

POLICY ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, FREE SHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS

Vivekananda College is committed in recognizing and promoting academic excellence and supporting economically disadvantaged students in their pursuit of higher education. The college presents Academic Prizes, Merit Scholarships, and Free-ships to deserving students each year. This policy outlines the objectives and types of financial assistance available to students.

Policy Objectives

1. Academic Prizes:

- Awarded to students as grants to recognize their exceptional performance in university examinations.
- o Aimed at motivating and rewarding academic success.

2. Free-ships:

- o Offered in the form of financial help and full or partial tuition/examination fee waivers at entrance and each semester.
- o Designed to provide students from economically disadvantaged groups an equitable opportunity to pursue higher education.

3. Government Scholarships:

- o The college will encourage, assist, and support students in applying for various Central and State Government scholarships.
- Aimed at maximizing the financial support available to students from external sources.

4. Student Aid Funds:

- Financial resources allocated to assist students in meeting their educational expenses.
- o These funds may come from various sources, including government grants, endowments, alumni donations, and institutional budgets.
- o Aimed at providing comprehensive financial support to students in need.



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5. Educational Loan Facilitation:

The college will aid and facilitate students' applications for the educational loan scheme of the State Government, named the 'Student Credit Card Scheme.'

Designed to provide students with access to necessary financial resources to support their education through favourable loan conditions.

Eligibility:

1. Academic Prizes

- o Students must have demonstrated exceptional academic performance in university examinations.
- o Must have maintained a minimum GPA as specified by the college for the particular academic year.
- o Active participation in academic-related activities may be considered.

2. Free-ships

- o Students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- o Submission of income proof or a certificate from a competent authority.
- o Demonstrated academic potential or consistency in performance.
- Preference may be given to students from marginalized communities or those facing significant financial hardships.

3. Government Scholarships

- Eligibility criteria as specified by the respective Central and State Government scholarship programs.
- o The college will assist students in understanding and meeting these criteria.
- o Students must maintain the required academic standards as specified by the scholarship granting body.

4. Student Aid Funds

- o Students must demonstrate financial need through appropriate documentation.
- o Must be enrolled full-time in a degree program at Vivekananda College.
- o Preference may be given to students who show consistent academic performance and active participation in college activities.



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5. Educational Loan Facilitation

- Students applying for the 'Student Credit Card Scheme' must be enrolled in a recognized course of study at Vivekananda College.
- Must provide necessary documentation as required by the State Government's loan scheme.
- The college will provide guidance and support in preparing and submitting the loan application.

Application:

- 1. Academic Prizes- The Teachers Council annually reviews the results of students from each course/programme offered by the College in the University examinations. Based on this review, the Council selects the first and second position holders from each course/programme for academic prizes.
- 2. Free-ships- Students apply for Free-ship and then submit proof of income (income certificate, salary slips, etc.) and academic records. The college reviews all applications received and verifies the authenticity of the submitted documents. The Committee finalizes the list of students based on their assessment of each applicant's financial need and the availability of free ships. In certain cases, partial or half free ships may be granted.
- 3. Government Scholarships- Students must contact the scholarship cell in-charges and apply through the official portals of Central and State Government scholarship programs. The Scholarship cell college provides guidance and support for the application process.
- 4. Educational Loan Facilitation-Interested students must consult the college's nodal officer for student credit card for guidance on the 'Student Credit Card Scheme'. The nodal officers then help the students to prepare and submit the required documents, including admission proof, academic records, and income certificates.
- 5. Students Aid Fund- Students can either apply directly to the Principal or be recommended by their Head of Department (HOD) based on observed financial need. Applicants must submit the completed form along with supporting documents such as income certificates, academic records, and any other documents required to verify their financial need.

Students are required to pay the full fee until the fee concession is officially sanctioned. If a concession is granted, students may subsequently claim a refund for payments made at the beginning of the year.



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Selection:

The Teachers Council selects students achieving First and Second Positions in each course, based on highest marks obtained in the University examinations, for Academic Prizes.

Students who apply for free ships are selected after a thorough review and verification of the required documents.

Government authorities review the applications and determine eligibility after online application through college portal. The college assists in verifying student details and forwarding necessary documents. Selected students are notified by the government agencies.

For student loan the nodal officer verifies the documents and assists in the application process. Final approval and disbursement of loans are handled by the State Government. Students receive notifications from the government and the college.

For students aid fund decisions are based on financial need and the availability of funds. Approved applicants are informed officially.

List of Academic Prizes:

Name of the Endowment	Department	Eligibility of the Student
K. S. Rao Memorial	Zoology & Botany	1st in Zoology (Hons) & Botany (Hons)
Bhagabati Devi Memorial Debasish Kar Memorial	Botany	1st in Botany (Hons) & 1st in B.Sc. (Bio) General
Debashish Kar Memorial	Zoology & Botany	1st & 2nd in Zoology (Hons) & Botany (Hons) and 1st and 2nd in B.Sc. (Bio) General
Principal G. D. Banerjee Memorial	Mathematics	1st in Mathematics (Hons)
Krishna Mukherjee Memorial	Mathematics	1st & 2nd in Mathematics (Hons)
Dr. D.C. Mukherjee Memorial	Chemistry	1st in Chemistry (Hons)
Dr. Motilal Nath Award	Chemistry	2nd in Chemistry (Hons)





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Smt. Sandhya Baital Award	Computer Science	(i) 1st & 2nd in Computer Science (Hons.)
		(ii) All round best student
Environment Award	Environmental Science	(i) 1st in Environmental Science (Hons)
		(ii) All round best student
Jharna Halder Memorial	Sanskrit	1st & 2nd in Sanskrit (Hons.)
Sushama Mukhopadhyay Memorial	Journalism	1st in Journalism (Hons.) - Girl
Dr. Sudhir Gopal Bandopadhyay Memorial	Journalism	1st in Journalism (Hons.) - Boy
Malati Ghosh Memorial	Bengali	1)1 st In Bengali
		2)2 nd in Bengali
		3) 3 rd in Bengali
Pranab Kumar Sarkar	Mathematics	1)1st in Mathematics Hons (Sem I+II)
		2)1st in Mathematics Hons (Sem IIII+IV)
		3)1st in Mathematics Hons (Sem V+VI)
TC (Teachers Council) Prizes	All subjects	1st in all subjects both UG Hons and PG

List of Scholarships:

Details of scholarship				
SI.No	Name of the	Beneficiaries	Offering	Portal Link
	Scholarship		Organization	
1	Oasis	SC/ST and	West Bengal's	https://oasis.gov.in/
		OBC groups	government's	







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			backward- class welfare department	
2	Aikyashree	For Minorities	Government Of West Bengal	https://wbmdfcscholarship.in
3	TSP		West Bengal Minorities Development and Finance Corporation	https://wbmdfcscholarship.in
4	Swami Vivekananda Merit cum Means Scholarship (SVMCM)		Government Of West Bengal	https://wbmdfescholarship.in
5	WB Post Matric Scholarship			https://wbmdfcscholarship.in
6	Swami Vivekananda Merit cum Means Scholarship (SVMCM)	For General Students		https://svmcm.wbhed.gov.in/
7	Kanyashree Prakalpa	Only for Girl Students	Government Of West Bengal	https://wbkanyashree.gov.in/kp_4.0/index.php
	K1			https://wbkanyashree.gov.in/ kp 4.0/index.php
	K2			https://wbkanyashree.gov.in/kp_4.0/index.php
	Nabanna	Needy Students	Chief Minister's Relief Fund	http://wbcmo.gov.in/
	Sudent Aid Fund	Needy Students	College Fund	







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This policy document will be subject to periodic review to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. Any necessary amendments or updates will be made as per the prevailing guidelines of the Government





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