

NHFDC to Implement 1500 Scholarships Under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for two Schemes to be Given to Students with Disabilities in 2011-12 (9^h August 2011)

National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation (NHFDC) is implementing two Scholarship schemes – (1) 1000 Scholarships under Trust Fund and (2) 500 Scholarships under National Fund – on behalf of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. These scholarships are for students with disabilities (with disability 40% and above) for pursuing professional courses in the academic year 2011-12.

1000 scholarships will be awarded in 2011-12 to students with disabilities for professional courses at Graduate and Post Graduate level. Under this scheme, total non-refundable fee is reimbursed as applicable to Government Institutions. In addition, maintenance and books/stationery allowance to the tune of Rs.31,000/- for Graduate Course and Rs.40,000/- for Post Graduate Courses are also allowed. Financial assistance will also be provided for purchase of aids and appliances for visual & hearing impaired students (once in life-time). This scholarship scheme is restricted to those students with disabilities whose total family income is not more than Rs.3.00 lakh per annum. A novel feature of this scheme is that students can apply anytime during the academic year 2011-12. Even students pursuing correspondence courses are eligible under this scheme. A student is required to send an advance copy on-line to NHFDC. This scheme is being implemented for the first time. Details are available at website www.nhfdc.nic.in .

500 National Scholarships will be awarded in the year 2011-12 to students with disabilities for higher academic/professional or technical courses Ph.D/M.Phil/PG level/graduate or at Diploma/Certificate level. This is on-going scheme of the Ministry. This Scholarship scheme is restricted to those handicapped students whose total family income upto Rs.1.80 lakh per annum. A student must apply before last date i.e. 31.8.2011. Details are available at website: www.nhfdc.nic.in.

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