

PRESS NOTE

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India has introduced a new scholarship scheme titled “Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students” with the objective to provide financial assistance to meritorious students from low-income families to meet day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies.

The Scheme shall be effective for Class XII students w.e.f. 2008 Examination.

The scholarships shall be awarded on the basis of the results of Senior Secondary Examination (class XII) of 10+2 pattern or equivalent and have scored a minimum of 80% marks. 82000 fresh scholarships per annum (41000 for boys and 41000 for girls) will be awarded for graduate / postgraduate studies in colleges and universities and for professional courses such as Medical, Engineering etc.

The total number of scholarships will be divided amongst the State Boards based on the State’s population in the age group of 18-25 years, after segregating share of CBSE and ICSE on the basis of number of students passing out from various Boards in the country. The number of scholarships allotted to a Board would be distributed amongst pass outs of the Science, Commerce and Humanities streams of the Board in the ratio of 3:2:1 with equal number among boys and girls. Within the specified quota, the selection shall be made on merit.

The detailed guidelines regarding “**Scheme of Scholarship**” and “**Instructions for CBSE Candidates**” of this scholarship scheme may be seen in the Board’s website www.cbse.nic.in.

Depending on the number of scholarship available for the CBSE students, candidates who have secured the cut-off marks (as per table below) in the Senior School Certificate Examination 2008 conducted by CBSE are **being provisionally considered** for award of scholarship under this scheme:

Category	Marks obtained in aggregate of first five subjects	Streams
SC/ST/OBC	80% and above	All Stream
General	90% and above	Science Stream
	87% and above	Commerce Stream
	80% and above	Arts and others Stream

Letters to 18745 CBSE candidates as per above Cut-Off marks have been dispatched to candidates through schools. Candidates may collect their letters from the school from where they have passed Class XII in 2008.

This is a provisional offer only and final selection will depend on the student satisfying the eligibility criteria and number of scholarships available for CBSE’s quota under each category of stream. Within the specified quota, however, the selection will be purely on merit.

In case the candidates have passed Class XII from CBSE in 2008 and satisfy the eligibility criteria of this Scholarship Scheme and have secured aggregate marks as per above table, may visit Board’s website cbse.nic.in and fillup the Application as per “Instructions for CBSE candidates” given in Board’s website.

Last date for submission of Applications is 05.11.2008 by the CBSE candidates.

“Scheme of Scholarship” and “Instructions for CBSE Candidates” of this scholarship are enclosed. This may kindly be given wide publicity so that the candidates may get benefit of the scheme.

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