Pre-Matric Component-2 (Class 1 to 10)

Department: ST&SC and MBC Welfare Department Scheme: Pre-Matric Component-2 Scholarship

The **Pre-Matric Component-2 Scholarship** is a specific segment of the broader Pre-Matric Scholarship program, primarily designed for **students in Classes 1 to 10** who belong to **Scheduled Castes (SC)**, **Scheduled Tribes (ST)**, **Other Backward Classes (OBC)**, and **minority communities**. This component focuses on providing financial support to these students to cover various educational expenses and reduce the dropout rate in primary and secondary education.

Key Features of the Pre-Matric Component-2 Scholarship:

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1. Educational Level:
 - o Applicable to students studying in **Classes 1 to 10** in recognized schools.
- 2. Community:
 - Students from Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), and minority communities.
- 3. Family Income:
 - SC/ST students: The annual family income should not exceed ₹2.5 lakh.
 - o **OBC students**: The income limit is typically **₹1.5 lakh**.
 - o **Minority students**: The family income should not exceed ₹1 lakh.
- 4. Residency:
 - o Must be a **permanent resident** of India.
- 5. Attendance:
 - o Students must maintain a **minimum attendance** of 75% in the previous academic year.

Scholarship Benefits:

- 1. Financial Assistance:
 - Maintenance Allowance: Provides a fixed amount for daily expenses. The amount varies by class:
 - Class 1 to 5: Lower maintenance allowance.
 - Class 6 to 10: Higher maintenance allowance to cover more expenses.
- 2. Fee Coverage:
 - Tuition Fees: The scholarship may cover tuition fees for students attending private schools or schools with tuition fees.
- 3. Study Materials:
 - o **Books and Stationery**: Includes provisions for books, notebooks, and stationery to help with academic needs.
- 4. Uniforms:
 - o **Uniform Allowance**: In some states, the scholarship provides funds to cover the cost of uniforms.
- 5. Additional Support:
 - Examination Fees: Coverage for examination fees and other school-related costs may also be included.

Application Process:

- 1. **Application Form**:
 - Available online on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) or through state government scholarship portals.
- 2. Required Documents:

- o **Identity Proof** (e.g., Aadhaar card).
- o Caste Certificate (for SC/ST/OBC students).
- o **Income Certificate** (issued by a competent authority).
- o **Proof of Enrollment** (school admission letter or bonafide student certificate).
- o Previous Year's Marksheet.
- o **Bank Account Details** (for Direct Benefit Transfer).

3. Submission:

 Complete the application form and submit it along with the required documents either online through the NSP or to the school/education department.

4. Verification:

o Applications are verified by the school and district education officials to confirm eligibility.

5. Approval and Disbursement:

o Once approved, the scholarship amount is transferred directly to the student's or guardian's bank account through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**.

Renewal of Scholarship:

- Students need to reapply each academic year to continue receiving the scholarship.
- Renewal applications should include updated academic records and proof of continued enrollment.

Benefits of the Pre-Matric Component-2 Scholarship:

1. Financial Relief:

o Helps alleviate the financial burden on families by covering educational expenses, ensuring students can focus on their studies.

2. Reduced Dropout Rates:

o By providing financial support, the scholarship aims to reduce dropout rates among students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

3. Encourages Continuation of Education:

o The scheme supports students throughout their primary and secondary education, promoting higher educational attainment.

4. Support for Diverse Communities:

Provides targeted support for SC, ST, OBC, and minority community students, helping to bridge educational gaps.

Eligibility Details

Category	Class/Courses	Documents Required
SCSTOBC/SEBC	• II • III	 Aadhaar Card of student Copy of passbook of Bank account with account number and IFSC code of the bank branch
• EBC	 IV V VII VIIII IX X 	 Passport size Photograph of student Divyang Certificarte in case of differently able students Marksheet of last exam passed

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