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Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Srishti Scholarship Scheme- Scholarship for Scheduled Tribal Girls to support their Higher Studies- Administrative Sanction accorded-Orders Issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt).No: 313/2017 / F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17/08/2017

- Read: 1 Lr.No: E&TW 2-44504/2016 dated 13.02.2017 from Addl.Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FM)
- 2 Lr.No: E&TW 2-44504/2016 dated 26.04.2017 from Addl.Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FM)

ORDER

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FM) as per her letter read as 1st paper above has informed that , 8th General Body and 11th Executive Committee of State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) held on 20.01.2017 approved the proposal to launch a Scholarship Scheme named 'Srishti' for Scheduled Tribe girl students, to support their higher studies ,under the auspices of State Forest Development Agency.

2) As per letter read as 2nd paper above it is informed that , a fixed deposit account was opened on 03.03.2017 in the official name of APCCF(E&TW) and Member Secretary, State Forest Development Agency, Kerala in Corporation Bank ,Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram for the Scheme, and an amount of Rs. 2 lakhs was deposited by the present APCCF(E&TW) to this account as her personal contribution. The Fixed Deposit will be for 1 year and will be renewed year after year by SFDA ,Kerala for this purpose. The amount accrued as interest of this Deposit will be utilized to fund the Scholarship for a Tribal girl student who is undergoing a Professional / Vocational Course. In these circumstances , APCCF (FM) has requested Government to accord sanction for this scheme along with the permission to receive contribution to this scholarship fund from individuals and firms by SFDA.

3) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for implementing the Scholarship Scheme named 'Srishti' for Scheduled Tribe girl students , subject to the following conditions

- i) The Scholarship Corpus shall be administrated by State Forest Development Agency only and the Scheme shall not incur any additional expenditure on Government.
- ii) The amount accrued as interest of the Fixed Deposit for this Scheme shall be utilized to fund the Scholarship for higher studies to a deserving tribal girl student who is undergoing a Professional / Vocational Course.
- iii) The Fixed Deposit under no circumstances will be dissolved and used for any other purpose and meant for funding this Scholarship only.
- iv) The applications shall be received through the concerned Forest Development Agency and a Scrutinizing Committee shall select an eligible candidate.

Sanction is also accorded to State Forest Development Agency for receiving funds for this Scholarship Scheme from individuals and firms.

The guidelines regarding the eligibility criteria / selection of beneficiary and procedure for selection are appended to the Government Order.

(By Order of the Governor)

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA / SELECTION OF BENEFICIARY FOR 'SRISHTI'
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

1. The tribal girls who are residing in forest settlement are only eligible for this scholarship.
2. The applicant should have scored at least 60% marks in plus two (Senior Secondary) and have obtained admission in MBBS/Engineering/Vocational course or other equivalent course.
3. If the girl with higher score of marks in plus two level is admitted to courses other than professional courses like MBBS and Engineering, the girl with lower score of mark in Plus Two level who is admitted to professional courses mentioned above will become eligible for the scholarship .
4. A candidate who has been awarded any other scholarship/stipend in other way will not be eligible for this scholarship.
5. A candidate whose parent's/guardian's income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 15,000/- per month would be eligible for this Scholarship
6. Priority shall be given to tribal girls who are differently abled /daughters of widows/orphaned tribal girl child/belonging to remote settlements.

PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Direction should be given to all Forest Development Agencies (FDA) from the APCCF (E&TW) to collect application from eligible , interested applicants before the date of 30th September of the awarding year. The Chief Executive Officer, Forest Development Agency should ensure that adequate publicity regarding the application for this Scholarship is given to all the tribal settlements coming within their jurisdiction through President/ Secretary of Vana Samrakshana Samities (VSS) / Eco -Development Committees.

PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

- I. The Forest Development Agency(FDA) would be the unit to receive the application and send them to the scrutinising committee. The FDA would do an initial scrutiny to ascertain that the candidate qualifies the eligibility criteria and that the application is complete in all respects. The applications would be collected by FDA of the awarding year and sent to the scrutinizing Committee by FDA.
 - II. The application would be accompanied by attested copy of proof of admission to the eligible course, attested copy of 12th standard mark sheet, income certificate and ST certificate issued by a Tahsildar/Forest Range Officer stating the tribal settlement.
 - III. The scholarship would be paid in instalments. The first instalment would be given in the month of October as soon as selection of the beneficiary of the scholarship is decided. Every next instalment will be made in the beginning of the new academic session during the full duration of the course.
 - IV. The second instalment and every other instalment would be given after the candidate furnishes a certificate from the Principal/ Head of the Institutions that the performance of the girl is good and she is eligible to receive the next instalment.
 - V. Duration of The scholarship: The scholarship would be given till completion of the professional/vocational course. It would be renewed from year to year provided that the scholar secures promotion to the next higher class for further scholarship assistance.
 - VI. If the candidate fails to secure promotion to next higher class, she shall be treated as ineligible for further scholarship assistance.
 - VII. If a candidate is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and /or on account of any other unforeseeable event, the award may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical certificate and/or other required sufficient proof to the satisfaction of the Head of institution.
 - VIII. Scholarship would not be paid for the period of internship /house-manship in the MBBS course or for a practical training in any other course if the student is in receipt of some remuneration during the internship period or some allowance/stipend during
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the practical training in other courses.

- IX. If a student is found to have obtained the scholarship by false statement, her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith.
- X. A scholarship awarded may be cancelled if the candidate changes the subject of the course of study for which the scholarship was originally awarded or changes the institution of study.
- XI. When a girl completes the course, fresh applications will be invited for awarding the Scholarship to another candidate as per above eligibility criteria and procedure.

SCRUTINIZING COMMITTEE

- 1) A committee comprising of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FM) as Chairperson, One NGO Member, an expert from the field of sociology/anthropology/tribal studies, and Deputy Conservator of Forests (E&TW) as the Member Secretary.
- 2) The decision of the Committee shall be final for selection of the meritorious candidate for award of the Scholarship.
- 3) The committee will make its selection and announce its result in the month of October of the awarding year.
- 4) It shall be the duty of committee to select an eligible candidate and ensure renewal /non-renewal of Scholarship every year till the candidate successfully completes the pursuing course.