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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
SC/ST Cell

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 30th July, 2014.

To,
The Heads of all Centrally Funded Educational Institutes/Autonomous Organization/attached offices of the M/o H.R.D..

Subject: - 2500 Scholarship for the Students with Disabilities.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter dated 17.06.2014 on the above mentioned subject received from National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC). The NHFDC is implementing two Schemes of Scholarship for Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for the students with disabilities to provide 2500 new Scholarships every year for pursuing higher/professional/technical courses and students may apply online at NHFDC's website (www.nhfdc.nic.in).

2. The brief details are as follows:

(i) Scholarship Scheme (Trust Fund): Under this Scheme, 2000 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 the academic year and submit the hard copy of the application duly recommended by head of the institutions/college along with attested copy of requisite documents at any time during the Academic Year. The Scholarship amount ranges upto 1.50 lacs depending upon course fee, maintenance allowance, books & stationary allowance and aids & appliances 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 the hard copy of the application duly recommended by head of the institutions/college along with attested copy of requisite documents from 1st July, 2014 to 31st August, 2014.

It is, therefore, requested to kindly provide wider publicity to the scholarship schemes for the benefit of students with disabilities and also provide a link in the websites of your department/organizations/other departments to the above mentioned website of NHFDC.

Encl.:- As above

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1. All Bureau Heads of D/o H.E., Ministry of Human Resource Development

Copy to:-

Secretary, D/o Disability Affairs, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information.

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**National Handicapped Finance
and Development Corporation**

(Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India)

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Dated: 17.06.2014

Sub: 2500 Scholarships for the Students with Disabilities.

Dear Sir/Madam

As you are aware that National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) is implementing two schemes of Scholarship for Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India for the students with disabilities. Under these schemes, 2500 new scholarships are provided every year for pursuing higher/professional/technical courses.

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, 2000 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 duly recommended by head of the institution/college along with attested copy of requisite documents. The Scholarship amount ranges up to 1.50 lacs depending upon course fee, maintenance allowance, books & stationary allowance and aids & appliances of student. The students may apply online (www.nhfdc.nic.in) and submit hard copy of the application duly recommended by head of the institution/college along with attested copy of requisite documents at any time during the Academic Year.
- (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 duly recommended by head of the institution/college along with attested copy of requisite documents from 1st July, 2014 to 31st August, 2014.

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.

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,


(P. C. Das)

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विकलांग विद्यार्थियों के लिए 2500 छात्रवृत्तियाँ



शिक्षा कार्य विभाग, सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार की ओर से नैशनल हैंडिकैड फाइनेन्स एण्ड डिवैल्पमेन्ट रिशर (एनएचएफडीसी) निम्नलिखित दो छात्रवृत्ति योजनाएँ हेतु विकलांग विद्यार्थियों से छात्रवृत्ति प्रदान करने के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता

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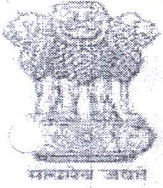
- इस योजना के अन्तर्गत भारत में मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थानों से स्नातक व स्नातकोत्तर पाठ्यक्रम में व्यावसायिक/तकनीकी शिक्षा के लिए 2000 छात्रवृत्तियाँ प्रदान की जाएंगी।
- 30 प्रतिशत छात्रवृत्तियाँ लड़कियों के लिए आरक्षित है। यदि लड़कियों की उम्मीदवारी नहीं हुई तो इन्हें लड़कों को हस्तांतरित कर दिया जाएगा।
- इस योजना के अन्तर्गत, आवेदक किसी भी समय शैक्षणिक सत्र के दौरान आवेदन कर सकते हैं। आवेदकों को छात्रवृत्ति त्रैमासिक आधार पर पूर्ववर्ती तिमाही में प्राप्त आवेदन के आधार पर दी जाएगी। योजना के तहत, आवेदन की अग्रिम प्रति आवेदक द्वारा ऑनलाईन (www.nhfdc.nic.in) भी जमा करनी होगी।
- गैर वापसी योग्य फीस की पुनर्भुगतान राशि सरकारी/सरकार से अनुदान प्राप्त संस्थानों के समान पाठ्यक्रम शुल्क राशि तक सीमित होगी। छात्रों के भरण-पोषण भत्ता व्यावसायिक स्नातक पाठ्यक्रम के लिए 2500/- रुपए तथा व्यावसायिक स्नातकोत्तर पाठ्यक्रम के लिए 3000/- रुपए प्रति माह देय होगा। जिसे 10 माह के लिए दिया जाएगा।
- व्यावसायिक स्नातक पाठ्यक्रम के लिए 6000/- रुपए तथा व्यावसायिक स्नातकोत्तर पाठ्यक्रम के लिए 10,000/- रुपए वार्षिक पुस्तकें/स्टेशनरी भत्ता देय होगा।
- विकलांग छात्रों के लिए इसके साथ उपकरण खरीदने के लिए वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराई जाएगी। (जीवनकाल में एक बार)
- लाभार्थी/माता-पिता या अभिभावक की मासिक आय, सभी स्रोतों से रुपए 25,000/- प्रति माह (रुपए 3.00 लाख प्रति वर्ष) से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए।
- इस योजना के अन्तर्गत छात्रवृत्ति प्राप्त करने वाले कोई अन्य छात्रवृत्ति/वृत्तिका नहीं लेंगे।

वृत्ति योजना (नैशनल फंड) :

- इस योजना के अन्तर्गत उच्चस्तरीय शैक्षणिक/व्यावसायिक अथवा तकनीकी शिक्षा के लिए 500 छात्रवृत्तियाँ प्रदान की जाएंगी।
- छात्रवृत्ति के लिए आवेदक को प्रत्येक वर्ष 01 जुलाई से 31 अगस्त तक ऑनलाईन आवेदन करना है, छात्रवृत्ति पूरे शैक्षणिक सत्र में एक ही बार दी जाएगी।
- स्नातक तथा उसके ऊपर के पाठ्यक्रम वाले छात्रावासियों को रुपए 1000/- और अनावासी को 700/- रुपए प्रति माह तथा डिप्लोमा एवं प्रमाण पत्र स्तरीय पाठ्यक्रम वाले छात्रावासियों को 700/- रुपए और अनावासी को 400/- रुपए प्रति माह छात्रवृत्ति दी जाएगी। पाठ्यक्रम शुल्क की प्रतिपूर्ति अधिकतम 10,000/- रुपए सालाना दी जाएगी।
- यह वित्तीय सहायता दृष्टिबाधित/श्रवण विकलांग स्नातक व व्यावसायिक पाठ्यक्रमों में पढने वाले स्नातकोत्तर छात्रों के लिए सम्पादन सॉफ्टवेयर के साथ कम्प्यूटर टेबु और प्रमस्तिष्क अंगघात वाले छात्रों के लिए सपोर्ट एक्सेस सॉफ्टवेयर के लिए प्रदान की जाती है।
- लाभार्थी की सभी स्रोतों से मासिक पारिवारिक आय रुपए 15,000/- से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए। पारिवारिक आय में माता-पिता व अभिभावक की आय भी शामिल होगी।
- इस योजना के अन्तर्गत छात्रवृत्ति प्राप्त करने वाले कोई अन्य छात्रवृत्ति/वृत्तिका नहीं लेंगे।

➤ आवेदन कैसे करें:- आवेदक ऑनलाईन (www.nhfdc.nic.in) आवेदन कर भरी हुई आवेदन पत्र की मुद्रित कॉपी को अपने संस्थान प्रमुख से सिफारिश करवाकर सभी संगत दस्तावेज के साथ नैशनल हैंडिकैड फाइनेन्स एण्ड डिवैल्पमेन्ट कॉर्पोरेशन (एनएचएफडीसी), रैड क्रॉस भवन, सैक्टर-12, फरीदाबाद-121 007 को भेजें। मुद्रित आवेदन पत्र के बिना आवेदक द्वारा भेजे हुए ऑनलाईन आवेदन पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।

➤ अन्य जानकारी के लिए कृपया NHFDC की वेबसाइट (www.nhfdc.nic.in) देखें या दूरभाष संख्या 0129 - 2226910, 2287512, 2287513 और मोबाईल नं. 09717426777 (फैक्स संख्या 0129 - 2284371, ई-मेल: nhfdc97@gmail.com या nhfdc97.scholarship@gmail.com पर संपर्क करें।



**2500 SCHOLARSHIPS
For
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR
2014-15**



www.socialjustice.nic.in

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National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFD), for and on behalf of Department of Disability Affairs, 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, 2000 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.
- 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 from 01.07.2014 to 31.08.2014 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 (NHFD), 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 NHFD "www.nhfdc.nic.in" or contact: NHFD at, Telephone nos. 0129 - 2226910, 2287512, 2287513 Fax no. 0129 - 2284371, E-mail - nhfdc97@gmail.com

- (iii) Differently-abled students, in addition will be provided aids and appliances, only once during lifetime, as given below :

Orthopedically Handicapped

S.No.	Appliance	Estimated Cost (up to)
1.	Laptop	Rs. 40,000

Visually Handicapped

S.No.	Appliance	Estimated cost (up to)	Remarks
1.	Braille / Braille Typewriter	Rs. 10,000	For blind
2.	Laptop with Screen reading software	Rs. 40,000	For blind
3.	Laptop with Screen Magnification software	Rs. 60,000	For low vision

Hearing Handicapped

S.No.	Appliance	Estimated cost (up to)
1.	Binaural digital programmable hearing aid with annual provision of button cells	Rs 50,000 + Rs 3600 p.a.
2.	Cell phone with SMS SIM card	Rs 5,000
3.	Laptop with WiFi (Blue tooth) facility	Rs 70,000

5. Implementation of the Scheme

5.1 Conditions for Scholarship:

- i) Financial assistance will be given to pursue degree and/or post graduate level technical and professional courses from a recognized institution. Maintenance, book/stationary allowance and grant for purchase of assistive devices will be credited to the student's account. Non-refundable fees shall be reimbursed to the student on production of proof of deposit of fees or will be paid directly to the Institute under intimation to the student.
- ii) Scholarship will be awarded for only one course at a time.
- iii) Students who get admission to a college to pursue technical/professional courses, on the basis of a competitive examination will be eligible for the scholarship without any consideration of percentage of marks at higher secondary/graduation level.
- iv) Students who get admission in technical/professional courses without facing any competitive examination will also be eligible for scholarship. However, such students should have not less than 50% marks at higher secondary/graduation level. Selection of these students will be done strictly on merit basis.
- v) Students who pursue their education through correspondence would also be eligible for the scholarship.



SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME II — FOR 2000 DIFFERENTLY ABLED STUDENTS
(To be funded out of Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities)

A STUDENT CAN APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP AT ANY TIME DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR (2014 - 15)

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 2000 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/-

7.2 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.

7.3 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 issued 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 schoiarship in a succeeding year, a copy of the mark sheet of the preceding year.

8. Processing of applications

- (a) The procedure for processing of applications will be outsourced to a reputed agency;
- (b) All the applications will be processed in a time bound manner;
- (c) The applications scrutinized by the authorized agency shall be placed before a screening committee periodically for final award of scholarships;
- (d) Income certificate is to be submitted by the student only once i.e. at the time of sanction of scholarship,

- vi) Continuation of the scholarship in subsequent years will be automatic subject to successful completion of the course during the preceding year. However, grace period of one year shall be admissible for the entire course in specified categories.
- vii) A candidate who is awarded scholarship for one course, after its completion will be eligible for another course too. However, the awardees will not be eligible for a similar or equivalent course.
- viii) A scholarship holder under this Scheme will not avail any other scholarship/stipend for pursuing the course.
- ix) The annual income of the beneficiary/parent or guardian of beneficiary should not exceed Rs.3.00 lakh from all sources. However, preference shall be given to economically weaker students.

5.2 Other Conditions for the Scholarship:

- i) The scholarship is depended on the satisfactory progress and conduct of the scholar. If it is reported by the head of the Institution at any time that a scholar has by reasons of his/her own act of default failed to make satisfactory progress or has been guilty of misconduct such as resorting to or participating in strikes, irregularity in attendance without the permission of the authorities concerned etc., the authority sanctioning the scholarship may either cancel the scholarship or stop or withhold further payment for such period as it may think fit.
- ii) If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered. The student concerned will be blacklisted and debarred for scholarship in any scheme forever.
- iii) A scholarship awarded may be cancelled if the scholar changes the subject of the course of study for which the scholarship was originally awarded or changes the Institution of study without prior approval of the Government. The amount already paid may also be recovered at the discretion of the Government.
- iv) A scholar is liable to refund the scholarship amount at the discretion of the Government if during the course of the year, the studies for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued by him/her.
- v) Scholarship will not be paid for the period of internship/housemanship in the M.B.B.S. course or for a practical training in any course, if the student is in receipt of some remuneration during the internship period or some allowance/stipend during the practical training in any course.
- vi) The conditions can be changed at anytime at the discretion of the Government of India.

6. Publicity of the Scheme

6.1 The Scheme will be given wide publicity over print and electronic media. Assistance of State Governments and other agencies such as UGC, Universities and prominent colleges and institutions will also be sought in giving publicity to the Scheme

7. Procedure for application

7.1 Application in enclosed prescribed format shall be submitted at any time during an academic year to the assigned agency (i.e. National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation, Red Cross Bhawan, Sector-12, Faridabad, Haryana - 121007). An advance copy of the application should also be submitted online (NHFDC website - www.nhfdc.nic.in). Each applicant shall be given a registration number on receipt of the application. The screening committee shall examine these applications quarterly and the scholarship amount will be disbursed.

7.2 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.

7.3 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 issued 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.

8. Processing of applications

- (a) The procedure for processing of applications will be outsourced to a reputed agency;
- (b) All the applications will be processed in a time bound manner;
- (c) The applications scrutinized by the authorized agency shall be placed before a screening committee periodically for final award of scholarships;
- (d) Income certificate is to be submitted by the student only once i.e. at the time of sanction of scholarship,

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:

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, 2014.**

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.

Government of India
Department of Disability Affairs
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

National Scholarship for Persons with Disabilities (2014-15)

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 five) 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

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Total:	250 Awards	250 Awards

VI. Applications for the scholarship may be sent to the **National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India), Red Cross Bhawan, Sector-12, Faridabad-121007 (Haryana). Telephone no. 0129-2226910, 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 are 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 (Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India), Red Cross Bhawan, Sector-12, Faridabad-121 007 (Haryana).

Applications received after the last date i.e. 31.08.2014 and incomplete applications (without requisite documents) will not be considered.
