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Sub:- University Grants Commission, New Delhi – 2 : Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child.

Ref:- Letter No.28374/C2/10/H.Edn. dated 31.07.2010 and 17.08.2010 from the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram - 1.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee has observed that, inspite of the best efforts from the University Grants Commission, adequate number of applications have not been received for the Post-Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child eventhough it had been instituted from the PG academic year 2005-06 (*for eg. for the academic year 2009-10 from the State of Kerala there were only 287 awardees – inclusive of 79 numbers from University of Kerala*). It is therefore suggested that the scheme of PG Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child needs more publicity to educate the masses, particularly in the rural and remote areas about the benefits of the scheme so that they get motivated to send their girl child for higher education.

The guidelines of the scheme are appended so as to bring it to the notice of all concerned. Further details are available in UGC website ie., www.ugc.ac.in and from Academic EIV Section Ph: 0471-2386389.

The Government is of the opinion that effective implementation of the scheme would ensure equal opportunity to women and also held in increasing the Gross Enrolment Ratio in Higher Education.

NB: The relevant matter may be incorporated in the College diaries/handbook as a regular feature.


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GUIDELINES FOR POST GRADUATE INDIRA GANDHI SCHOLARSHIP FOR SINGLE GIRL CHILD

INTRODUCTION

It is observed that number of girls as against boys in certain states is declining which is a matter of great concern. The females are even coerced to give birth to male child. In such circumstances education of women needs to be used and effective means for their empowerment and education will prepare them to have a control over their lives. The mindset which militates against the girl child could not keep pace with economic progress and literacy. The Govt. of India declared elementary education as a basic human right of every child. The Union Government of India has taken various steps to uplift the status of women by implementing various schemes including **free education for girls**.

In order to achieve and promote girls education, UGC has introduced a Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for single girl child with an aim to compensate direct costs of girl education to all levels especially for such girls who happen to be the only girl child in their families.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the proposed scheme are :

- a) to support post graduate education of single girl child in **non-professional courses only**.
- b) to recognize the value of observance of small family norm.

TARGET GROUP AND ELIGIBILITY

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The girl students who are **admitted to various non-professional PG courses** in Universities / Colleges and happen to be the only girl child in the family without having any brother.

Eligibility

Any single girl child of her parents. In a family if one son and one daughter is available then girl child will not be considered for scholarship under the scheme. **The scheme is applicable to such a single girl child who has taken admission in regular, full-time 1st year Masters Degree course in any recognized university or a post graduate college. This scholarship is available to PG-I year student only. Admission to PG Course in Distance education mode is not covered under the scheme.**

Age: Girl students up to the age of 30 years at the time of admission in PG courses are eligible.

NATURE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHEME

- the number of slots for scholarships available under the schemes are 1200 per year
- It is expected from the institutions where student has taken admission in the first year PG course, no tuition fees will be charged by the institute from girl students to pursue PG degree course in Universities/Colleges/Institutions covered under Sections 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act.
- the value of Scholarship is Rs.2,000/- p.m for a period of two years only (10 months in the year) i.e. full duration of a PG course.
- No other additional grant will be payable in lieu of hostel charges and medical charges etc.

PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING

- The Universities/Colleges/Institutions will submit a certificate of completion of the post graduate course

in respect of each student availing this scheme.

- The Universities/Colleges/Institutions will submit their utilization certificate of each student availing this scheme. The grant for second year will be released on the receipt of Utilization certificate for grant of first year.
- Students desirous of leaving the studies mid-way without completing post graduate degree will have to take prior approval from the UGC by submitting an application along with the justification through the concerned Universities/Colleges/Institution.
- Any student who discontinues the studies without prior approval of the UGC will have to refund the whole amount **through DD drawn in favour of Secretary, UGC and concerned Institution will be responsible for this.**
- No extension is permissible beyond two years.
- The student who is awarded Post-Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship will not be debarred from accepting any other scholarships.
- The Universities/Colleges/Institutions shall submit annual progress report of each student availing the scheme along with the utilization certificate.

CANCELLATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

UGC may terminate scholarship of any student in case of :

- a) Misconduct of the awardees, if any, reported by the University/College/Institution.
- b) Unsatisfactory progress report i.e. if the candidate scores less than 60% marks in the first year of Master's programme **(55% in case of Physically Challenged awardee)**
- c) Candidates being found ineligible at a later date shall face the penal action and will also be liable to refund the entire scholarship amount paid.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

1. The candidate is required to submit an application in prescribed format;
2. Proof of admission to Ist Year Master's degree course in a recognized Indian University covered under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act.
3. A certificate from the College/University where student have taken admission to first year PG Course in the current academic year.
4. An affidavit on **Rs.50/- Stamp paper** from the student/parent duly attested by SDM / First Class Magistrate / Gazetted Officer (not below the rank of Tahsildar) copying the prescribed languages.

CERTIFICATES TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE CONCERNED UNIVERSITY/ INSTITUTIONS TO THE UGC

Every year University/Institution will submit a compiled statement for the following:

- a) Statement giving the names of the students selected for the scholarship along with their receipt of scholarship amount.
- b) Progress Report to be submitted after the completion of first year of the award giving percentage of marks obtained by the candidates
- c) Utilization certificate.