GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN TO MINORITY STUDENTS FOR PURSUING HIGHER STUDIES ABROAD

Purpose

- This scheme is intended to provide financial support for minority students for pursuing higher education in **UG** courses in foreign universities who have availed education loan for their higher studies abroad from Scheduled Commercial banks in India / Kerala State Minority Development Finance Corporation (KSMDFC) are eligible for applying for scholarship.
- The Scholarship Amount per student for an academic year is upto **₹5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lakh only).**
- The annual income of the parent/guardian from all sources should not exceed **₹8,00,000 (Rupees Eight Lakh).**
- Priority will be given to students belonging to Below Poverty Line.
- 50% of the scholarship will be reserved for female applicants. In the absence of eligible female applicants, male applicants will be considered.

Eligibility Criteria

- Only those students who avail education loan for their higher studies abroad will be eligible for this scholarship. The applicants should apply for and avail the education loan in their own name.
- Students who are pursuing higher studies for **Under Graduate (UG)** Courses in foreign universities included in Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026.
- Those students pursuing courses in the academic year **2026-27** who got admission in the previous academic years will be considered only if there are no sufficient applications from the Students who obtained fresh admission in **2026-27**.
- The applicant must be a **Native of Kerala**.

- The maximum age of the applicant should be below 35 years as on **01/06/2026**.
- Only one applicant from a family will be eligible for this scholarship.
- The applicant should be studying/admitted in any of the universities included in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026.
- The applicant should belong to any of the minority communities (Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain and Parsi) in the State of Kerala.
- **Reservation: 50% of the scholarships are reserved for female students. If quotas remain vacant, male students will be considered**.
- Those minority students who avail overseas scholarship provided by the Backward Class Development Department will not be eligible for financial assistance under this scheme.
- Those minority students who avail benefit of the Government of India scheme of Padho Pardesh will not be eligible for financial assistance under this scheme.

How To Apply

1. Click on **"One-time registration"** on the website **www.mwdscholarship.kerala.gov.in**.
2. Register on the website by entering primary details such as the student's name, Aadhaar, and phone number, and then log in.
3. Complete the profile by entering the student's personal details, bank account details, and information about the studying institution. Then, add past educational qualifications via **"Add Qualification"**.
4. Click on **"Apply For Scholarship"** and select the scholarship.
5. Submit the application after uploading the Photo, Signature, SSLC certificate, Income certificate, Bank passbook, Offer letter/Provisional letter, Bank transfer statement/fee receipt, Loan sanction letter, Passport - visa page/Emigration entry seal.
6. After submitting the application, you can check the application status

by going to the **"Submitted Applications"** section.

Mandatory Documents to be Submitted (Self Attested)

1. Minority Certificate / Caste Certificate.
2. Copy of Ration Card.
3. Copy of Passport & VISA.
4. Copy of Identification Proof for Aadhaar / Election Card / Driving License.
5. Income Certificate.
6. Nativity Certificate.
7. A copy of Admission letter /Offer Letter /Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS Statement) from the foreign University included in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings **2026**.
8. A short statement mentioning the academic achievements and distinctions and the foreign education plan and future goals.
9. Attach the copies of certificates of all educational qualifications for the eligibility of Admission in Foreign University (along with copy of mark list).
10. Copy of Loan agreement.
11. Certificate as proof of sanction of education loan including details of full loan amount, loan period, repayment holiday and interest percentage, from the Bank Manager / concerned authority.
12. Proof of Date of Birth (Copy of SSC / SSLC Book).
13. Other supporting documents if any.

Last Date:

- **Last date for students to apply online: 10.12.2026**
- **The printout of the online registration along with other supporting documents must be submitted on or before 15.12.2026 to the Directorate of Minority Welfare, 4th Floor, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram - 695033.**

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