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SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Introduction

VTM NSS College, Dhanuvachapuram, with a rich history of selfless service in the field of education, spanning six decades, caters to the economically weaker sections of the society, especially the first-generation learners. Scholarships are an important tool for promoting higher education among students who may not have the financial means to pursue their academic goals. In this note, we will discuss the various types of scholarships available in our college and the procedures for applying and tracking the status of these scholarships. VTMNSS College offers various types of scholarships to its students. These scholarships are aimed at promoting academic excellence, supporting financially challenged students, and encouraging students from marginalized communities to pursue higher education. The scholarships offered by our college include merit-cum-means scholarships. The institution ensures equitable academic opportunities to all its learners and hence, facilitates them to avail various scholarships and freeships. This form of student support is given to all the learners and information pertaining to the same are timely intimated to them.

I. Objectives:

- (1) To financially assist students coming from weaker economic background to pursue higher education.
- (2) To recognize and motivate those students who are outstanding in their curricular and cocurricular accomplishment

II. Types of Assistance and Funding:

The college aids the students to alleviate their financial crunch through various Government devised scholarships and freeships. There are two types of Scholarships available – Scholarships given by the Central Government and State Government and freeships (tuition fee is waived) that are facilitated to the learners through the institution and the Scholarships that come under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), where the scholarship fee is directly deposited in the learners given bank account. A nodal officer is nominated (a faculty member) to coordinate the timely intimation, redressal and coordination of various procedural methodologies involved.

Types of Scholarships

1. **National Scholarship:** A DBT scholarship, where the scholarship amount is directly transferred to their Aadhar linked mobile number linked bank account This is applied through National Scholarship Portal (NSP). The account is activated through the

imprinting of their finger prints and the nodal officer's finger prints. These facilities can be registered through government agencies or Akshaya centres. The institution facilitates the students to avail the same.

2. **Freeships or E-grantz-** This is given by the Government to students who apply for the same by submitting their income certificate. It waives off their tuition fee.
3. **Fishermen Scholarship:** A Direct Benefit Transfer Scholarship, the scholarship amount is directly transferred to their Aadhar linked mobile number linked bank account. They are awarded scholarships based on their eligibility as prescribed – provided either of their parents are fishermen.
4. **Post-Metric Scholarship** – This is accorded to students based on their eligibility for the same. They are facilitated by the Nodal officer and faculty members who are mentors
5. **Blind/Ph Scholarship** – This is awarded to differently abled students who
6. **DCA Scholarship** – It is awarded to students based on their merit in each district.
7. **University Merit Scholarship** – Awarded to academically meritorious students
8. **Single Girl Child scholarship** – Awarded to postgraduate students for those who are single girl child in their family
9. **Snehapoorvam** – Awarded to students whose parents are deceased, so as to equip them financially and academically.
10. **SC-ST Scholarship** – Awarded to the students belonging to SC/ST community – their applications are forwarded to the SC/ST cell under the Government, who in turn approve their scholarships.

III. Guidelines for the Award of Freeships and Scholarships:

General Guidelines

- All scholarships, freeships are liable to forfeiture/withdrawal partially or fully in case of misconduct or deliberate concealment of material facts by the awardee. A similar action may also be taken if it is found that a student has deliberately misguided the Committee by giving false information.
- A student leaving the Institute on his/her own accord without completing the prescribed program of study may be required to refund the amount of freeship received by him/her in that academic year.
- In case of a student, except SC/ST, is awarded a scholarship/stipend/ sponsorship from any outside source, he/she shall be given the option to choose either the institutional freeship / scholarship / stipend or sponsorship from outside source.

- The mentors from Equal Opportunity Cell, Scholarship Nodal Officer along with a non-teaching staff mentor the students regarding the same.



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