

**Guidelines for
H.H DALAI LAMA-SASAKAWA SCHOLARSHIP
2021-22**

STEP UP- A Skills To Empowerment Programme



Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation
Restoring Dignity

Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF) is pleased to invite applications for financial support from students residing in self-settled leprosy colonies for pursuing higher professional studies.

- 1) The scholarship will be given for only-
 - i) Professional Masters courses
 - ii) Professional Bachelors courses
 - iii) Professional Diploma courses
- 2) The scholarship will be available only for courses offered by Government recognised institutions.
- 3) No capitation fee will be paid for admission.
- 4) S-ILF will support up to 25 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) Only one individual from a family can avail of the scholarship in any one year.
- 3) Only first year applicants beginning their studies/courses in the academic year 2021-22 are eligible.
- 4) Applicants availing scholarships from other organizations/individuals will not be considered.
- 5) Admissions to professional courses from Government recognized institutions are eligible for scholarships. Students admitted to non-professional courses are not eligible.
- 6) Applications for professional courses will only be accepted on completion of Senior Secondary (10 + 2) or Bachelors.
- 7) Applicants from Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal will be given the benefits of the scholarship.
- 8) Applicant must not be less than 17 years at the time of application.
- 9) Applicant must have completed previous course in year 2021 or 2020.

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 on S-ILF website (www.silf.in). Forms can also be obtained by post from S-ILF office in New Delhi.
- 2) Application form should be completed and along with required attested documents should be uploaded on **scholarship.silf.in** or reach S-ILF office latest by **31st August 2021**.
- 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 leader's 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.
- Meritorious students will be called for the personal interview and 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

- S-ILF will pay for the tuition fees, admission fee, mess fee and boarding/ hostel expenses to the institutes directly.
- S-ILF 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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