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Chief Ministers' Education Assistance Scheme

A Sikkim government scheme that gives money every month or every year to students from poorer families, including those studying outside the state, abroad or in coaching centres.

What you may get

Within Sikkim: up to Rs 5,000 a month for undergraduate or diploma courses, Rs 7,000 for postgraduate and Rs 10,000 for PhD and above. Private professional or technical courses get up to Rs 1,50,000 a year (undergraduate) or Rs 2,00,000 a year (postgraduate). Outside Sikkim in India the monthly rates are Rs 7,000, Rs 9,000 and Rs 12,000. Studying abroad: up to Rs 5,00,000 a year. Coaching centre: up to Rs 1,50,000 a year. The exact amount depends on the student's need and the funds available.

Who it is for

Students who are domiciled in Sikkim and belong to the economically weaker section, studying in a recognised institution in India or abroad, or in a registered coaching centre.

Main conditions

- The student must be a domicile of Sikkim.
- The student must come from an economically weaker family (EWS) as the Government defines it, and the annual family income must stay within the limit the Government sets.
- The student must be enrolled in a recognised educational institution, a recognised distance education institution or a recognised institution abroad, or be studying in a registered coaching centre.
- Special consideration is given to students from marginalised and minority communities, to Divyangjan students and to orphans.
- For renewal each year, the student must stay enrolled, must have cleared all courses of the previous semester or year, and must still meet the eligibility rules.

Documents

- Application in the prescribed format with a revenue stamp
- Certificate of Identification (COI) of the student or father
- Bonafide certificate from the institution
- Birth certificate of the student
- Voter identity card of the student or father
- Aadhaar card of the student
- Pass certificate or marks statement of the previous class, semester or year
- Fee structure of the course
- Bank account details

How to apply

1. Fill in the application in the prescribed format and affix a revenue stamp.
2. Attach the documents listed in the notification.
3. Hand in the application at the cell set up for this in the Chief Minister's Office at Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok. Officials review and verify it there.
4. After final approval, the assistance is released semester wise, half-yearly or annually, depending on the student's academic progress.

Status

Active

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