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Reader's Allowance for Visually Impaired Students

Tamil Nadu pays a yearly reader's allowance to visually impaired students from class 9 up to postgraduate and professional courses, to help them engage a reader.

What you may get

Rs 3,000 a year for classes 9 to 12, Rs 5,000 a year for degree courses, and Rs 6,000 a year for postgraduate and professional courses. It is given once a year.

Who it is for

Visually impaired students of class 9 and above studying in a bonafide institution in Tamil Nadu.

Main conditions

- The student must be visually impaired and studying in class 9 or above in a bonafide institution.
- A certificate from the reader who reads the lessons to the student must be produced.
- The allowance is paid once a year, at the rate for the level of study.

Documents

- Certificate from the head of the institution
- National identity card for differently abled persons
- Statement of marks of the previous qualifying examination
- Certificate from the reader

How to apply

1. Get the prescribed application form from the District Differently Abled Welfare Officer of your district.
2. Fill it in and submit it with the documents to the same District Differently Abled Welfare Officer.

Status

Active

Official source: https://www.scd.tn.gov.in/specialedu.php#readers-allowance-visually-impaired
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