

Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award Scheme for meritorious students of
Senior Secondary School Examination
belonging to Scheduled Caste

1.BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is respected all over the country for fighting for the cause of poor, downtrodden and the weaker sections. Having come from a family belonging to weaker section, Baba Saheb, by dint of his hard work rose to a high position and made significant contribution in the process of Nation building. Baba Saheb availed higher education both in the country and abroad. Award provided to him by the Maharaja of Baroda was of critical significance in the life and achievements of Baba Saheb. With a view to recognize merit and encourage and motivate students, it is proposed to provide a one time cash award to the meritorious students, belonging to Scheduled Castes(SC).
- 1.2. The Scheme would be known as “Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award Scheme for Senior Secondary Examination.”
- 1.3. This scheme would be implemented by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, set up under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in 1992.

2.OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 Recognizing, promoting and financially assisting meritorious students belonging to Scheduled Castes.

3.ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Students should belong to Scheduled Castes (SC).
- 3.2 The students should have appeared in any of the recognized State/Central Board of Secondary Education Examination, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination and National Institute of Open Schooling and scored not less than 50% marks in the aggregate in the Senior Secondary Certificate Examination. A list of 29 Boards/Council of the country is given at **Annexure-I**.

4.NO. OF AWARD

- 4.1 The Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award will be given to three students scoring highest marks in the regular Class XII level examination conducted by the Senior Secondary Board/Council in 4 streams such as Arts, Science (with Maths), Science (with Biology / Maths & Biology) and Commerce.

4.2 Thus, there shall be 12 awards for each of the 29 Boards (including 3 all India Boards). In the case of more than one student getting the same marks, the number of awards would be suitably increased for covering all such eligible students.

5.AMOUNT OF AWARD

5.1 The Award will be given as one time grant as per the following norms:-

| S. No. | | Science | | Arts | Commerce |
|--------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Medical stream | Non-medical stream | | |
| 1 | Student securing highest marks | Rs. 60,000/- | Rs. 60,000/- | Rs. 60,000/- | Rs. 60,000/- |
| 2 | Student securing 2 nd highest marks | Rs. 50,000/- | Rs. 50,000/- | Rs. 50,000/- | Rs. 50,000/- |
| 3 | Student securing 3 rd highest marks | Rs. 40,000/- | Rs. 40,000/- | Rs. 40,000/- | Rs. 40,000/- |
| Total | Rs. 1,50,000/- | Rs. 1,50,000/- | Rs. 1,50,000/- | Rs. 1,50,000/- | Rs. 1,50,000/- |

5.2 This award will be given over and above any other Award the student may receive from other sources.

6.SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS FOR GIRL STUDENTS

6.1 After first three positions of merit, the next three girl students securing the highest marks in each stream would be given a special Award @ Rs.20,000/- each. This is in addition to the other Awards in order to encourage girl students.

7.FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

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| 7.1 For 348 SC Students of 29 Boards | Rs.174.00 lakh |
| 7.2 For 348 SC girls students & 20,000/-each of 29 Boards | <u>Rs. 69.60 lakh</u> |
| Total | Rs.243.60 lakh |
| 7.3 In the case of same marks secured by students . 5% of total exp. is kept for meeting such expenditure | Rs.11.18 lakh |
| 7.4 Total estimated expenditure | Rs. 255.78 lakh |
| 7.5 Total no. of SC students to be benefited – Merit Award | - 348 |
| Special merit Award | - 348 |
| for girl student | ----- |
| Total | - 696 |
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8.MODE OF SELECTION

- 8.1. The Board/ Council conducting the examination shall send details of the students (name, address, percentage of mark, school last attended, nearest bank etc.) in the format given as **Annexure-II** to the Ambedkar Foundation within 15 days of announcement of the examination results, with copy to the Secretary, Education Department of the concerned State Government. The information should be duly authenticated by the Secretary of the Board/ Council. The State Government shall verify and forward the list to the Foundation within the next 15 days, provided that if details are not received from the State Government within the Scheduled time, action will be taken based on the details received from the Board/ Council.

9.DISBURSEMENT

- 9.1. The proposal received from the recognized Board/ Council shall be processed in the Foundation and the Award amount shall be sent to the student awardees directly in the form of an Account Payee Bank Draft by registered post under intimation to the Board/ Council and the educational institution last attended. The student awardees will be encouraged to keep the amount in fixed deposit and avail the interest accrued thereon, provided that there will be no bar for utilizing the amount for meeting personal educational health related expenditure.
- 9.2. Student awardees securing first, second, third and the girl student securing highest mark in each of the 29 boards/councils may either be invited to the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, New Delhi for a felicitation each year or Foundation may send the awards to the student awardees through the respective District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioners as per the convenience. In case the Foundation invites the students, the awardee and one escort will be paid actual fare by sleeper class train/bus from their place of study or from their hometown (both ways). A sum of Rs.20.88 lakh (@ Rs.3000/- (for awardee and escort on an average) will be spent for the purpose.
- 9.3. The scheme will have a total financial implication of Rs.276.66 lakhs per annum. It will benefit 696 students all over the country directly and will be of considerable indirect benefit to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes by recognition of merit and academic excellence. In case any doubt is raised on the scheme, it shall be referred to the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation and decision of the Foundation will be final.

10.Board/ Council

A list of 29 Boards/Council of the country is given at **Annexure-I**.

LIST OF BOARDS/COUNCIL

1. Andhra Pradesh Board of Intermediate Education, A.P.
Vidya Bhawan, Nampally,Hyderababd-500 001.
2. Assam Higher Secondary Education Council, Assam
Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-781 021.
3. Bihar Intermediate Education Council, Bihar
Budh Marg, Patna- 800 001.
4. Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Goa
M-20, Nehru Nagar, A-210, Betim Cross, Alto Betim, Goa-403 521.
5. Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Gujarat
Sector-10-B, Gandhi Nagar-382 043.
6. Haryana Board of Education, Haryana
Hansi Road, Bhiwani-125 021.
7. H.P. Board of School Education, Himachal Pradesh
Gyana Lok Parisar, Civil Lines, Dharamshala-176 216, Distt: Kangra
8. J & K State Board of school Education, Jammu & Kashmir
Rerhari Colony, Jammu-180 005(Nov. to April)
Lalmandi, Srinagar-190 005(May-Oct.)
9. Karnataka Board of Pre-University Education
Technical Education Building, Palace Road, Banglore-560 001.
10. Kerala Board of Public Examination, Kerala
Pareeksha Bhawan, Poojappura, Thiruvannanthapuram-695 012.
11. Madhya Pradesh Board of Secondary Education, M.P, Bhopal.
12. Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary,
Maharashtra Shivaji Nagar, Pune-411 010.
13. Manipur Council of Higher Secondary Education
D.M. College Campus, Imphal-795 001.
14. Meghalaya Board of School Education, Meghalaya
West Garo Hills, Tura, Meghalaya-794 102.
15. Mizoram Board of School Education, Mizoram
Chaltlang,Post Box 7, Aizawl-796 012.

16. Nagaland Board of School Education, Nagaland
Post Box, 98, Kohima- 767 001.
17. Orissa Council of Higher Secondary Education
C-2, Pragnyapith, Samantapur, Bhubaneshwar-751 013.
18. Punjab School Education Board, Punjab
Vidya Bhawan, SAS Nagar, Phase-8, Mohali-160 059.
19. Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan, Ajmer- 305 001.
20. Tamilnadu Board of Higher Secondary Education, Tanil Nadu
DPI Compound, College Road, Chennai- 600 006.
21. Tripura Board of Secondary Education, Tripura
Nehru Complex(Gurkha Basti) P.O. : Kunjaban, Agartala,
Tripura West-799 006.
22. U.P. Board of High School & Intermediate Education, U.P
Allahabad- 211 001.
23. West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education
Vidya Sagar Bhawan, 9/2, D. J.Block, Sector-II, Salt Lake,
Kolkata- 700 091.
24. Jharkhand Intermediate Education Council
Rameshwaram Road, Barayatu Road, Ranchi- 834 009.
25. Chhatisgarh Madhyamik Shiksha Mandal
Pension Bada, Raipur- 492 001.
26. Uttaranchal Shiksha Evam Pariksha Parishad
Ram Nagar, Nainital- 263 001.

ALL INDIA BOARDS

27. Central Board of Secondary Education
2, Community Centre, Shiksha Kendra, Preet Vihar, Delhi-110092.
28. Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations
47-48, Pragati House, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019.
29. National Institute of Open Schooling
A-38, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048.