Scholarships to children from vulnerable families

Government has set up a Scholarship Scheme for children from vulnerable families and who qualify through the Social Register of Mauritius.

A. **Eligibility for Scholarship**

1. The scholarship is aimed at citizens of the Republic of Mauritius who come from vulnerable families and who qualify through the Social Register of Mauritius at the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions.

2. Candidates need to have:

   (a) **for Undergraduate Courses**

   (i) a minimum of 21 points at HSC/GCE ‘A’ Level computed on the basis of the following grade obtained for a Principal subject:

   \[ A^+ = 10, A = 9, B = 8, C = 7, D = 6 \text{ & } E = 5, \]

   or

   an acceptable alternative; and

   (ii) secured a seat at a recognised **local** university/training institution duly registered with the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) for a full-time recognized undergraduate course of not less than the equivalent of one academic/full year of study and not more than **three** years in one of the **priority fields of study** as determined by the TEC at the time of application.

**Note**

- I Foundation courses will **not** be covered under the Scholarship Scheme.

- II The list of recognised courses in registered institutions and list of priority fields of study as determined by the TEC are available on the following websites:

  - [www.tec.intnet.mu](http://www.tec.intnet.mu)
  - [www.mqa.mu](http://www.mqa.mu)

(b) **for TVET Courses**

secured a seat for a duly accredited National Diploma/Higher National Diploma in a local training institution duly registered with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority.
3. The Candidate should **not** be beneficiary of the Student Loan Scheme or any other grant or scholarship, and should **not** be in employment.

4. Candidates should be registered under the **Social Register of Mauritius (SRM)** and their monthly family income, including any social benefits, should not presently exceed Rs 10,000 or any other threshold in upcoming years, as determined by Government. Candidates will be eligible for only one scholarship at the undergraduate level.

5. Students should not be more than 25 years old on the closing date for submission of application.

**B. Scope of the Scholarship**

1. The scholarship will be for one year, renewable for further period/s of one year for the whole duration of the approved course, subject to submission of documentary evidence of having been promoted to the next level of the course. Any resits/repeat year will be at the cost of the student, unless supported by a medical certificate. No student will be allowed to repeat more than once during the duration of the whole course.

2. The scholarship will cover the costs of all fees payable to the university/training institution and a monthly stipend not exceeding Rs 3,000. The total scholarship will however, be subject to a maximum of Rs 100,000 per academic year.

3. Candidates from Rodrigues and the outer islands will receive a maximum additional total amount of Rs 50,000 per academic year for board and lodging, such that the monthly stipend will not exceed Rs 8,000 and the total scholarship will be subject to a maximum of Rs 150,000 per academic year.

4. Candidates from Rodrigues and the outer islands will also benefit from a return airfare/ship travel (economy) from their place of residence to Mauritius and back when possible, only once for each academic year.

**C. Conditions for disbursement of funds**

1. A first payment of the monthly stipend will be made for the first semester upon the institution confirming the enrolment of the student for the approved course. A second payment will be effected on provision of evidence of having passed the first semester examinations and having been admitted to the second semester.

2. Renewal of scholarship for a 2\textsuperscript{nd}/3\textsuperscript{rd} year will be made on presentation of documentary evidence of having passed the end of year examinations and having been promoted to the next level. Documentary evidence, together with details of fees payable to the institution, should be submitted within two weeks of resumption of studies.
D. **Undertaking to complete the course**

The selected candidate will have to sign an Undertaking with the Ministry of Education and Human Resources to follow the course regularly and complete it within the agreed minimum duration, failing which the scholarship will be stopped forthwith, and the candidate will be required to refund the total amount disbursed for the academic year in which default occurred.

E. **Application Procedure and deadline**

I Application forms may be downloaded from the Ministry’s website on:

http://ministry-education.gov.mu/

or may be collected from the Reception Desk of the Ministry, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix

II Completed application forms must be submitted to:

The Scholarships Section (SRM)
Ministry of Education and Human Resources
1st Floor, MITD House
Pont Fer
Phoenix.

3. The deadline for submission of application is last working date of the month preceding start of course e.g. **31 January for courses beginning in February and 31 July for courses beginning in August.**

4. The candidate should provide evidence that he/she:

(i) meets the above set criteria; and

(ii) is duly registered under the **Social Register of Mauritius.**

**Note:** Applications received after the set deadlines will not be considered.

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