

1500 Scholarships under Two Schemes to be given to Students with Disabilities in 2012-13

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National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation (NHFDC) is implementing two Scholarship schemes — (1) 1000 Scholarships under Trust Fund & (2) 500 Scholarships under National Fund — on behalf of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India. These scholarships are for students with disabilities (with disability 40% and above) for pursuing professional courses during the academic year 2012-2013.

1000 scholarships under Trust Fund will be awarded in 2012-13 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 Govt. 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 2012-13. Even students pursuing correspondence courses are eligible under this scheme. A student is required to send an advance copy **on-line** to NHFDC (www.nhfdc.nic.in) and send printed copy to **National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), Red Cross Bhawan, Sector-12, Faridabad-121007** along with the requisite documents {(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 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}}.

500 Scholarships under National Fund will be awarded in the year 2012-13 to students with disabilities for higher academic/professional or technical courses Ph.D/M.Phil/PG Level/Graduate or at Diploma/Certificate level. 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. This Scholarship scheme is restricted to those handicapped students whose total family income is upto Rs. 1.80 lakh per annum. A student must apply before last date i.e. 31.08.2012. A student is required to send an advance copy **on-line** to NHFDC (www.nhfdc.nic.in) and send printed copy to **National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), Red Cross Bhawan, Sector-12, Faridabad-121007** along with the requisite documents {(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)}.

The applicant has to apply online (www.nhfdc.nic.in) for both the scholarship schemes and send printed copy of the online filled application duly countersigned and recommended by the Head of the Institution, where they are studying along with the requisite documents.

It is to be noted that without a hard copy of application, a candidate's application in soft copy will not be entertained.

For details, visit website www.nhfdc.nic.in .
