

# SCHOLARSHIP POLICY OF SSIP

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## Introduction

SS Institute of Pharmacy, established in 2018, was founded with the vision of providing quality technical education, especially to students from rural and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Understanding that financial constraints can often be a barrier to higher education, our institution has developed a comprehensive scholarship policy aimed at empowering deserving students to achieve their academic and career aspirations. By providing financial assistance to students from economically weaker sections, we aim to support them in realizing their potential and contributing meaningfully to society.

## Policy Objective

The primary objective of this scholarship policy is to offer financial support to students, particularly those from rural areas and underprivileged backgrounds. By offering various forms of scholarships, our institution intends to:

- Ensure that financial constraints do not hinder access to quality education.
- Reward academic excellence and extracurricular achievements, such as sports participation.
- Empower students from rural and economically weaker sections to pursue higher education without the burden of financial difficulties.
- Promote an inclusive and diverse learning environment by supporting students from various socio-economic backgrounds.

## Types of Scholarships Offered

1. Scholarship offered by Government
2. Scholarship offered by Institution (VS educational & Charitable Trust)

### 1. Scholarship offered by Government:

- a) Tamil pudhalvan scheme and pudhumai penn scheme
- b) Post Metric
- c) First Graduate
- d) BC/MBC

## a) Tamil pudhalvan scheme and pudhumai penn scheme

### TAMIL PUTHALVAN

The "Tamil Pudhalvan" scheme offers a monthly assistance of ₹1,000 to eligible male students who have completed their higher education in government or government-aided schools with Tamil as the medium of instruction.

Eligibility criteria include:

- **Gender:** Only male students are eligible.
- **Education:** Students must have completed their schooling (Classes VI-XII) in government or government-aided schools.
- **Medium of Instruction:** Tamil medium of instruction is required.
- **Higher Education:** The student must be pursuing higher education (undergraduate programs) at recognized colleges, polytechnics, or Industrial Training Institutes.
- **No Restrictions on Other Scholarships:** Students who are receiving other scholarships can still apply for this scheme.
- **Number of Students:** This cash incentive is available to any number of male students from a family pursuing higher education at recognized institutions, colleges, or universities

### PUDHUMAI PENN SCHEME

#### (MOOVALUR RAMAMIRTHAM AMMAIYAR NINAIYU PUTHUMAI PENN THITTAM)

“Recognizing that the enrolment ratio of girl students from Government schools in higher education is very low and to promote higher education among girls belonging to the economically weaker families, the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar. All girl students who studied from Classes 6 to 12 in Government schools will be paid Rs.1,000/- per month directly into their bank account till the uninterrupted completion of their undergraduate degree courses. The students shall be eligible for this in addition to other scholarships”.

Under this scheme:

- Cash incentive of Rs.1000/month per beneficiary as DBT will be sanctioned till the completion of their first higher education. This will be paid on a monthly basis to all eligible girl students who have studied from 6th to 12th Std. in Government schools.
- The girl students availing other scholarships are also eligible to enroll in this scheme.
- This cash incentive extended to any number of girl students in a family pursuing higher education at a recognized Institutions.
- This scheme activity is implemented through online portal 'Penkalvi' wherein the girl students themselves can apply for the scheme directly.

- Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency is maintaining the online portal and assists the department in implementation of end-to-end e-governance mechanism of the scheme.
- Four core banks viz., Indian Bank, Canara Bank, Indian Overseas Bank and SBI have been identified to open bank accounts to the students wherever necessary furnish the debit card.
- The girl students should pursue their education in recognized course and college / universities (only first course of higher education will be considered as an eligible factor)

## **b) Post-Merit Scholarship for SC/ST Students**

The **Post-Merit Scholarship for SC/ST Students** in Tamil Nadu is a government initiative aimed at encouraging academic excellence among students from the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) communities. This scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to SC/ST students pursuing higher education, ensuring they have access to quality education without financial constraints.

### **Key Features of the Tamil Nadu Post-Merit Scholarship for SC/ST Students:**

#### **1. Eligibility:**

- The scholarship is available to SC/ST students who have secured admission to undergraduate, postgraduate, or professional courses at recognized institutions in Tamil Nadu.
- The students must have demonstrated academic merit by securing a specified percentage or grade in their previous examinations.
- Students must belong to the SC/ST categories and have a valid caste certificate.
- There may be additional income criteria, typically set by the state government, where the family income should not exceed a certain limit (e.g., Rs. 2.5 lakhs annually).

#### **2. Benefits:**

- **Financial Assistance:** The scholarship provides financial support for tuition fees, hostel fees, examination fees, and other educational expenses.
- **Amount:** The exact scholarship amount can vary, but it is generally aimed at covering a significant portion of the student's academic and living costs.
- **Full Duration Coverage:** The scholarship is typically provided for the entire duration of the course, provided the student maintains the eligibility criteria.

#### **3. Application Process:**

- **Online Registration:** SC/ST students can apply for the scholarship through the Tamil Nadu government's official scholarship portal or through the respective institutions.
- **Required Documents:** Students need to submit documents such as caste certificates, income certificates, academic records, and proof of admission to the course.
- **Timely Submission:** Students should apply within the specified time frame to be considered for the scholarship.

#### 4. **Purpose:**

- The primary aim of the Post-Merit Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to meritorious SC/ST students who might otherwise face financial barriers in pursuing higher education.
- By supporting students based on merit, the scheme aims to promote higher educational attainment within the SC/ST communities, fostering their academic growth and future career opportunities.

#### 5. **Renewal Criteria:**

- The scholarship is usually renewable each year, provided the student continues to meet the eligibility criteria, such as maintaining a specified academic performance or grade point average (GPA).
- If students fail to meet the required academic standards, the scholarship may be discontinued.

### **Impact of the Scholarship:**

The **Post-Merit Scholarship for SC/ST Students** in Tamil Nadu plays a crucial role in fostering educational inclusivity and supporting students from marginalized communities in achieving their academic and professional goals. By recognizing academic achievement and providing financial support, the scholarship helps reduce the economic burden on students and encourages them to excel in their education. It also contributes to increasing the participation of SC/ST students in higher education, thereby improving social mobility and opportunities for upward economic progress.

### c) First Graduate Scholarship

The **First Graduate Scholarship** in Tamil Nadu is a government initiative designed to provide financial assistance to students who are the first in their family to pursue higher education. This scholarship aims to encourage and support students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue undergraduate and professional courses by alleviating the financial burden associated with education.

#### **Key Features of the First Graduate Scholarship for Tamil Nadu Students:**

##### **1. Eligibility Criteria:**

- **First Graduate:** The applicant must be the first person in their family to pursue a degree (undergraduate or professional course). The scholarship specifically targets students who do not have any prior graduates in their immediate family.
- **Caste and Income Limit:** Typically, the scholarship is available to students from backward or economically disadvantaged communities, including those from the Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Other Backward Classes (OBC). The family income limit is often set (for example, Rs. 1 lakh or Rs. 2.5 lakh annually, depending on government guidelines).
- **Academic Criteria:** Students must have secured admission to a recognized institution for undergraduate or professional courses and meet the minimum academic performance standards set by the government.

##### **2. Benefits:**

- **Financial Assistance:** The scholarship provides financial support to cover tuition fees, exam fees, and other compulsory academic-related expenses.
- **Amount:** The exact scholarship amount may vary but typically includes a significant portion of the academic costs, and in some cases, it may cover a part of hostel or transportation expenses.
- **Full Course Coverage:** The scholarship is generally renewable every year, covering the entire duration of the student's undergraduate course, as long as the eligibility criteria are maintained.

##### **3. Application Process:**

- **Online Application:** Students can apply through the Tamil Nadu government's official scholarship portal or via the respective educational institutions.
- **Required Documents:** Applicants need to submit documents such as caste certificates, family income certificates, proof of admission to the course, and other required academic documents to verify their eligibility.
- **Application Deadline:** Students should submit their applications within the specified time frame to be considered for the scholarship.

4. **Purpose:**

- The primary objective of the First Graduate Scholarship is to support students who are the first in their family to attend college and may not have the financial means to pursue higher education.
- The scholarship aims to empower these students by removing financial obstacles and encouraging them to continue their education, fostering greater access to higher education in Tamil Nadu.

5. **Renewal Criteria:**

- The scholarship is usually renewable each year based on the student's academic performance (such as maintaining a minimum grade point average) and continued eligibility under the family income limit.
- If students fail to meet the academic or income criteria, the scholarship may be discontinued.

### **Impact of the Scholarship:**

The **First Graduate Scholarship** plays a vital role in promoting educational equality by supporting students from families with no prior college graduates. This scholarship not only relieves the financial burden on students but also encourages them to pursue higher education, thereby improving their socio-economic mobility. It fosters a more inclusive educational environment, where students from underprivileged backgrounds are empowered to break the cycle of poverty through education, leading to a brighter future for themselves and their families.

### c) BC/MBC Scholarship

Under the Free Education Scholarship (Professional) scheme, students from Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, and Denotified Communities, selected through the Government quota via the single window system and enrolled in Professional Courses at self-financing colleges, receive special fee assistance as prescribed by the Government.

## 2. Scholarship offered by Institution (VS Educational Charitable Trust)

SS Institute of Pharmacy offers the following categories of scholarships based on merit, socio-economic status, and other factors:

### 1. *Partial Fee Waiver*

A **partial fee waiver** is provided to students based on academic merit and specific circumstances, as outlined below:

- **10% Tuition Fee Waiver:**
  - Students who score more than **150** in the higher secondary examination cut-off are eligible for a **10% tuition fee waiver**.
  - This waiver is designed to help academically talented students who may face financial challenges but still demonstrate a commitment to their studies.
- **School Topper Scholarship:**
  - This initiative recognizes and rewards the academic achievements of top-performing students, motivating them to continue excelling in their higher education.
- **Special Scholarship for High Scorers:**
  - Students who score more than **500 marks** in the higher secondary examination will be eligible for a **special scholarship**.
  - This scholarship aims to reward exceptional academic performance and support students in their pursuit of technical education.

### *3. Sports Scholarships*

In recognition of the achievements of students who excel in sports, SS Institute of Pharmacy offers scholarships to those who have represented their district, state, or the central government:

- **Eligibility:** Sports students who have participated in recognized competitions at the district, state, or national level are eligible for this scholarship.
- **Coverage:** The scholarship amount varies depending on the level of competition and the student's performance, with the aim of supporting their academic and athletic pursuits simultaneously.

### *4. Scholarships for Students from Single-Parent Households or Without Parental Support*

We recognize the unique challenges faced by students who lack parental support. To assist these students:

- **Coverage:** Scholarships are provided ranging from **10% to 50%** of the total expenses, depending on the financial need and academic performance of the student.
- **Eligibility:** This scholarship is specifically targeted at students from **single-parent households** or those who lack both parents' support, ensuring they are not disadvantaged in their pursuit of education.

### **Implementation and Disbursement**

- **Scholarship Applications:** Students wishing to apply for a scholarship must submit a formal application to the college administration, providing necessary documentation such as proof of family income, academic records, and other relevant details. The scholarship application process will be conducted at the beginning of each academic year.
- **Selection Process:** A scholarship in charge staff, will review applications and select eligible candidates based on the established criteria. The committee will ensure transparency and fairness in the selection process.

### **TATA SCHOLARSHIP**

- The TATA Scholarship is a prestigious award that supports academically exceptional students in need of financial assistance. Sponsored by the TATA Group, it aims to ease the financial burden on deserving undergraduate students pursuing higher education at renowned



institutions. The scholarship covers tuition fees, living expenses, and other educational costs, enabling students to focus on their academic and professional goals.

- Eligibility for the TATA Scholarship is based on academic excellence, financial need, and achievements in relevant fields. Interested students must submit an online application with required documents, including academic records and proof of financial need. The selection process is competitive, considering both merit and financial background. The scholarship may be renewed annually based on academic performance, empowering recipients to succeed and contribute to society.

### **Policy Review and Updates**

This scholarship policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure that it remains aligned with the institution's goals and the changing financial and educational needs of students. Any changes to the policy will be communicated to students and staff in a timely manner.

### **Conclusion**

The scholarship policy at SS Institute of Pharmacy reflects our commitment to providing high-quality education to students, regardless of their financial background. By offering a range of scholarships for academically talented students, sports achievers, and those from disadvantaged families, we strive to create an inclusive educational environment where every student has the opportunity to succeed and thrive. This policy will be effective from the current academic year, and we encourage all eligible students to apply for the scholarships that best suit their needs and achievements.

