

## **GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITIES**

1. In West Bengal, the processing of applications and disbursement of minorities educational scholarship i.e. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means, is conducted by **West Bengal Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (WBMFDC)**, **Amber: DD-27/E, Sector – 1, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 064. Phone: 40047469, website: [www.wbmdfc.org](http://www.wbmdfc.org).** It acts under the direction of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, which does most of the funding.
2. **Post Matric Scholarship** (from classes XI up to Doctorate level) applications **have to submitted on-line.** The website is **[www.momascholarship.gov.in](http://www.momascholarship.gov.in)**

### **Rate of Scholarship:**

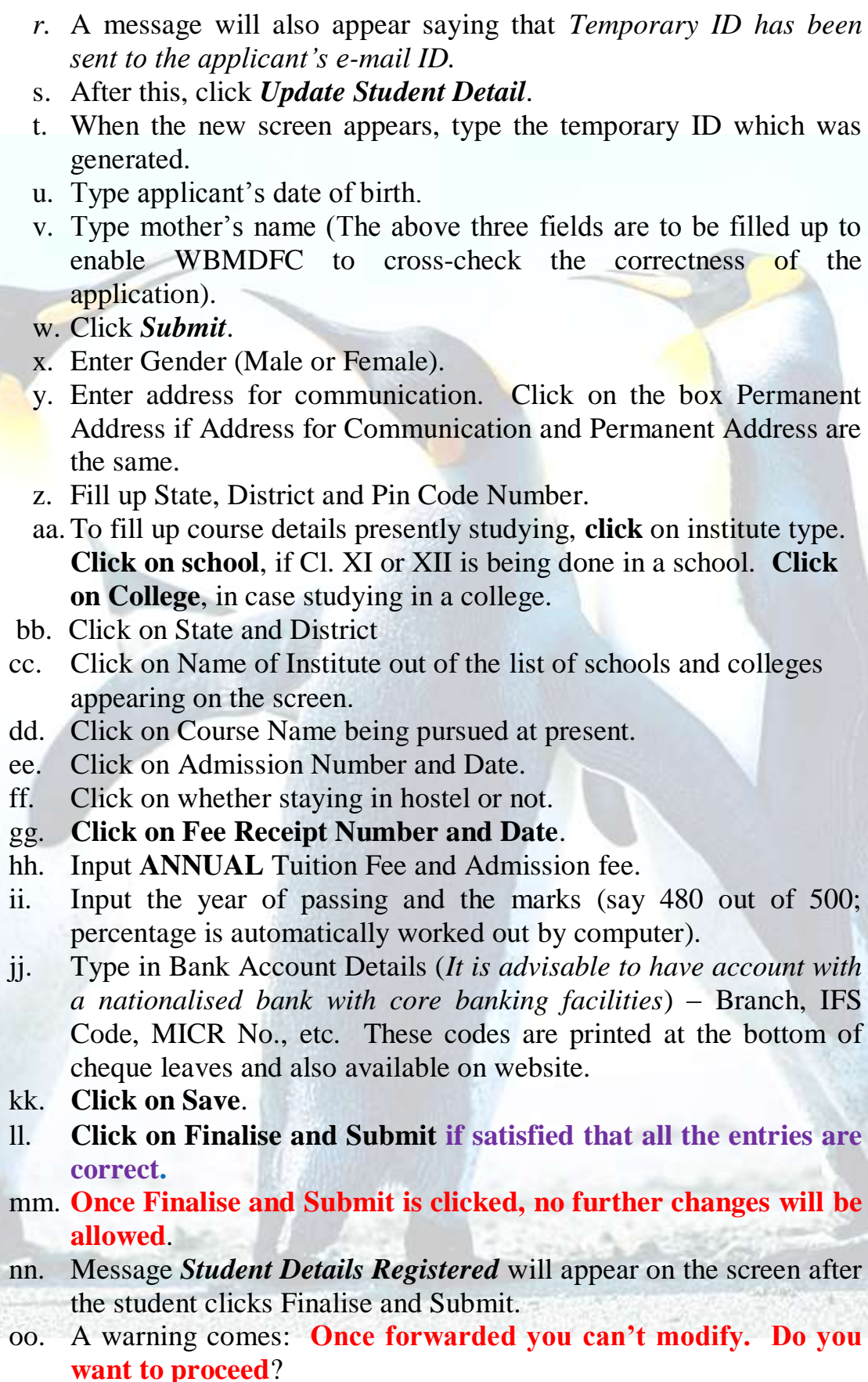
Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission & course /tuition fee and maintenance allowance as given below subject to a maximum ceiling indicated against item concerned:

| Sl. No. | Item  | Hosteller   | Day Scholar   |
|---------|---|---|---|
| 1.      | Admission and tuition fees for classes XI and XII   | Actual subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.7,000 P.A.  | Actual subject to a maximum ceiling Rs.7,000 P.A      |
| 2.      | Admission and course/tuition fee for technical and vocational courses of XI and XII level. (Includes fees/ charges for raw materials, etc.) | Actual subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.10,000 P.A. | Actual subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.10,000 P.A. |
| 3.      | Admission and tuition fee for under-graduate, post graduate.  | Actual subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.3,000 P.A.  | Actual subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.3,000 P.A.  |
| 4.      | Maintenance allowance for 10 months only in an academic year (Includes expenses for study material, etc.)                                   | Rs.380 P.M  | Rs.230 P.M  |
|         | (i) Classes XI and XII including technical and vocational courses of this level   |   |   |
|         | (ii) Courses other than technical and professional courses at under-graduate and post graduate level  | Rs.570 P.M  | Rs.300 P.M  |
|         | (iii) M. Phil and Ph.D. (For those researchers who are not awarded any fellowship by university or any other authority)                     | Rs.1200 P.M   | Rs.550 P.M  |

\* Hostellers include students who are not staying in hostel of the school/institute concerned but are staying as paying guest or in rented accommodation in towns/cities which are not the places where their parents reside.

3. **The eligibility** is 50% marks in the last board /annual examination and family income limit of Rupees Two Lakh per annum. **30% of the scholarship is reserved for girl students.**
4. **The last date for submission of online Post Matric Application is 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and for Renewal it is 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**
5. The last date for submission of printed and duly signed & stamped version of the online Application is 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 for FRESH Applicants and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 for RENEWAL.
6. After logging into the site [www.momascholarship.gov.in](http://www.momascholarship.gov.in) the following steps are to be taken for student registration:
  - a. Before filling up, click on FAQ for students and read fully.
  - b. After this, click on the icon **Post-Matric Scholarship**
  - c. Click **Student Registration** (second icon on top left hand of the screen).
  - d. The next screen will show Academic year 2014-15 and Nationality Indian (only Indian Nationals can apply).
  - e. **Next field is Religion.** Click one of five religions appearing in the option. Do not click on 'Others'.
  - f. Enter Annual Income. E.g. If income is Rs 5,000 per month then put in 60,000/- i.e. Rs 5,000 x 12.
  - g. Click **Apply for Scholarship**.
  - h. A screen **Student Entry Details** will appear.
  - i. Enter carefully Applicant's name, date of birth (Date, Month and last four digit year of birth).
  - j. Enter Father's and Mother's Name.
  - k. **Enter your contact mobile number. This is a MUST.** The mobile number should not be changed as Temporary ID and all information on status of the application will be sent by SMS only to the mobile number given.
  - l. Enter e-mail ID.
  - m. Enter Domicile State
  - n. Enter Aadhar Number **(This is optional).**
  - o. **Click on Fresh or Renewal.** In case of first time application, click on **Fresh**.
  - p. Click on **Save**.
  - q. **Temporary Student ID will appear on the Screen** starting with **T2012wbpmsxxxxxx**. This ID will be immediately emailed to the applicant or sent by SMS to the mobile number given. **This number should be stored carefully as for future update or changes in the application this ID will be required.**



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- r. A message will also appear saying that *Temporary ID has been sent to the applicant's e-mail ID*.
  - s. After this, click **Update Student Detail**.
  - t. When the new screen appears, type the temporary ID which was generated.
  - u. Type applicant's date of birth.
  - v. Type mother's name (The above three fields are to be filled up to enable WBMDFC to cross-check the correctness of the application).
  - w. Click **Submit**.
  - x. Enter Gender (Male or Female).
  - y. Enter address for communication. Click on the box Permanent Address if Address for Communication and Permanent Address are the same.
  - z. Fill up State, District and Pin Code Number.
  - aa. To fill up course details presently studying, **click** on institute type. **Click on school**, if Cl. XI or XII is being done in a school. **Click on College**, in case studying in a college.
  - bb. Click on State and District
  - cc. Click on Name of Institute out of the list of schools and colleges appearing on the screen.
  - dd. Click on Course Name being pursued at present.
  - ee. Click on Admission Number and Date.
  - ff. Click on whether staying in hostel or not.
  - gg. **Click on Fee Receipt Number and Date**.
  - hh. Input **ANNUAL** Tuition Fee and Admission fee.
  - ii. Input the year of passing and the marks (say 480 out of 500; percentage is automatically worked out by computer).
  - jj. Type in Bank Account Details (*It is advisable to have account with a nationalised bank with core banking facilities*) – Branch, IFS Code, MICR No., etc. These codes are printed at the bottom of cheque leaves and also available on website.
  - kk. **Click on Save**.
  - ll. **Click on Finalise and Submit if satisfied that all the entries are correct.**
  - mm. **Once Finalise and Submit is clicked, no further changes will be allowed.**
  - nn. Message *Student Details Registered* will appear on the screen after the student clicks Finalise and Submit.
  - oo. A warning comes: **Once forwarded you can't modify. Do you want to proceed?**

- pp. If Yes is clicked, it will show: **YOUR APPLICATION IS REGISTERED AND FORWARDED TO THE NEXT LEVEL. KINDLY TAKE A PRINTOUT.**
- qq. For RENEWAL cases, the comment **SAVE, FREEZE & PRINT REPORT appears.**
- rr. Once FREEZED, you cannot modify the details. Would you like to proceed?
- ss. A screen will appear with the student's temporary ID Number and all other details filled up by him/her.
- tt. **Printout of the Online form will come out.** This has to be submitted to one's school/college/university along with income certificate, attested photocopy of last mark sheet and original fee receipt. The institute will check the hardcopy, fee receipt and other details and approve it with signature & seal of the head of institute.
- uu. The institute will also verify the online application submitted by a student, make corrections if required on some information e.g. Admission Number, date, fee details, etc. validate it and forward it to the next level at WBMDFC.
- vv. The verified, signed and stamped hardcopy of the application is to be submitted by the applicant to the office of **WBMDFC at Amber: DD-27/E, Sector – 1, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 064. For candidates outside Kolkata, applications are to be submitted to the District Officer for Minority Affairs (DOMA) of the concerned district.**
- ww. **Permanent ID (PID) replaces Temporary ID** once a student's application is accepted by WBMDFC. PID will be intimated to the successful applicant through SMS and e-mail.

**For Merit-cum-Means Scholarship** this also has to be done on-line by logging into the website [www.momascholarship.gov.in](http://www.momascholarship.gov.in). The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage professional qualifications and an **Attitude for Excellence** to equip meritorious candidates take up positions of power and to look after the interests of the less privileged. The incentives for Technical & Professional UG & PG Courses covered under Merit-Cum-Mean Scholarships Scheme are much more than Pre- Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships. Also there is a lot of vacuum at the top especially in judicial, IAS and related services. This scheme can help many aspiring candidates fill up this vacuum and strengthen their communities. ***In some select courses, the tuition fees and even coaching fees are fully reimbursed.*** Full details of these 85 institutes and empanelled coaching centres are available in the website [www.wbmdfc.org](http://www.wbmdfc.org).



The rate of Merit cum Means Scholarship is as under:

| Sl. No.      | Type of Financial Assistance               | Rate for hosteller                                | Rate for Day Scholar                              |
|--------------|--|---|---|
| 1.           | Maintenance Allowance (For 10 months only) | Rs.10,000/- per year (Rs.1,000/- p.m.)            | Rs.5,000/- per year (Rs.500/- p.m.)               |
| 2.           | Course Fee*                                | Rs.20,000/- per annum or Actual whichever is less | Rs.20,000/- per annum or Actual whichever is less |
| <b>Total</b> |  | <b>Rs.30,000/-</b>                                | <b>Rs.25,000/-</b>                                |

**\* Full course fee will be reimbursed for eligible institutions given in the website.**

**Rate of Education Loan:**

- ✓ Rs.2,50,000 maximum for 5 year Courses.
- ✓ Rs.50,000 maximum a year.
- ✓ One Installment per year.

**The last date for submission of online Merit-cum-Means Application for FRESH Applicants is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and for RENEWAL it is 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014.**

It is advisable to get a letter from the parish priest that the applicant belongs to Christian community. In the nodal agency's internal checklist (Annexure IV point 3) it is mentioned whether proof of belonging to a particular minority community has been submitted and verified.

Every year funds are earmarked by the Government of India, for educational scholarship grants to different minority communities. This allocation varies from state to state according to the percentage of minority communities. For the Christian Community it is a must to send in as many applications as possible to make full utilisation of the funds allocated to it and to ensure increased allocation. *It must be borne in mind that if the fund earmarked for a community is not fully utilised, it is transferred to the same community in*

*other states. This may result in reduced allocation for the community in the respective state next year.*

On the other hand, if the number of applications is much more than the sanctioned number of candidates, there is a provision for submission of a revised proposal and obtain additional sanction. For example:

- For the year 2013-14 (as on 31-03-2014) for Christians students of West Bengal, Pre-matric scholarship was **sanctioned for 10,800 candidates but based on increased applications 21,740 students i.e. more than double** got the scholarship.
- For Muslim students, the **sanctioned number was 4, 27,200** but the scholarship money was **actually distributed to a whopping 18, 36,656 (Eighteen Lakh Thirty-six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-six) students**, which is more than 400% jump!
- **Can anyone miss noticing the yawning gap between the two communities in FULLY UTILISING Government benefits?**

To ensure full utilisation, the minimum Parish Priests in all parishes can do, is to announce on Sunday Masses, all minority and other educational / vocational scholarship schemes of the government and also similar schemes of the Corporate Sector. They should ensure these notices are prominently displayed on church notice boards, especially when the spring of overseas donation is drying up. A strong, well-informed Laity makes a strong church.

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