Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships to the Students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) / Other Backward Classes (OBC) for Studies in India

The objective of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme is to provide financial assistance to SC/OBC students studying at Post Matriculation or Post Secondary stage to enable them to complete the education. In this scheme, all the students who are pursuing their studies through regular courses and correspondence courses are eligible for this scheme. The term correspondence includes distant and continuing education.

Eligibility Criteria for SC & OBC PMS Students

In the Post Matric Scholarship scheme, the SC/OBC students have to **maintain 75% bio-metric** attendance in semester/annual system. The Aadhaar Card of the students must be linked with the bank account & the detail entered on the scholarship portal must match with the Aadhaar Card. The Muslim & Christian community students have to apply under OBC category only. The students have to provide the parents Aadhaar Card. **The income certificate must be made from father side and duly signed and issued by Tehsildar.** The students have to apply online on the Dr. Ambedkar scholarship portal of Punjab every year for Post Matric Scholarship scheme.

In case of SC students:

(Family income from all sources must be less than Rs.2,50,000/- per annum)

As per the Punjab Government policy it was notified that the tuition fee and examination fee charges will be paid by the student at the time of admission & this amount will be directly transferred in the student saving bank account by the Welfare Department, Punjab or the bank guarantee may be taken from the student if the fee is not paid by the student. The Aadhaar Card of student must be seeded / linked with the saving bank account which the student has used for Post Matric Scholarship of Punjab.

In case of SC students, the parents/guardian's family income from all sources does not exceed Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees two lakh and fifty thousand only) per annum.

In case of OBC students:

(Family income from all sources must be less than Rs.1,50,000/- per annum)

The tuition fee, examination fee etc. will be paid by the students as per the due dates of the University and the scholarship amount will be directly transferred in the student saving bank account by the Welfare Department Punjab.

In case of OBC students, the parents/guardian's family income from all sources does not exceed Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees one lakh and fifty thousand only) per annum & **must have obtained 60% marks in the qualifying examination** on the basis of which the student is seeking admission in the University.

Information provided above is as per scholarship details given in Punjab Government scholarship portal for Post Matric Scholarship for SC/OBC students of Punjab.

The complete scheme of Post Matric Scholarship may be checked from the Punjab government scholarship website under scheme details. The link for Punjab government scholarship website is as under:

Link: - www.punjabscholarships.gov.in/

Also, the Post Matric Scholarship scheme may be checked from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

Link: - http://socialjustice.nic.in/Viewdata?mid=1532

This scholarship scheme is applicable for Punjab applicants only. However, all other states also have similar scholarship schemes. So, students are required to visit the website of the respective state government for the same.