

## **Guidelines of the Scholarship for Higher Education**

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## **About PMFAI:**

Pesticides Manufacturers & Formulators Association of India (PMFAI) is registered with Charity Commissioner of Greater Mumbai, from its inception in 1967 the Association is catering to the Indian Agrochemical Industry to enable farmers to provide food security by use of agrochemicals to protect their agri produce from pests and diseases. PMFAI is committed to deliver the affordable, better, safer & ecofriendly agrochemicals to farmers.

The Pesticides Manufacturers & Formulators Association of India (PMFAI) represents the over 200 India-based pesticide manufacturers, formulators and traders. PMFAI member companies manufacture, formulate, sell and distribute almost all the crop protection products that has potential in India.

PMFAI works with a variety of research and social society partners as well as with a number of pesticide associations through out the world having common interest. Transparency and end user benefit are imbibed to the core of our work.

PMFAI provides legislative, regulatory and legal support to member companies for expansion of off-patented and generic agricultural technologies among farmers in India as well as around the world. We frequently engage with our national and state leaders as well as regulatory agencies including the CIB&RC and the State Agriculture department in pursuit of science and farmer benefits.

PMFAI's major focus is on communication outreach with various governmental and non-governmental stakeholders that helps its member companies to do business with ease.

## **Our Vision**

“Our vision is to provide affordable off-patented & generic crop protection products to Indian farmers and to promote the awareness of responsible use of pesticides as per Indian Governments’ Grow safe food policy”

## **Mission Statement**

“PMFAI realizes its vision by supporting regulatory evolution based on scientific principles, innovations, human safety and sound environment friendly policies”

## **PMFAI PROMOTES**

- Education in New and Developing Technologies
- Competitive Agriculture
- Respect for the Country's Mandated/Legal Regulations
- Non-Abuse of Intellectual Property Rights
- Safe Use of Agrochemicals
- Fair Trade Practices
- Improved Benefits to End Users Via Cost Reductions
- Molecule Group for the development of new molecules
- Export of agrochemicals
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## **1. Background**

The PMFAI desires to provide financial assistance for students pursuing higher education viz. BBA in Agriculture Management, B.SC & M.SC in Agriculture or equivalent field, such courses on regular and full time basis. The scholarship is provided to encourage meritorious students to pursue courses at Graduate/Post Graduate level in agriculture related fields such as Bio technology, plant chemistry, Plant Medicine, from recognized universities or institutes etc.

The scholarship to be provided to farmer's children preferably to encourage them to use new technologies in farming for the benefit of the farmers in India & to contribute towards food security of India.

## **2. Objective of Scholarship**

The objective is to encourage meritorious students to pursue courses at Graduate/Post Graduate level in identified Institutions of excellence, Government and Private, in professional fields such as animal husbandry, Dairy Science, Plant Science, Agricultural Economics & Farm Management, agricultural biotechnology, Agriculture and food science, horticulture, fisheries science, plant pathology and agriculture management, Agronomy, Plant Physiology, and Entomology.

The preference for scholarship will be girl child (preferred from farming family) with an objective to make her self-reliant to contribute to the nation's farming sector and also to help her family.

## **3. Salient Features of the Scheme**

The Scholarship covers courses and Institutions within India recognized in India. The students who secure admission in these Institutes / universities, are awarded scholarships. The scholarship, once awarded, will continue till the completion of the course tenure, subject to satisfactory performance.

## **4. Eligibility**

The Scholarship will be available to candidates who fulfill the following conditions:

- students who have secured admission in the recognized Institution / University according to the norms prescribed by the respective Institutions / University will be eligible for the scholarship under the PMFAI scholarship scheme.
- The total family income of the candidate to be eligible for this scholarship from all sources should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh per annum.
- The scholarship shall be payable once the student has secured admission and started attending the classes.

The scholarship awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance of the student, 5 years in Case of B Sc., 4 years in case of BBA in Agricultural Management and 2 years in case of M Sc.

## **5. Number of Scholarships**

The total number of Scholarship each year is 30 for B Sc.& BBA (Agricultural Management) and 25 For M Sc. in agriculture or equivalent or related field. There is no ceiling in Institution wise / University wise and stream wise number of slots for the scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded on first cum first served basis and on completion of all the formalities and fulfilling the eligibility criteria. Preference would be given to farmer's children esp. girl child, over others.

## **6. Tenure of Scholarship**

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(i) The duration of the course varies as per the course selected by the candidates. The scholarship, once awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance with maximum duration of 5 years in case of B Sc., 4 Years in Case of BBA in Agricultural Management & 2 years in case M Sc. whichever is minimum.

In case of students who cannot complete the course in due time, provision for extension of scholar years in case of scholarships as per the norm of course may be made only for admissible tuition fee subject to report in this regard being given by Principal/Dean of College/Institution.

## **7. Financial Assistance for Scholarship Under the scheme**

The students will be awarded a scholarship to meet the requirements for college Fees. There would be a ceiling of Rs.75 thousand per annum per student for private sector institutions.

- B Sc. & BBA: Scholarships comprise of payment of compulsory fees charged by education institutions and will be paid monthly to the tune of @ Rs. 1000/- per month for Day Scholars and @ Rs.1500/- per month for Hostellers, for a period of 10 months in a year.
- M Sc. : Scholarships comprise of payment of compulsory fees charged by education institutions and will be paid monthly to the tune of @ Rs. 5000/- per month for day scholars and @ Rs.5500/- per month for Hostellers, for a period of 10 months in a year.

## **8. Funding pattern**

The PMFAI will provide 100% funding for the scholarship and fund will be released by way of monthly Scholarship immediately after the registration/admission.

## **9. Implementation of the Scheme**

(i) PMFAI will notify the scheme by suitable advertisements in the regional newspaper or approach universities.

(ii) Institution will be responsible for verifying genuineness of the requisite certificates furnished by the candidates in order to eliminate the possibility of students availing the Scholarship on fake certificates shall rest with concerned. The University/Institute will not charge any fee for verification.

(iii) Scholarship will become payable to successful students upon securing registration/admission in any of the Institution / University and fulfilling the eligibility criteria prescribed for the Scholarship.

(iv) The students, who are awarded the Scholarship under the scheme, shall have to pursue the study in the respective Institution on full time basis.

(v) The student will have to submit performance certificate every semester regularly by the Head of the Department of respective Institute / university and the same shall be reported to PMFAI at the end of each semester each year. PMFAI will have the right to verify the pe

(vi) . Decision of the PMFAI in regard to awarding the Scholarship shall be final.

## **10. Scholarship payment**

Payment of the Scholarships amount to the students would be made through the Aadhaar Payment Bridge into the Aadhaar seeded bank a/c of the beneficiaries . The selected candidates should obtain the Aadhaar number on priority basis. Pending Aadhaar seeding of the beneficiary bank a/c, payment would be made into the bank account through NEFT.

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Payment of scholarships to the selected students will be made on monthly basis through the accredited bank immediately after selection of the candidates on tendering requisite documents as proof of admission in the Institute/ University.

The selected candidates would be required to have bank accounts in banks having Core Banking Solutions and preferred nationalized bank.

In case the students are not having Aadhaar numbers, they are required to apply for Aadhaar Card, within a month of their registration/admission in the courses.

No Scholarship will be considered if Aadhar number is not mentioned in the registration form. –

In case of Scholarships, the student upon completion of his course may request the concerned College/ University/Institutions to send successfully completed course with scholarships received from PMFAI at the end of every academic session and the PMFAI will maintain year-wise data of such beneficiaries.

### **11. Documents for Scholarship**

(i) Domicile Certificate (ii) Student Photograph (iii) Institute verification form/Bonafied certificate (iv) Income certificate by competent authority (Tehsildar/Executive Magistrate/District Magistrate/ Revenue Officer etc.). Please Note that for first year self-certified income certificates (i.e not signed by a competent authority) will not be accepted. (v) Aadhar Card (vi) Certificate of previous academic mark-sheet attested by Institute (vii) Fee Receipt of current course year (viii) Proof of bank account in the name of student (IX ) proof of address. (X) IN case of farmer's child proof of father / mother is farmer from competent authority or any govt id. Mentioning occupation as farming

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