Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) w.e.f 2023-24

Question 1: Who are eligible to apply for ST Scholarship Schemes?

Answer: ST Student, who are domicile in Tripura and students' family income from all sources should not exceed **Rs.2.50 lakh** per annum. *(All concerned are advised to follow the scheme guidelines:* *https://twd.tripura.gov.in/sites/default/files/Revised_Guidelines.pdf).*

Question 2: What is the definition of Income?

Answer: Income means gross income including income from all sources without any exemption and deductions available in the Income Tax Act.

The family income shall be computed in the following manner: -

I. In case where both father and mother are working, the combined income of both of them from all sources shall be taken into account in computing total family income.

II. In case any other member of the family, other than father and mother is an earning member, his or her income shall not be included in computing total family income.

III. In case only one parent is alive, the income of that parent shall be taken into account for considering total family income. If other sibling or family member is an earning member, their income shall not be included in computing total family income.

IV. In case of an orphan, supported by a guardian, income criteria shall not apply.

Question 3: Students' father & mother is a Govt. employee, is he/ she eligible for ST scholarship scheme?

Answer: Yes, in those cases income from Salary should not exceed **Rs.2.50 lakh** per annum.

Question 4: How can student apply online for scholarship?

Answer: Both the schemes, ST Pre-Matric (IX & X) and Post-Matric Scholarship are available in National Scholarship Portal, students are advised to visit the website through URL www.scholarships.gov.in.

Question 5: Is the Aadhaar Number mandatory for applying the ST scholarship schemes?

Answer: Yes, **Aadhar Number is mandatory** for applying ST scholarship schemes from the academic/ financial year 2023-24.

Question 6: What is UID number/Aadhaar Number?

Answer: Aadhaar is **a 12-digit individual identification number issued** by the Unique Identification Authority of India on behalf of the Government of India.

Question 7: Do the student need to link the mobile number with his Aadhar?

Answer: Yes, students need to linked their mobile number with Aadhar before applying ST scholarship through NSP, since Aadhar based (OTP) authentication is mandatory from the academic/ financial year 2023-24. *(Students are advised to check the mobile linking status please visit https://myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in/verify-email-mobile).*

Question 8: Do the students need to filled e-KYC through Aadhaar based bio-metric authentication?

Answer: Yes, Aadhaar based bio-metric authentication and e-KYC to be made mandatory from the **academic/ financial year 2024-25**. However, in order to ensure smooth transition, One-Time-Password (OTP) based authentication will also be permitted for the **academic/ financial year 2023-24.**

Question 9: Do the students need to seed the Aadhar with their Bank account?

Answer: Yes, since all scholarship payments will be made using Aadhaar Payment Bridge System (APBS) through PFMS and scholarship payment will be credited to the concerned students Aadhar seeded account. *(Students are advised to ensure that bank account must be seeded with Aadhaar. To check the seeding status kindly visit https://resident.uidai.gov.in/bank-mapper).*

Question 10: Is it possible to edit/update the information in NSP application by the students?

Answer: Except Name, Mobile No., Aadhar No., Bank details student may edit/ update information before the final submission of application in NSP. After final submission student cannot edit/ change the information in application.

Question 11: How to know the scheme timeline?

Answer: Scheme timeline are available and highlighted in National Scholarships Portal home page as well as all concerned are advised to regularly visit the website of Tribal Welfare Department https://twd.tripura.gov.in/.

Question 12: Which fields in the application form are mandatory?

Answer: Fields provided with red asterisk (*) mark are mandatory.

Question 13: How can students get time to time information?

Answer: All the information (verify/defect/reject) relating to Scholarship will be communicated through auto generated SMS from the National Scholarship Portal to the registered mobile number of students which was given during application submission in NSP. *(Students are advised to regularly check application status using student's login in NSP).*

Question 14: Can the student apply as a Fresh, if he/ she has received scholarship last year?

Answer: No, student cannot apply as a Fresh if he/ she received scholarship last year. If the student applies as Fresh, the application will be detected **DUPLICATE** and payment will not be processed. In that case Tribal Welfare Department will not be held responsible. *(Students are advised to fill the application carefully).*

Question 15: How to check the status application?

Answer: Student can check the application status through online National Scholarship Portal by using their login credential. *(Students are advised to keep the Login ID & Password safely and confidentially).*

Question 16: What to do if the student lost the Application ID and Password?

Answer: Go to the Home page of National Scholarship Portal than select the **"Applicant Corner"** than select **"Login tab"** than select "**Forget Application ID/ Password tab**" than select the **"Application ID recovery option"**.

Question 17: What documents are required for uploading in National Scholarship Portal while applying for ST scholarship?

Answer: **For Fresh Application: i)** Student Photograph (Passport size), **ii)** ST certificate, **iii)** Income certificate *(issued by SDM/DCM/DC/ SDWO/DOW of concerned District/Sub-Division)*, **iv)** Marksheet of Last academic qualification, **v)** Bonafide student of Institute.

   For Renewal Application: i) Marksheet of Last academic qualification, **ii)** Bonafide student of Institute.

Question 18: How to check/ track the scholarship payment?

Answer: Student can check/ track their scholarship payment through https://pfms.nic.in/static/NewLayoutCommonContent.aspx?RequestPagename=static/TrackNSPpayments.aspx.

Question 19: What are the fields which are not editable at all?

Answer: Aadhaar details, Bank details, Name of the student are not editable at any stage or any level. **These fields should be filled very carefully by the students.**

Question 20: What is **"Hosteller"** in Post-Matric Scholarship?

Answer: All concerned are advised to see **pare 3.4.2. Note No.3** of the revised guidelines of Post-Matric Scholarship and also advised to visit the Departmental Website(https://twd.tripura.gov.in/) for more details regarding Hosteller.

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