

**Guidelines of the Scholarship/educational assistance /
Education Assistance 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 educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship aid 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 educational assistance/educational Aid/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 educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship will be girl child (preferred from farming family) with an objective to make her self- reliant to contribute to the nations farming sector and also to help her family.

3. Salient Features of the Scheme

The educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship covers courses and Institutions within India recognized in India. The students who secure admission in these Institutes / universities, are awarded scholarships. The educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship, once awarded, will continue till the completion of the course tenure, subject to satisfactory performance. PMFAI has right to change the guidelines without prior information. PMFAI has all the right to reconsider disbursement of the educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship

4. Eligibility

The educational assistance/educational Aid/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/educational assistance/education aid under the PMFAI Scholarship/educational assistance scheme.
- The total family income of the candidate to be eligible for this Scholarship/educational assistance from all sources should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh per annum.
- The educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship started attending the classes and completed the tenure with desired percentage of marks, scored above 65% marks in case of B.Sc. & BBA courses and scored above 60% .in case of M.Sc.
- Last date of application 1st March 2023.

The educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance of the student as stated in Point no. 4 Eligibility criteria, 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

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The total number of educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship each year upto 200 approx for B Sc.& BBA (Agricultural Management) and 100 approx. 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/educational assistance and in exceptional case the numbers may increase subject to the decision of PMFAI.

The educational assistance/educational Aid/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

(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 as stated in Point 4, 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 student years in case educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship 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 educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship

The students will be awarded a Scholarship/educational assistance to meet the requirements for college Fees. There would be a ceiling of Rs.15 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 Annually to the tune Rs10000/- per annum (Rupees Ten thousand Only **per annum of academic year**) or the tuition fees paid to college, whichever is less.
- M Sc. : Scholarship/educational assistance are of Rs. 15000/- per annum. (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only **per annum of academic year**) or the tuition fees paid to college, whichever is less.

8. Funding

The PMFAI will provide 100% funding for the educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship towards tuition fees only and fund will be released at the end of the financial year subject to submission of all the required documents stated in Point 11 and securing.

The decision of PMFAI will be final in case of disbursement and also has the right to change / amend / delete / edit the Guidelines of the Scholarship/educational assistance / Education Assistance for Higher Education

PMFAI has sole right to withdraw the Financial Assistance for educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship

9. Implementation of the Scheme

(i) 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 educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship on fake certificates shall rest with concerned. The University/Institute will not charge any fee for verification.

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(ii) educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship will become payable to successful students at the end of financial year upon securing registration/admission in any of the Institution / University and fulfilling the eligibility criteria prescribed for the Scholarship.

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

(iv) 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 same.

(v) . Decision of the PMFAI in regard to awarding the Scholarship/educational assistance shall be final.

10. Educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship

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.

Payment of scholarships to the selected students will be made at the end of the financial year 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.

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

In case of educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship the student upon completion of his course may request the concerned College/ University/Institutions to send successfully completed course certificate or marksheet with desired percentage of marks as state in Point No. 4. The educational assistance/educational Aid/Scholarship received from PMFAI at the end of every academic session.

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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