

## **POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TO SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)**

This is a centrally sponsored scheme. The object of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students studying at Post Matriculation or Post Secondary stage to enable them to complete their education. These scholarships are available for studies in India. Scholarships are paid to the students whose parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 per annum. The value of scholarship includes maintenance allowance, provision for students with disabilities, re-imburement of compulsory non refundable fees, study tour charges, thesis typing/printing charges and book allowance for students pursuing correspondence charges, for complete duration of the course. The rate of scholarship varied from Rs. 230/- to Rs. 1200/- depending upon the class and course of study. The Govt. of India has been merged Book Bank Scheme to SC students studying in Medical, Engineering, Veterinary, Agriculture and Polytechnics etc. with the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to SC students from the year 2003-04. The rates of scholarships are as under:-

<u>Course of Study</u>	<u>Year of course</u>	<u>Rate of scholarship</u>	
		<u>Hosteller</u>	<u>Day Scholar</u>
Group I	For complete duration of the course	1200/-	550/-
Group II	-do-	820/-	530/-
Group III	-do-	570/-	300/-
Group IV	-do-	380/-	230/-

Under the scheme, over and above the committed liability of the State, 100% budget is provided by Govt. of India. The committed liability of Punjab was Rs. 984.00 lac in the 11<sup>th</sup> five year plan and same has been increased by the Govt. of India to Rs. 6079.92 lac w.e.f. 2012-13. The scheme is implemented through DPI (College); Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training; Director, Research and Medical Education and DPI (SE).

A web portal namely [punjabscholarships.gov.in](http://punjabscholarships.gov.in) has been launched during the year 2013-14 for receipt of Online applications from the students.