

A.S.D. Government Degree College for Women (Autonomous), Kakinada

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Scholarships Policy

Introduction:

A.S.D. Government Degree College for Women (A), Kakinada is committed to promoting inclusive and equitable education by supporting deserving and underprivileged students through various scholarship schemes. The policy aims to ensure that financial constraints do not hinder the academic progress of meritorious and economically disadvantaged students.

Objectives:

- To promote equal access to education.
- To encourage academic excellence among students.
- To provide financial assistance to economically backward and marginalized students belonging to SC, ST, BC, EBC, Kapu, Minority, and differently-abled categories.
- To reduce dropout rates.
- To empower girl students to pursue higher education with confidence and independence, thereby enhancing employability and skill development.
- To Strengthen inclusive education by bridging social and economic gaps among students from diverse backgrounds.

Types of Scholarships Available:

The college facilitates access to the following major scholarships:

A. Government Scholarships:

- Post-Matric Scholarships (RTF & MTF) (for SC/ST/BC/EBC/Kapu/ Minority/ Differently-abled students)
- National Scholarship Portal (NSP) Schemes

B. Private/Endowment Scholarships:

- Scholarships sponsored by NGOs, private trusts, and philanthropic individuals.

C. Institutional Support:

- The college provides financial assistance to eligible students through the Student Aid Fund, based on the recommendations of the designated committee.

Eligibility Criteria for Post-Matric Scholarships:

- The student must be a regular and Bonafide student of the college, admitted under the convenor quota.
- Must fulfill category-specific eligibility (SC/ST/BC/EBC/Kapu/ Minority/ Differently-abled etc.).
- Must meet the income ceiling prescribed under the respective scholarship scheme.
- Satisfactory academic performance and regular attendance not less than 75 % in each quarter are mandatory.

Application Procedure:

- Students must apply through prescribed online portals such as Jnanabhumi, NSP.
- Supporting documents (caste, income, academic records, bank passbook, etc.) must be uploaded/submitted.
- The college verifies and forwards the applications to the concerned authorities after biometric authentication of the applicants.

Monitoring and Disbursement:

- Scholarship section of the office ensures timely processing, verification, and tracking.
- The college maintains records and regularly updates students about the status of their applications.
- The college ensures transparency and accessibility in the disbursement of scholarships.
- For students other than SC: The MTF (Maintenance Fee) is disbursed directly to the joint bank account of the student and her mother by the government authorities. The RTF (Reimbursement of Tuition Fee) amount is credited to the college's scholarship account.
- For SC students: Both MTF and RTF are directly credited to the student's bank account.

Student Responsibilities:

- Submit the scholarship application and all required documents accurately and within the stipulated timeline.

- Biometric authentication is mandatory for the verification and processing of the application.
- Maintain good conduct and ensure a minimum attendance of 75% to remain eligible for scholarship benefits.
- Any discrepancies or delays in scholarship disbursement must be promptly reported to the college authorities.

Grievance Redressal:

Students facing issues with scholarship applications or disbursement can approach the college's Scholarship section for assistance.

***Private/Endowment Scholarships are awarded to students who meet the eligibility criteria specified by the respective sponsors.**

Policy Review:

The Scholarship Policy is reviewed periodically by the IQAC to incorporate updates from government schemes and to improve accessibility and awareness among students.

