

**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT : HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

NAME OF THE SCHEME:-SCHOLARSHIP TO CHILDREN OF SMALL, MARGINAL OR LANDLESS FARMERS PURSUING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT GRADUATION OR HIGHER LEVEL.

1. Objectives of the Scheme:

- i. To encourage students belonging to poor families to pursue higher technical education;
- ii. To support the students belonging to small, marginal or landless farming families to pursue higher technical education;
- iii. To increase the overall Gross Enrollment Ratio(GER) of students in Colleges with the aim to increase it by 50% by 2035 as per National Education Policy goal

2. The Scheme Component:

In this Scheme, about 200 (two hundred) students belonging to small, marginal or landless farming families and who are pursuing technical education will be provided with Scholarship by the State Government.

3. Targeted Beneficiaries under the Scheme:

Students enrolled/studying in any Semester/Programme of technical education at Under Graduation and post graduation level are eligible to be benefitted under this Scholarship Scheme. The approximate expected number of beneficiaries under the Scheme is 200 (two hundred). However, all the eligible students shall be given Scholarship under the Scheme.

4. Budget for the Scheme:

An amount of Rs. 4.00 crore may be allocated for the Scheme. The amount may be distributed equally to all the eligible beneficiaries under the Scheme. The required fund needs to be allocated in the budget of Higher Education.

5. The Selection of the Student Beneficiaries:

- i. The students who want to get benefit under the Scheme shall be allowed to apply online for the Scheme.
- ii. The student beneficiary shall not avail any other scholarship under the State/Central Government.
- iii. The students will need to upload all the required documents such as Certificate by the College Principal where she is enrolled/studying, Certification on belonging to unemployed, small/marginal/landless farming family issued by competent district revenue authority etc.
- iv. The student applicant will need to upload an Income Certificate which will be determined from year to year.

- v. The scheme will follow the reservations as per State Government norms.
- vi. A Screening Committee chaired by the Director, University and Higher Education, Government of Manipur with members from Revenue Department/Deputy Commissioner and Agriculture Department, among others, shall screen the eligible applicants.
- vii. The shortlisted list of students shall be put up to administrative Department of Higher Education for final approval.
- viii. The beneficiaries shall be provided with Scholarship at the rate of Rs. 50000/annum.

6. Implementing Department:

The Department of Higher Education, Government of Manipur shall be the implementing Department of the Scheme.

7. Duration of the Scheme:

The Scheme is taken up for the first time in 2022 as a part of 100 days Programme by the new State Government. It may continue in the following years as deemed fit by the Government.