Guidelines of APJ Abdul Kalam (APJAK) Scholarship 2025-26

Objective

To support the education of students belonging to notified minority communities (Muslims, Christians (all sects), Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, and Parsis) studying for a three-year diploma course in Government/Government Aided or Government-recognized self-financing Polytechnic Colleges in Kerala.

Scholarship Amount

The scholarship amount is ₹6,000 per student for the academic year.

Eligibility criteria

- Students who have secured admission on merit seats in Government/Government Aided or Government-recognized self-financing polytechnics can apply.
- Preference will be given to students belonging to the BPL category. In the absence of BPL applicants, APL category students with an annual family income up to ₹8,00,000 from the minority communities will also be considered.
- The applicant must be a permanent resident of Kerala.
- 30% of the scholarships are reserved for female students. If the quota for female students is not filled, male students will be considered.
- Minority students will be selected on the basis of Annual Family Income and marks, in proportion to the population.
- The scholarship will be granted only once during the course period.
 Second and third-year students will also be considered for the scholarship.

How to apply

- 1. Click on the link "www.mwdscholarship.kerala.gov.in"
- 2. Click on "One-time registration."
- 3. Login using username & password

- 4. Complete profile
- 5. Add qualification details
- 6. Click on Apply for scholarship.
- 7. Click on Final submit & download print

Documents to be submitted

- Printout of the applicant registration form.
- Copy of SSLC, Plus Two/VHSE, mark list, etc.
- · Copy of Allotment Memo.
- Copy of the first page of the bank passbook in the applicant's name (must include name, account number, IFSC code, and branch address).
- · Copy of Aadhaar card
- · Copy of the Nativity Certificate
- Copy of Community Certificate/Minority Certificate.
- Income Certificate issued by the Village Officer
- Copy of Ration Card.

For the attention of heads of institutions

- The documents submitted by applicants should be verified online by the Head of Institution or an officer designated by them.
- Applications verified online must be approved by the Head of Institution.
- The Head of Institution must ensure the authenticity of all documents.
- The Head of Institution should verify that the bank account details (account number, IFSC code, bank name, and branch name) are correct. The Department will not be responsible if a student's scholarship is rejected due to incorrect bank details.

- Applications must be verified and approved by the Head of Institution within the date specified in the notification.
- Applications verified and approved online in Government/Government Aided Institutions should be retained at the respective institutions. Applications from self-financing Polytechnics should be sent, either in person or by post to: Directorate of Minority Welfare, 4th Floor, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram 695033.

Closing date

- 1. Deadline for filling applications online: 9.01.2026
- 2. Deadline for the submission of printout of application and required documents to the Head of Institution: 12.01.2026
- 3. Deadline for Institutions to verify applications online after proper scrutiny: and give approval online: 14.01.2026.
- 4. Deadline for self-financing Polytechnics to submit applications either in person or by post to Directorate of Minority Welfare: 17.01.2026

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Director