

## **PG INDIRA GANDHI SCHOLARSHIP FOR SINGLE GIRL CHILD**

**1. INTRODUCTION:** It is observed that number of girls as against boys in certain states is declining which is a matter of great concern. The females are even forced to give birth to male child. In such circumstances education of women needs to be used and effective means for their empowerment and education will prepare them to have a control over their lives. The mindset which militates against the girl child could not keep pace with economic progress and literacy. The Government of India declared elementary education as a basic human right of every child. The Union Government of India has taken various steps to uplift the status of women by implementing various schemes including free education for girls. In order to achieve and promote girls education, UGC has introduced a Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child with an aim to compensate direct costs of girl education to all levels especially for such girls who happen to be the only girl child in their family.

**2. OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of the proposed scheme are: a) To support post graduate education of single girl child in postgraduate courses only. b) To recognize the value of observance of small family norm.

**3. TARGET GROUP:** • Girl students who are admitted in the first year of PG courses in the following Universities / Colleges and happen to be the only girl child in the family: • Universities/Institutions/Colleges included under section 2(f) & 12(B) of UGC Act. • Deemed to be Universities included under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and eligible to receive grants-in-aid from UGC. Those Deemed Universities which do not receive funds from the Central/ State Government are not eligible institutions under the scheme. • Universities/Institutions/College funded by Central/State Government. • Institutes of National Importance. • Girl students without having any brother or the girl student who are twin daughters/ fraternal daughter may also apply for scholarship under the aforesaid scheme. In a family if one son and one daughter is available then girl child will not be considered for scholarship under the scheme.

**4. ELIGIBILITY:** • Slots : 3000 • Age limit: Girl students up to the age of 30 years at the time of admission in first year of PG courses are eligible. • The scheme is applicable to such single girl child who has taken admission in regular, fulltime first year Masters Degree course in any designated university or a post graduate college. • Admission to PG Course in Distance education mode is not covered under the scheme.

**5. NATURE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHEME:** Amount of fellowship: Rs.36,200/- p.a. for a period of two years only i.e. full duration of a PG course. No other additional grant will be payable in lieu of hostel charges and medical charges etc.

**6. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING:** • The candidates fulfilling the eligibility conditions are required to apply online on National Scholarship Portal after initiation of application process and notice to be published on UGC website. • The host institution where the candidate is studying is required to verify the online application. • It is expected from the institutions where student has taken admission in the first year PG course, no tuition fees will be charged by the institute from girl students to pursue PG degree course in Universities/Colleges/Institutions.

**7. AADHAAR SEEDING:** The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India vide its letter D.O. No. 18- 7/2013-U1A dated 10th June, 2016 has instructed the University Grants Commission that from the financial year 2016-17 onwards the Aadhaar will be used as an identifier for

disbursement of all Government subsidies/Scholarships/Fellowships which are to be disbursed directly into the beneficiary's account. The disbursements will be governed by the Aadhaar Act, 2016.

**8. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR THE SCHEME:** Applications will be invited once in a year on the National e-Scholarship Portal of the Government of India. Short notification will also be uploaded on the UGC website. Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. Only verified online applications will be considered for award of scholarship. Affidavit regarding Single girl child status may be uploaded as per format given in Annexure-II. Joining report as per Annexure-I has to be uploaded.

**9. SELECTION PROCEDURE:** 3,000 fresh scholarships will be awarded every year. The awardee can avail of other scholarship also during the tenure of this scholarship.

**10. JOINING:** The scholar would be awarded from the date of joining the course as certified by the University/ Institution/ College.

**11. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP:** After selection, the awardees will be paid scholarship on DBT mode on annual basis.

**12. RENEWALS:** The scholarship will be renewed for the next year of study on receipt of renewal. Students failing to get promoted to the next class/ level would forfeit the scholarship. Change in course of study will not be permitted. If the awardee changes the course of study, the scholarship will stand forfeited from the date of such a change. Scheme will be implemented and monitored by the UGC. The awardees of previous years will continue to follow the pattern of assistance through UGC/Canara Bank portal.

**13. Website:** <https://scholarships.gov.in/>