

**Guidelines for
H.H DALAI LAMA-SASAKAWA SCHOLARSHIP
2017-18**

STEP UP- A Skills To Empowerment Programme



Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation
"10 Years of Restoring Dignity"

- 1) Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation (SILF) is pleased to invite applications for financial support from students residing in self-settled leprosy colonies for pursuing higher professional studies.
- 2) The scholarship will be given for only-
 - i) Professional Masters courses
 - ii) Professional Bachelors courses
- 3) The scholarship will be available only for courses offered by Government recognised institutions.
- 4) No capitation fee will be paid for admission.
- 5) SILF will support up to 20 students this academic year.

New, first time applicants are eligible to apply for a scholarship only to a professional course leading to employment. To qualify for a scholarship, applicants must meet eligibility Criteria.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must fulfil the following conditions:

- 1) At least one parent must have had leprosy and must be residing in a self-settled leprosy colony.
- 2) Admissions to professional courses from Government recognized institutions are eligible for scholarships. Students admitted to non-professional courses are not eligible.
- 3) Applications for professional courses will only be accepted on completion of Senior Secondary (10 + 2).
- 4) Only first year applicants beginning their studies/courses in in the academic year 2017-18 are eligible.
- 5) Only one individual from a family can avail of the scholarship in any one year.
- 6) Applicants from Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi states will be given the benefits of the scholarship.
- 7) Applicants availing scholarships from other organizations/individuals will not be considered.
- 8) Applicant must not be less than 17 years at the time of application.

NOTE: Applications from students who do not meet the above requirements will not be considered.

HOW TO APPLY?

- 1) Interested students are required to apply for the scholarship on the prescribed forms. These forms are available with State Leaders of Association of People affected with Leprosy (APAL) as well as the S-ILF website (www.silf.in). Forms can also be obtained by post from SILF office in New Delhi.

- 2) Application form should be completed and along with required attested documents should reach S-ILF office latest by **31st May 2017**.
- 3) In case the student has already gained admission, proof of admission in a government recognised institute is mandatory. Candidates can also submit an admission call letter issued by the institute to which s/he has secured admission. In case admission is still being sought, candidate must fill up Annexure I

PLEASE NOTE: Applications, which are not on the prescribed forms and are incomplete, will not be considered.

Accompanying documents:

Application forms must be accompanied by the following documents:

- 3 passport size photographs of the applicant,
- Self attested copies of the following documents:
 - i) Birth certificate or proof of date of birth
 - ii) Pass Certificate for Matriculation (10th) senior secondary (12th) and Graduation (If Applying for master's course)
 - iii) Mark sheets of the 10th, 12th Board Exam and Graduation (If applying for Masters Course)
 - iv) Leprosy certificate of parent/ parents (treatment certificate from place where treated or Certificate from District leprosy Officer or Disability certificate mentioning Hansen's disease/leprosy) * **No photographs will be accepted.**
- Candidates must submit a provisional admission letter issued by the institute to which s/he has secured admission **or else** applicant should indicate names of 03 colleges in which they are seeking admission
- A reference letter from the colony leader certifying that the candidate is a resident of the colony and is the only candidate from their family.
- Applications to be verified by state leaders. Without state leaders verification the application will be considered incomplete.

Selection of Students

- All eligible candidates will be listed in the order of the set criteria of merit in the last examination.
- Twenty top candidates will be selected for the scholarship by selection committee.
- The scholarship fund will be given only if admission is secured for a professional course in a government recognized institution
- In case, a candidate decides not to avail of scholarship or fails to secure admission for a professional course in a government recognized institution, the candidate next in line will be eligible to avail of the scholarship.

Payment

- SILF will pay for the tuition fees, admission fee, mess fee and boarding/ hostel expenses to the institutes directly.
- SILF will also pay a stipend per month to each candidate to meet his or her requirements.

Expectations from Selected Candidates

- Regular attendance and dedication to learning
- High performance
- Regular performance reports will be submitted by the beneficiary every quarter or as decided at the time of award of scholarship. A draft Performa will be provided to the selected candidates
- The candidates should adhere to all the rules, regulations, and discipline of the respective institution/hostel where they are studying. Any report from the institute/hostel which amounts to violation of the above would result in withdrawal of the scholarship.
- He/she is also expected to motivate and guide other youths in the colonies. A contract of commitment to free community service shall be worked out between the students and S-ILF.

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