

e-Medhabruti - PG Merit

Department: **Higher Education Department**

Scheme: **PG Merit**

The **e-Medhabruti (PG Merit Scholarship)** is a scholarship scheme initiated by the Government of Odisha under the Higher Education Department to financially assist meritorious students pursuing **postgraduate (PG)** studies in various disciplines. The objective of the scheme is to support and encourage academic excellence, helping students continue higher education without financial burdens.

Overview of e-Medhabruti (PG Merit Scholarship)

The **PG Merit Scholarship** is part of the larger **e-Medhabruti** scholarship program, which includes various scholarships for students at different levels of education, including undergraduate (UG), postgraduate (PG), and professional courses.

Objective

- **Financial Support:** The primary goal is to provide financial assistance to deserving students for pursuing PG education.
- **Encouragement of Higher Studies:** It encourages meritorious students to pursue postgraduate education and research by easing their financial burden.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the **PG Merit Scholarship** under e-Medhabruti, the following criteria apply:

1. **Academic Merit:**
 - The applicant must have scored **at least 60%** in their **undergraduate (UG)** course or equivalent to be eligible for the PG scholarship.
 - The student should have taken admission in a **recognized postgraduate program** in any of the government or government-aided institutions within Odisha or recognized institutions outside Odisha (within India).
2. **Domicile Requirement:**
 - The applicant must be a **resident of Odisha**.
3. **Family Income:**
 - The annual family income of the applicant's parents from all sources should not exceed **₹6 lakh**.
4. **Number of Beneficiaries:**
 - A limited number of scholarships are awarded based on merit each year. For PG scholarships, there is a cap on the number of students who can receive the scholarship.
5. **Courses Covered:**
 - The scholarship is offered to students pursuing **Postgraduate studies** in various streams such as **Arts, Science, Commerce, and other disciplines**.

Scholarship Amount

- The **PG Merit Scholarship** provides a financial grant of **₹10,000 per annum** to the selected students.

Selection Process

1. **Merit-Based Selection:**
 - Selection is purely based on the **marks** obtained in the qualifying UG examination (minimum 60% is mandatory).
 - Scholarships are awarded in order of merit, with a limited number of students being selected each year.
2. **Reservation Quota:**
 - The scheme follows the **reservation guidelines** set by the Government of Odisha. Reserved categories such as SC, ST, SEBC, and other underrepresented groups have specific quotas within the scholarship allotment.

Application Process

The application process for the e-Medhabruti scholarship is entirely online through the **Scholarship Portal of Odisha**.

1. **Filling the Application:**
 - After registering, students need to fill in the necessary details such as personal information, academic qualifications, and family income.
2. **Document Upload:**
 - The following documents are required to be uploaded during the application process:

- **Marksheet of Undergraduate (UG)** degree.
 - **Domicile certificate** to prove Odisha residency.
 - **Income certificate** issued by a competent authority.
 - **Bank account details** of the student (for scholarship disbursement).
 - **Aadhaar card** or other identity proof.
3. **Submission:**
 - After filling in the details and uploading the documents, the application must be submitted online.
 4. **Verification:**
 - The submitted application is verified by the concerned authorities, such as the Higher Education Department of Odisha and the institution where the student is pursuing PG studies.
 5. **Selection List:**
 - A merit list of selected students is published on the scholarship portal after the verification process.

Important Dates

- **Application Period:** The application window usually opens soon after the academic year begins for PG students. Students are advised to regularly check the **Scholarship Portal of Odisha** for updates.

Disbursement of Scholarship

Once the verification process is complete, the scholarship amount is transferred directly to the student's **bank account** through the **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** system.

Documents Required

- **Marksheet of UG Degree** (qualifying examination).
- **Domicile Certificate** (proof of Odisha residency).
- **Income Certificate** (issued by a competent authority).
- **Bank Passbook** (showing bank account details).
- **Aadhaar Card** (or any valid ID proof).

Renewal of Scholarship

- The scholarship is usually awarded for **one academic year**, but students may need to **reapply** for the second year of their PG program, provided they maintain a **minimum of 60% marks** in their first year.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **Can students from private institutions apply?**
 - No, only students from **government or government-aided institutions** are eligible for the PG Merit Scholarship.
2. **What happens if a student does not meet the 60% criteria?**
 - Students who do not meet the 60% marks criteria in their undergraduate course are not eligible for the scholarship.
3. **Is the scholarship applicable for distance learning or online courses?**
 - No, the e-Medhabruti scholarship is applicable only for students enrolled in **regular postgraduate programs**.
4. **What is the method of fund transfer?**
 - The scholarship amount is transferred via **DBT** (Direct Benefit Transfer) to the student's bank account.

Eligibility Details

Category	Class/Courses	Family Income	Percentage	Documents Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General • SC • ST • OBC/SEBC • EBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. A. • M. Com. • M. Sc. 	Parents/ guardian's from all sources shall not exceed Rs. 800000.00 (Eight Lakh) per annum.	Minimum 55% in last exam appeared.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aadhaar Card of student • Income Certificate of the Parent/ guardian • Residence Certificate of the Student • Copy of passbook of Bank account with account number and IFSC code of the bank branch • Passport size Photograph of student • College Id Card of the Student

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marksheet of last exam passed
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Scholarship Amount

Courses	Payment Type	Boys Amt (Rs.)	Girls Amt (Rs.)	Transgender Amt (Rs.)
All Eligible Courses	Yearly	15000.00	15000.00	15000.00

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