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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
Backward Classes Welfare Department  
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NOTIFICATION

Government of West Bengal has started a new scholarship scheme namely "Medhashree- Pre-matric Scholarship to Other Backward Classes Students studying in Class V to VIII" in Government/Government Sponsored/ Government Aided Schools in West Bengal from the Financial Year 2022-23 onwards, to be funded entirely from the State Budget.

**GUIDELINES FOR "MEDHASHREE"-PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TO OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES STUDENTS"**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVE:**

To address the growing aspiration for education in the other backward classes communities of the state and with a view of providing them more avenues for socio-economic and educational development by extending financial support and encouragement to the students, the State Government has decided to launch "Medhashree" - Pre-matric scholarship to the other backward classes students studying in class V to VIII in Government/ Government Sponsored/ Government Aided Schools in West Bengal" to be fully funded from the State budget from the financial year 2022-23 onwards.

**2. EXTENT OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

The scholarship under this scheme will be provided to students belonging to the other backward classes communities and studying in class V to VIII in Government/Government Sponsored/ Government Aided Schools in West Bengal.



**3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- (i) Applicant must be a domicile of West Bengal and belonging to Other Backward Classes as per notifications of Backward Class Welfare Department.
- (ii) Must be a regular fulltime student studying in a School/ Institution recognized by an educational Board/ Council of the State/ Central Government.
- (iii) Only day scholars students studying in West Bengal can apply for this scholarship.
- (iv) The award once made will continue upto Class-VIII subject to other conditions of eligibility.
- (v) Students receiving Pre - matric Scholarships/ financial assistance from any other Government schemes shall not be eligible for "Medhasree". Incumbents received any other scholarships / stipends of similar nature in addition to "Medhasree" shall be liable to refund the scholarship amount paid under "Medhasree".
- (vi) Students must have a valid bank account with core banking facility.
- (vii) 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 multiple year. However, if he or she is promoted to next class subsequently he/she will enjoy the benefit provided the applicant is otherwise eligible.
- (viii) Annual family income of the student should not exceed Rs 2.50 lakh. A certificate to that effect by the competent authority is to be provided as embodied in the application form.
- (ix) Students studying in institutes outside West Bengal will not be eligible for the scholarship.

**4. RATES OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The present rates of scholarship is Rs. 800/- (Rupees eight hundred) only per annum per beneficiary.

**5. NODAL ORGANISATION:**

The Backward Classes Welfare and Tribal Development Directorate will be the Nodal Organization for implementation of this scheme.

By order of the Governor,

SANJAY BANSAL  
*Secretary to the Government of West Bengal*