With a view to assisting the meritorious students belonging to economically backward families in the State of West Bengal to pursue higher studies, the Government of West Bengal introduces this scheme of giving scholarships at different levels of higher studies, at educational institutions based in West Bengal. The Swami Vivekananda Merit Cum Means Scholarship Scheme has been thoroughly revamped in the year 2016 to cover more number of students as well as to enhance the scholarship amounts significantly.

Scope

The scheme benefits students studying in regular mode of Class XI and XII, and at under Graduate level in Science/Arts/Commerce, Engineering, Medical and Technical / Professional courses. Post Graduate level students pursuing Science/Arts/Commerce & Technical/Management. These scholarships will be sanctioned to deserving students on merit-cum-means criteria.

Students should pass in the year 2023 or 2022 or 2021 (unable to get admission in the year 2022 or 2021 due to unavoidable reason and taking admission in the year of advertisement) with at least (a)60%(75% for 2020 passout candidates) marks in aggregate in the last qualifying examination from West Bengal Board of Secondary Education/West Bengal Council for Higher Secondary Education/Madrasa Education for Higher Secondary level or Under Graduate level Scholarship (b) 60%(75% for 2020 passout candidates) marks in aggregate in diploma course from Institutes approved by AICTE and affiliated to WBSCT&VE&DS for Under Graduate level Scholarship (in 2nd year Engineering/Technology/Pharmacy courses through Lateral Entry) or affiliated by State Medical Faculty for Under Graduate level Scholarship (in 2nd year Pharmacy course through Lateral Entry) (c) 53% marks in aggregate in Graduate Level Scholarship (General Education) /55% marks in Graduate Courses from any State University or AICTE approved Institute of West Bengal for Post Graduate Level Scholarship (Engineering/Technology/Pharmacy).

Students pursuing M.Phil courses and Doctoral courses (NON-NET JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW and NET-LECTURERSHIP) from State-aided Institutions will come under the purview of this Scholarship Scheme.

Girls Students pursuing Post Graduate courses in Science, Arts and Commerce stream from Universities of this State after obtaining Under Graduate Degree with 45% marks in aggregate from Institutions of this State will come under the aegis of this Scholarship Scheme as Kanyashree(K3) applicants.

The upper ceiling for family income has been fixed at Rs.2,50,000/- per annum.

As the payment will be made by direct beneficiary transfer only, furnishing of Bank details of the applicant, i.e. A/C No., Bank Name, IFS Code of Bank is mandatory.

There will be no need to submit hard copy of the application.

Candidates opting for these scholarships and found eligible, will not be allowed to enjoy any other governmental (central/state) scholarship or stipend for the same course/stage of study. However, one time grants or assistances received from any source, or free or partly-free studentship allowed by the host institutions will not debar the students from availing of the benefits of this scheme.

ALLOCATION AND RATE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The basic allocation and rates will be as under :

DIRECTORATE	COURSE	Eligibility Criteria	SCHOLARSHIP RATE PE MONTH (RS.)
DPI	UG (ARTS)	At least 60% marks in Last Qualifying Exam	1000/-
	UG(COMMERCE)	At least 60% marks in Last Qualifying Exam	1000/-
	UG (SCIENCE)	At least 60% marks in Last Qualifying Exam	1500/-
	UG (OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES, UGC APPROVED)	At least 60% marks in Last Qualifying Exam	1500/-
	PG (ARTS)	At least 53% marks for SVMCM and 45% for Kanyashree(K3 applicants in Last Qualifying Exam	2000/-
	PG (COMMERCE)	At least 53% marks for SVMCM and 45% for Kanyashree(K3 applicants in Last Qualifying Exam	2000/-
	PG (SCIENCE)	At least 53% marks for SVMCM and 45% for Kanyashree(K3 applicants in Last Qualifying Exam	2500/-
	PG (OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES, UGC APPROVED)	At least 53% marks in Last Qualifying Exam	2500/-
	NON NET M.PHIL./NON NET PH.D.	Date of Enrolment/Date of Registration not before 01.04.2017	5000/- / 8000/- Respective
DSE	HS	At least 60% marks in Last Qualifying Exam	1000/-
	D.El.Ed	At least 60% marks in Last Qualifying Exam(Minimum Qualification H.S)	1000/-
DTE	UG (ENGG.), PG (ENGG.) AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES (AICTE APPROVED)	UG: 1. 60% 2. 60% in Diploma Course from WBSCT&VE&SD for lateral entry scheme. PG: 55% in Graduation from any State University/AICTE approved institute institute in West Bengal	5000/-
DTE&T	POLYTECHNIC (DIPLOMA COURSES)	At least 60% marks in Last Qualifying Exam	1500/-
DME	UG (MEDICAL-DEGREE) AND DIPLOMA COURSES	At least 60% marks in Last Qualifying Exam	5000/- AND 1500/- RESPECTIVELY

MEANS JUDGING CRITERIA

The total family income for the prospective scholars will be not more than Rs. 2,50,000/- per annum.

Any deliberate falsification in the Income documents discovered at any stage will be considered as a grievous offence and may invite serious disciplinary actions leading to (i) compulsory and immediate refund of the amount of scholarship already enjoyed by the scholar, (ii) complete forfeiture of his/her right to apply for any governmental scholarship in future and (iii) may also attract penal provisions of other relevant laws for the time being in force.

MERIT JUDGING CRITERIA

Candidates whose family income is not more than Rs. 2,50,000/- per annum will be judged according to their academic merit in the under noted manner.

For HS - level:

The minimum qualifying marks for being considered for award of scholarships will be 60% in aggregate, in Madhyamik Parkisha, and the total marks obtained in the Madhyamik Parkisha excluding pass marks in the additional subject, if any, will be the sole criterion for consideration. Candidates from outside the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education will not be eligible to apply for this scholarship.

For Diploma Courses (Polytechnic under DTE&T) - level:

Students who are enrolled after passing-out in Secondary (M.P.) Examination or its equivalent as stated above in 2022 for first year Diploma (Polytechnic) courses [H.S. Examination or its Equivalent for Diploma in 1) Pharmacy, 2) Modern Office Practice & Management and 3) 3-D Animations & Graphics of 2 year duration | and after passing-out H.S./ equivalent Examination or ITI 2 years for 2nd year Diploma (Polytechnic) courses on lateral entry basis, will be eligible to apply. Candidates must obtain at least 60% marks in aggregate in the qualifying examination [excluding the marks secured in the optional elective subject, if any].

The Diploma (Polytechnic) courses of the State have to be approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) / Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) / Council of Architecture (CoA) and affiliated to West Bengal State Council of Technical & Vocational Education & Skill Development (WBSCT&VE&SD), a Statutory Body under the Department of Technical Education, Training & Skill Development, Government of West Bengal.

For UG - level:

The minimum qualifying marks for being considered for award of scholarships will be 60% in aggregate, in the H.S. Examination conducted by the W.B. Council of H.S. Education/Madrasha Siksha Parishad. For the UG (Arts), UG (Commerce), UG (Science) separate merit lists will be prepared.

For PG - level:

Candidates should be graduates securing at least 53% marks in the Honours subject at the graduation level. The marks obtained in Honours subject will be the only deciding criterion academically for award of the PG-level scholarships. Kanyashree recipients (K-2) (married/unmarried) pursuing Post Graduate courses in Science, Arts and Commerce stream from Universities of this State after obtaining Under Graduate Degree with 45% marks in aggregate from Institutions of this State will come under the aegis of this Scholarship Scheme. There is no need to submit Income Certificate and Income Affidavit in respect of Kanyashree students applying for K-3 scholarship under Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme.

For PG - level:

Candidates should be graduates securing at least 53% marks in the Honours subject at the graduation level. The marks obtained in Honours subject will be the only deciding criterion academically for award of the PG-level scholarships. Kanyashree recipients (K-2) (married/unmarried) pursuing Post Graduate courses in Science, Arts and Commerce stream from Universities of this State after obtaining Under Graduate Degree with 45% marks in aggregate from Institutions of this State will come under the aegis of this Scholarship Scheme. There is no need to submit Income Certificate and Income Affidavit in respect of Kanyashree students applying for K-3 scholarship under Swami Vivekananda Merit–cum–Means Scholarship Scheme.

For Research Level:

The financial assistance will be admissible to those non-NET candidates and NET-LS candidates registered as full time M.Phil. or Ph.D. research scholars as on 01/04/2017 or on a date thereafter, with effect from 01/04/2017 and (subject to the overall time limit of two years for M.Phil. and four years for Ph.D.) up till the day of submission of the Dissertation and no further. Further, NET-LS scholars shall stop receiving the assistance from the day they are appointed as teachers and it shall be their duty to inform the University authorities of the same. and the same shall be informed for thwith to this Department.

APPLICATION AND SANCTION PROCEDURES

Candidates for different categories will submit their applications online in the scholarship portal and applications i.r.o scholarship cases would be arranged in descending order (on the basis of marks obtained in the qualifying examination apart from income/means criteria), and scholarship would be sanctioned as per the availability of fund and strictly on the basis of the merit list. fund may be transferred to the beneficiaries account if the documents are in order.

For failed transaction of scholarship money, the last date of correction at respective Directorate end is 30th June of each year for the previous financial year failed transaction as per IFMS norms.

RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

For renewal of scholarship, application must be submitted online to the concerned scholarship sanctioning authority within one month from the date of his/her admission in the next higher class due to promotion by passing in the first attempt (In case of Semester mode-All Semester Examinations need to be cleared in the first attempt). Renewal cases (concentrated only at a particular level of study) will be sanctioned subject to good academic performance (Minimum 60% marks should be obtained from Higher Secondary Level to Undergraduate Level(combining both semester) at the promotional examination) and 50% marks (combining both semester) at Post Graduate Level.

DIRECTIONS FOR RENEWAL OF SVMCM SCHOLARSHIP OF GENERAL DEGREE/POST GRADUATE DEGREE STUDENTS UNDER DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS:

1st Renewal: Submission of SEM 1 and SEM 2 Marksheet required

2nd Renewal: Submission of SEM 3 and SEM 4 Marksheet required

DIRECTIONS FOR RENEWAL OF SVMCM SCHOLARSHIP OF MBBS STUDENTS

1st Renewal: With submission of 1st MBBS marksheet

2nd Renewal: 2nd Prof MBBS marksheet will need to be furnished for the 2nd renewal in the following year.

3rd And Final Renewal: 3rd Prof Part 1 MBBS marksheet will need to be furnished for the 3rd and final renewal in the following year.



Application Procedure for - SVMSM & KANYASHREE (K3) Applications

Step 1

Online Registration: At first applicants need to fill up and submit the online registration form. On successful submission of the Registration Form, an Applicant ID of 15 characters will be generated and it will be used to login and complete the remaining Steps of the Application Form. The Applicant Id also required for all future correspondences. Please maintain the Password Policy, for choosing the Password in the Registration Form, as instructed. Please download the Registration Slip or note down the system generated Applicant ID for future use. The Applicant ID will also be sent to the mail id, entered at the time of registration.

Applicants, willing to apply for K3 are required to fill up the authentication form to verify their existence in Kanyashree(K2) with the input fields Kanyashee(K2) Year of Application, Kanyashree ID, Applicant's Name, Applicant's Date of Birth, Father's Name, Mother's Name. On successful completion of K2 authentication applicants will be forwarded to registration form. The rest of the process is same as fresh application procedure.

** Girls' students pursuing regular course of Post-graduation in Science/Arts/Commerce but do not have any Kanyashree(K2) ID are requested to apply under Directorate of Public Instruction category. The criteria and benefits are same as Kanyashree(K3).

For Renewal of existing beneficiaries, Online registration is not needed, rather they can login with their previous Applicant ID and Password to apply for renewal.

Note: Eligibility criteria for application in Swami Vivekananda Merit cum Means Scholarship 2023 are mentioned in advertisement and also in the About section, available under Downloads menu and About menu respectively.

If Applicants forget their Applicant ID or Password, they can retrieve the same using Forgot Applicant ID/Password option from Applicant Login option.

Step 2

Online Application: Login with the generated Applicant ID, Password (which was set during Registration Process) and Captcha (Security Code). After successful login, fill up rest of the application forms. While uploading Scanned Copy of Image and Signature, please maintain File Format and File Size as mentioned. Image and Signature format should be JPG/JPEG and size should be in between 20KB-50KB and 10KB-20KB respectively.

Step 3

Upload Documents: After successful submission of application forms, Scanned Supporting Document Upload form will be appeared. Upload all necessary documents as mentioned in the form. While uploading, please maintain the File format and File size, as mentioned. Files should be in PDF format and size should not exceed 400KB.

In the upload documents form, select the Competent Authority (BDO/SDO/Jt. BDO / BLRO (Panchayat Area), Executive Officer / Finance Officer / Education Officer in case of municipality, Commissioner / Dy. Com / Municipal secretary in case of Corporation Area, G.R-A Gazetted Officer) whom the Income Certificate is issued from.

Documents to be uploaded for Fresh and Kanyashree Application:

i. Mark sheet of Madhyamik Examination or its equivalent (Both sides)

ii. Mark sheet of last Board/Council/University/College examination (Both sides)

ii. Admission receipt

iii. Income certificate of family (Not Applicable for Kanyashree)

iv. Domicile certificate as Aadhaar ID/Voter ID/Ration card/Certificate Issued by concerned authority

v. Scanned copy of Bank Passbook (1st Page, containing A/C No. and IFSC)

vi. Declaration by Head of the Institution regarding the cause of Year Gap. (This option will appear only if applicant selects Year of Qualifying Exam as 2022 or earlier while registration)

Documents to be uploaded for Renewal Application:

i. Copy of the Marksheet of the last examination in the present course of study. (Both sides and in case of semester examination system, both semester Marksheets). ii. Admission receipt for the promotion to the next higher class

Format for Income Certificate is available under Downloads option in the Top menu in all pages.

Step 4

Submission: After successful upload, Check the application in view mode & click on Submit Application to complete the application process.

Step 5

Edit: After submission of application form in the portal there will generally not be any option to edit application details. However, if any modification (for example, change of Bank details, updating any Uploaded Document etc.) is needed after submission, applicant may approach concerned HOI for such modification. HOI will then unlock the application and the applicant will then be able to edit the application details.

If any applicant needs to change her/his Present Course of Study, i.e. Present Course Name, Institution Name, Date of Admission etc, she/he may contact helpdesk in this regard. Helpdesk will provide option to change those details.



Application Procedure for - M.Phil / Non - Net / Net - LS Research Fellow

Step 1

Online Registration: Registration of Non-NET applicants will be done from the concerned Institution end.

After successful registration, a completion message will be sent to the concerned applicant's mobile no. along with the 15digits Applicant ID and a system generated Password.

NOTE: If an applicant does not receive the sms, containing the login credentials, an option to resend the credentials is provided at the concerned institution's login.

Step 2

Online Application: Login with the Applicant ID, Password and Captcha. After successful login, fill up and submit the Basic Details form.

Step 3

Upload Documents: After submission of Basic Details form, the required documents and submit the form.

Documents to be uploaded:

- i. Photo (JPG/JPEG and Size in between 20-50KB)
- ii. Signature (JPG/JPEG and Size in between 10-20KB)
- iii. Marksheet or Admit of 10th Standard (PDF and Size not more than 400KB)
- iv. Blank Cancelled Cheque (PDF and Size not more than 400KB)
- v. Ph.D Registration/M.Phil Admission Proof (PDF and Size not more than 400KB)

Step 4

Uploading of UC/Claim Certificate and Progress Report(Not applicable for Fresh Applicants) :After successful uploading of the documnets, download the Utilization and Claim Certificate(for renewal applicants) or Claim Certificate(for fresh applicants), get the certificated attested from the concerned institution upload it. The Progress Report is to be uploaded for the renewal applicants and after that submit the application.

Step 5

Enterning the Bank Details: After that the concerned Institution will enter the bank details of the applicant from it's login before verifying the application.