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BABA GURBACHAN SINGH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

With the blessing of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, Sant Nirankari Mandal has launched a Scholarship Scheme to provide Financial Assistance to promising and needy students for pursuing Degree and Diploma Courses. The salient features of the scheme are given below for information and benefit of all concerned.

INTRODUCTION

The Education Department of Sant Nirankari Mandal had been providing Scholarships to the meritorious students since 1993. We were honouring the brilliant students who had achieved excellence in their educational career, sports and cultural fields by offering them a one-time small honorarium to acknowledge their achievements. Though a substantial amount was being spent on this scheme by Sant Nirankari Mandal but it was not catering to the financial requirement of the needy students.

As such it has been decided to amend this scheme to provide complete guidance and financial assistance to the promising and needy students so that they not only acquire good education but also excel in their life. The scheme has evolved an objective and transparent mechanism to provide educational guidance and financial assistance to the eligible students. Education Department will select some promising and needy students every year and provide them complete educational guidance and financial support to pursue traditional courses till they complete their education and settle in life.

THIS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP TO ANY PERSON WHO INTENDS TO CONTRIBUTE IN THIS NOBLE CAUSE OF PROVIDING HELP TO THE PROMISING AND NEEDY STUDENTS SELECTED BY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF SANT NIRANKARI MANDAL. THIS SPONSORSHIP CAN BE FOR ONE YEAR OR ENTIRE COURSE, AS PER CONVENIENCE.

Education Department of Sant Nirankari Mandal has also made arrangements to **provide guidance for entrance examinations and career counselling** from Class X onwards for the timely guidance to the students. For seeking such assistance, you may e-mail at career.guidance@nirankari.org.

The Scholarship Scheme has been named as “**BABA GURBACHAN SINGH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME**” from the Academic year 2015–16 and will supersede all previous Scholarship Schemes of Sant Nirankari Mandal. Details of this scheme are available on our Website www.nirankari.org.

KEY FEATURES OF BABA GURBACHAN SINGH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

- i) This Scholarship Scheme is open to the promising and needy students **securing not less than 60% marks in**
- a) **Class X for pursuing Diploma in Engineering.**
 - b) **Class XII examination depending upon the course pursuing : B.A. & B.A. (Hons), B.Com & B.Com (Hons), B-Pharma, D-Pharma, B.Ed, D.El.Ed, B.Sc., Hotel Management, BBA, BCA, M.Com, M.Sc., M.A., MCA, Diploma/Degree or Training in any Sport, Instrumental Music/Vocal Music from a recognized Institution in India, etc. and wish to pursue higher study in India only.**

(The maximum ceiling of the benefit will be Rs. 50,000/- per year per student or the Tuition Fee/Annual Fee payable in each year, whichever is less)

- (ii) This Scholarship Scheme is applicable for promising and needy persons pursuing any Diploma Course as regular from recognized institutions.
- (iii) For this Scholarship Scheme, a duly constituted committee of Education Department of Sant Nirankari Mandal will assess the economic condition and financial position of the applicant's family. This committee will consist of four members i.e. Member Incharge Education, Administrator, one Educationist and one Advocate. The Committee will take into account all the relevant factors like the livelihood pattern of the family, the nature and number of dependents, the socio-economic strata of the family, the financial requirements of the student and the family, the nature of schooling and academic merit of the applicant, and other parameters like attitude and behaviour of the applicant and his family or any other aspect as may be decided by the Committee from time to time. In certain cases, the education committee may recommend inspection of the home and the living standard of the family. Based on the recommendations of this Committee, Financial assistance will be sanctioned to the promising and needy students.
- (iv) The financial assistance to be offered to an applicant will depend on the requirement and capability of the student to pursue the relevant course. The Education Committee will access the same on case to case basis.
- (v) This scholarship is open for students as under :
- a) 1st year students of all the courses mentioned above.
 - b) All the beneficiaries of our previous year scholarship scheme, if eligible and otherwise in order. These students are required to obtain minimum 60% marks every year in their further examinations after Class XII.
- (vi) The submission of application for consideration of the request for financial assistance does not *per se* create any right in favour of the student / the applicant for the grant of financial assistance under this scheme. The grant of financial assistance is subject to fulfillment of eligibility and capability criteria set-out under this scheme, from time to time. The decision of Education Committee shall be final in all respects and no further requests for reconsideration of the recommendations shall be entertained.
- (vii) For the final year of the course, 25% of the fee will be paid only on receipt of the mark sheet of the final year and feedback form sent by Sant Nirankari Mandal.
- (viii) The application for scholarship or educational assistance to deserving students will be invited every year so that their financial status and other criteria like academic performance, behavioural and attitudinal aspects for selection can be reviewed before making payment of tuition fee/annual fee for that particular year. The tuition fee/annual fees for the entire course will not be sanctioned/approved at one go.**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA / CONDITIONS:

- (i) The applicant should be a regular student of any **recognized University/Educational Institution of India**.
- (ii) **The applicant/applicant's family should submit latest pay slips and I.T. Returns of all the earning family members or a family Income Certificate issued by the SDM or Tehsildar or BDO or any other officer authorized in this behalf by the Revenue Department indicating that the total annual income of the family is not more than Rs. 3.50 Lakhs. The date of issue of Income Certificate should not be more than three months prior to the date of submission of application.**
- (iii) Following students/applicants **shall not be eligible** for grant of financial assistance under this Scholarship Scheme:
 - a. The students who have taken admission through the Management/Convener Quota or any other Quota of the University/Educational Institution.
 - b. The student who has the status of failure in any of the subjects in any of the previous semesters/years.
 - c. The applicant detained in any semester/year examination due to shortage of attendance.
 - d. The applicant penalized by the University or the institute for any act of indiscipline during the course.
 - e. The students who have taken scholarship from any other source.
- (iv) Every applicant shall be required to submit checklist (**Annexure–I**) and application form (**Annexure–II**) on prescribed format of Sant Nirankari Mandal along with all requisite documents enclosed therewith. **The scholarship application must be complete in all respects along with all relevant documents and submitted ONLY through SPEED POST at Education Department, Sant Nirankari Administrative Block, Nirankari Chowk, Burari Road, Delhi – 110009 (India).**

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- (i) Duly filled-in and affixed photographed application form on the prescribed format for each academic year.
- (ii) Marksheets of all previous academic qualifications starting from Class – X.
- (iii) Pass Certificates of Class X and XII examination.
- (iv) Pass 60% marks or more in Class XII.
- (v) A copy of latest pay slip and I.T. Returns of all the earning members of the family.

OR

Copy of the family Income Certificate issued by the Area SDM or Tehsildar or BDO.
- (vi) A certificate by the institution stating that (a) the candidate will not/has not been granted scholarship under any scheme of other private organization or religious or spiritual organization or Government authorities, (b) has not taken admission through Management/Convener Quota or any other Quota and also.
- (vii) Affidavit (Part-III of Application Form).
- (viii) Copy of results of all semesters' examinations passed
- (ix) Copy of latest fee receipts issued by the University/Institutes

- (x) Details of the fee including Tuition Fee, Library, Hostel, Books etc. duly signed by the Principal/Administrator of the Institute may be attached with the application.
- (xi) Copy of **passbook of saving bank account of applicant** for remittance of financial assistance, in cases where the applicant has already deposited the fee in the Institute / College and is seeking reimbursement. **The Bank Account should be in the name of student. Name of student, bank account no. & IFSC Code must be mentioned on the copy of passbook/cheque.**
- (xii) Copy of bank statement of all saving bank accounts of all family members.
- (xiii) The Admission Slip/letter by which the applicant has been offered admission by the University/Educational Institution.
- (xiv) Copy of Ration Card / Aadhar Card / Voter I-Card / Pass-Port / Pan-Card or any other residence proof.
- (xv) Copy of letter received previous year from Education Department, SNM (for old students).

Note: All the documents, testimonials submitted with the application form to be ticked and seal with the form as confirmation of all necessary documents attached, should be self-attested. Incomplete form will not be considered for grant of scholarship.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM

- (i) Duly filled-in application form with all requisite documents should be submitted to the Member Incharge, Education Department, Sant Nirankari Mandal on or before the closing date for submission of applications i.e. **November 30, 2023**. No application will be received after this date.
- (ii) The Education Committee of Education Department, Sant Nirankari Mandal will scrutinize all the applications so received and will prepare a list of short-listed eligible candidates and distribute grant/scholarship by **January 31, 2024**.
- (iii) No column of the form shall be left blank.

PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION

- (i) The eligible students may have to appear for an interview before the Education Committee, **only if required**.
 - a. The applicant or applicant with parents if required to appear in person, should produce the documents in original based on which the eligibility for claim of financial assistance is made.
 - b. In such cases the applicant should also carry a self-attested copy of all the documents based on which the eligibility and the request for grant of financial assistance is made.
- (ii) The applicants or applicant and their parents, who do not appear before the committee on scheduled date and time, will forfeit their claim of financial assistance. No request for personal appearance before committee will be considered after the scheduled date except those who have taken prior written permission from the Member Incharge, Education Department due to some genuine exigencies.
- (iii) Scholarship's forms are uploaded on the website.


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