommended by the head of the institution in which the applicant is enrolled for study. Details of the schemes are also be available on the Ministry's website www.socialjustice.nic.in or website of NHFDC www.nhfdc.nic.in or may be obtained from National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India), Red Cross Bhawan, Sector-12, Faridabad-121007 (Haryana).

Applications received after the last date i.e. 31.08.2012 and incomplete applications (without requisite documents) will not be considered.

National Scholarship for Persons with Disabilities (2012-13)

Applications (in Hindi or English) in the prescribed proforma are invited from students with disabilities for financial assistance for pursuing higher and technical education. Eligibility conditions etc. for the Scholarship as follows:

I. Eligibility: -

- (1) Financial assistance will be available to Indian students with at least 40% disabilities certified as per definition under Persons with Disabilities Act 1995.
- (2) Financial assistance will be given for pursuing post-Matric/Post-Secondary technical and professional courses including Ph.D & M.Phil from recognized institutions. However, for students with disabilities of Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Multiple Disabilities, and Profound or Severe Hearing Impaired, the minimum educational qualification will be class VIII pass and scholarship will be awarded to them for pursuing general, technical, vocational or professional courses.
- (3) Scholarship will be awarded to one student for pursuing only one course.
- (4) Financial assistance can be given for computer with editing software for blind/deaf graduate and postgraduate students pursuing professional courses and for support access software for cerebral palsied students.
- (5) Continuation/ renewal of the award for next year will depend on successfully completing the course in the preceding year with minimum 45 (forty fifty) percent marks for professional courses and 40% for other courses.
- (6) The Assistance under this Scheme is not intended for Post-Matric/Post Secondary Technical/Professional courses having duration of less than one year.
- (7) A scholarship holder under this scheme will not concurrently hold any other scholarship/stipend. If already any other scholarship/stipend awarded, the student is required to exercise his/her option for choosing the scholarship that he/she proposes to avail and inform awarding authority about the same.
- (8) Monthly family income of the beneficiary should not be more than Rs. 15,000/- from all sources. Family income includes income of the parent/guardian.

II. Awards: -

Upto five hundred awards are to be given annually through institutions in which students are pursuing studies/courses. Scholarship will be given to different categories of disabled students as under:

	Male Students	Female Students
(1) Students with orthopedic disability	58 Awards	58 Awards
(2) Students with blindness or low vision	58 Awards	58 Awards
(3) Students with hearing disability	58 Awards	58 Awards
(4) Students with Cerebral palsy, Mental Retardation, Multiple Disabilities, Profound or Severe Hearing Impairment	76 Awards	76 Awards
Total :	250 Awards	250 Awards

Amount of scholarship will vary among courses and will also depend on availability of hostel/residential facility with the institution. The details are given below:

6.2 Renewal of the scholarship is automatic in next year subject to successful completion of the course in the previous year. However, in case of students with cerebral palsy, mental retardation, mental illness, multiple disabilities and profound server hearing impairment, one year grace period may be allowed.

6.3 Along with the application the following enclosures will have to be furnished:

- (i). Academic record – attested copies of relevant certificates/mark sheets for the qualifying examination.
- (ii). Proof of annual income - Proof of income shall include last salary slip of parent/guardian, acknowledgement of income tax/income certificate e from revenue official/gazetted officer/public representative e.g. MP, MLA, MLC, Panchayat officials etc.;
- (iii). Disability certificate;
- (iv). Course fee receipt if any, duly paid during the academic session;
- (v). Receipt/Invoice of eligible assistive devices duly countersigned by the authorized signatory of the institution;
- (vi). In case of continuation of scholarship in a succeeding year, a copy of the mark sheet of the preceding year.
