

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Norka Department- "Ravi Pillai Academic Excellence Scholarship" project administered through Norka Roots- approved-Order issued-reg.

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**NORKA (B) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Rt)No.377/2025/NORKA Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 02-04-2025

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Read 1) Project submitted from Ravi Pillai Foundation dated 17.01.2025

2) Lr. No. No.: ROOTS/23 8/2025-JE(A) dated 15.02.2025 of the Chief Executive Officer , Norka Roots

**ORDER**

As per the letter read as first paper above, the Ravi Pillai Foundation has submitted a project proposal for instituting the "Ravi Pillai Academic Excellence Scholarship", aimed at identifying deserving students through Norka Roots and awarding scholarships to 1,500 students annually for their higher secondary, undergraduate, and postgraduate education. The scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to meritorious students and foster academic excellence, ensuring equitable access to quality education across the State.

The Chief Executive Officer, Norka Roots, in the letter above, has submitted the guidelines for the implementation of the scholarship and requested approval for the same at the earliest.

Government, after having examined the matter in detail, are pleased to accord approval for the "Ravi Pillai Academic Excellence Scholarship" project along with its implementation guidelines,

appended as an Annexure.

The Chief Executive Officer, Norka Roots, shall enter into an agreement with R P Foundation and ensure the strict adherence to the approved guidelines in the implementation of the project. A custom software shall be developed by IKM(Information Kerala Mission) to handle application submission, verification and approval.

(By order of the Governor)  
B SUNIL KUMAR  
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

- 1) The Chief Executive Officer , Norka-Roots
- 2) The Principal Accountant General (Audit)/(A&E),Kerala,  
Thiruvananthapuram
- 3) Local Self Government Department
- 4) Higher Education Department
- 5) General Education Department

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## **Guidelines for the Ravi Pillai Academic Excellence Scholarship Scheme**

### **I. Eligibility of Institutions:**

Students who have studied in Government/Aided/CBSE/ICSE schools in Kerala, or those enrolled in Government, Aided, Self-financing, Educational Research and Scientific institutions recognized by Kerala University, or UGC-recognized deemed universities in Kerala are eligible. Additionally, students pursuing studies in institutions outside Kerala or in courses where admission is granted solely through all-India level competitive examinations can apply.

### **II. Location of Study:**

Only students studying within institutions in India are eligible for this scholarship.

### **III. Registration:**

Applicants must register on the official website and create a profile using the user name and password sent to their registered mobile number.

### **IV. One-Time Scholarship:**

A student can avail of this scholarship only once during their academic career.

## **V. Family Income Limit:**

The annual family income of the applicant must not exceed ₹3 lakhs.

## **VI. Family Income Certificate:**

The family income certificate should be issued in the name of the applicant's father, mother, or guardian. The certificate must be submitted with the application and should be issued within one year of the application date.

## **VII. Selection Criteria:**

❖ (I) Family Income limit: The annual family income of the applicant must not exceed ₹3 lakhs.

(II) The Scholarship will be awarded in the HSS Category based on the district wise quota with respect to the no. of seats for SSLC, CBSE & ICSE State wide quota will be looked into.

(III) Merit-based: Students with the highest academic marks

(a) HSS & UG- in the descending order of academic marks

(b) PG- in the descending order of academic marks

(IV) 5% quota district wise for Differently Abled Candidate with a disability of 60 % above for HSS category. In case of non availability of such candidates, the quota will be open for general category. In case of UG & PG categories, the 5% quota will be done state wise. In case of non availability of such candidates, the quota will be open for general category.

{Disability Certificate from the Medical Board}

In the event of a tie in HSS , UG & PG Category, the order of the selection will be as per (III) below.

**(IV) Tie breaker Selection criteria**

<b>Sl No</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Documents to be uploaded</b>	<b>Weightage</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Orphan</b>	<b>Certificate from Social Justice Department</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Single parent +bed ridden/ terminally ill</b>	<b>Death or Divorce Certificate + Certificate from the Medical Certificate</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Both parents bedridden/terminally ill</b>	<b>Medical Certificate from a registered Government Medical Practitioner</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Outstanding achievements Sports or arts (State level)</b>	<b>Related Certificate</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Single parent</b>	<b>Death or Divorce Certificate</b>	<b>5</b>

(IV) If a tie still persists, the amount will be divided equally among the candidates.

### **VIII. Aadhaar Card Submission:**

A copy of the applicant's Aadhaar card must be uploaded with the application.

### **IX. Online Submission:**

Applications must be submitted online, and scanned copies of all required documents should be attached.

### **X. Scholarship Disbursement:**

Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the beneficiary's savings bank account or through a cheque. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of the bank details provided in the application.

### **XI. Application Accuracy:**

Even minor errors in the online application may result in rejection. Therefore, applicants are advised to complete the process with utmost care.

### **XII. Ineligibility Due to Other Scholarships:**

Students who have already received a Higher Education Scholarship from the Higher Education Council are not eligible for this scholarship.

### **XIII. Verification of Information:**

All details, including the attached documents, must be verified and accurate before final submission.

**XIV. No Physical Copies Required:**

Applicants are not required to send a physical copy of the application or supporting documents to NORKA Roots.

**XV. Final Decision:**

The decision of the Approval Committee regarding scholarship allocation is final, and no appeals will be entertained.

**XVI. Family Limit:**

A maximum of two children per family can receive the scholarship under this scheme.

**XVII. Consequences of False Information:**

If any false information or forged documents are submitted, the scholarship amount (with an interest of 15%) will be recovered from the applicant.

**Application Window**

Applications will be accepted during July each year, and scholarships will be distributed to selected students in September 2025.

The last date for submitting online applications is 31st July 2025.