

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS, INDIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF POSTMASTER GENERAL
WEST BENGAL CIRCLE, KOLKATA-700012

NOTIFICATION

Philately Scholarship Scheme "Deen Dayal Sparsh Yojana"

[For the year 2022-2023 for students, of class VI to IX]

Department of Posts had launched a scholarship scheme on Philately: Deen Dayal Sparsh Yojana (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby) ,few years back, for generating interest on Philately amongst students.

About the scheme:

Students of class VI to IX having good academic record and pursuing philately as a hobby will be awarded scholarship on the basis of Philately Quiz & Philately Project to be conducted by Regional Offices. The amount of Scholarship per awardee is Rs. 6000/-per annum (for one year only) .

Salient Features:

1. Eligibility Conditions:

- a) A Candidate must be a student (class VI to IX) of a recognized School within India.
- b) Concerned School should have a Philately Club and the candidate should be a member of the Club.
- c) In case the School Philately Club hasn't been established a student having his own Philately Deposit Account may also be considered.
- d) A candidate must have good academic record. At the time of selection for award of scholarship the candidate must have scored at least 60% marks or equivalent grade/ grade point in the recent final examination (i,e V, VI, VII & VIII final exams for students studying in VI, VII, VIII & IX respectively), copies of progress report/marks card/certificate from the school authorities should be enclosed along with the application. There will be 5% relaxation for SC/ST.

e) Requirement of having a Philately Account/Membership of the School Philately Club would be with respect to the Date of Application and the student applying would have to mention the same in his/her application form. This is mandatory.

2. Selection Process: The Selection Process will be consisting of two levels (Level 1-Philately Written Quiz & Level- 2- Philately Project).

Level 1: A Philately Written Quiz at regional level will be conducted on 15th September 2022, at 11.00 Hrs by postal authorities in their respective regions which would act as a Screening Test for the second level. The last date for submission of the application is 16th August 2022. Time duration for the written quiz test will be One hour. Department of posts reserves the right to change the dates at a later stage. Participants are requested to regularly visit the WB Circle website - <https://westbengalpost.gov.in/PHILATELY> and keep themselves updated about this scheme from time to time.

Level 2: Philately Project: Students selected at the Regional Level Written Quiz will have to submit a Philately Project for final selection within Fifteen days after their selection is announced. There will be no weightage of the marks secured in Philately Quiz in the final evaluation and the final selection would be decided solely on the basis of the marks secured in Philately Project.

The results of the selected candidates of the quiz will be uploaded on West Bengal Postal Circle website <https://westbengalpost.gov.in/PHILATELY> and details of the list of Philately Project Topics & broad guidelines to be followed for writing their project will also be provided. The candidates selected in Philately Written Quiz can submit their project on any one of the topic from the list provided within 15 days to the concerned Regional Office. Participants are requested to regularly visit the website and keep themselves updated about the scheme from time to time.

3. Syllabus:

Philately Written Quiz will be a Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) quiz consisting of 50 (Fifty) questions from following subject: Current Affairs, History (Science, Sports, Culture, Geography and Philately (local & national)).

Philately Project should not be of more than 4 to 5 pages. In the project, student may use not more than 16 stamps and not more than 500 words.

4. Amount of Scholarship: The amount of Scholarship is to be Rs. 6000/- per annum (for one year only) for a selected candidate (Top 40 students from Level 2 ,i.e, 10 students maximum from each of the VI, VII, VIII & IX Class) will be awarded scholarships.

5. Disbursement of Scholarship: The scholarship will be transferred in the account of awardees in India Post Payment Bank or Post Office Savings Bank in a branch, which has core banking facility.

6. General Conditions:

- ❖ An awardee is eligible for the scholarship provided he/she maintains good conduct and continues his/her studies as a regular student.
- ❖ Scholarship may be revoked at any point of time by the competent authority on finding any irregularities in the eligibility criteria.
- ❖ A student must continue to have a Philately Deposit Account during the scholarship period.
- ❖ Student selected in the last competition has to apply afresh. The Philately Deposit Account opened by them earlier should be live without a break.

7. **Application Procedure:** Interested candidates may submit the application to the concerned Regional Head through Speed Post/Regd Post or by hand in prescribed form by 16th August, 2022 addressed to the concerned Regional Head (see the list below as Annexure). The applications of all the interested candidates of a school can be sent in one envelope by the school incharge/head by Post or by Hand. Before sending the applications the candidates should ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility criteria prescribed. Applications received through courier will not be entertained.

8. Application in the prescribed proforma maybe submitted within 16.08.2022, through Speed Post/Regd. Post, to the following addresses:-

1. The Postmaster General, Kolkata Region, Kolkata-700012
 2. The Postmaster General, South Bengal Region, Kolkata-700012
 3. The Postmaster General, North Bengal Region, Siliguri-734001
 4. The Deputy Superintendent of Post Offices, Sikkim State, Gangtok-737103
 5. The Deputy Superintendent of Post Offices, A&N Islands Dn., Port Blair-744101
9. Please visit <https://westbengalpost.gov.in/PHILATELY> from time to time and keep updated about the scheme, eligibility etc. Department reserves the right to change the dates/modify the scheme/eligibility criteria. The decision of the Chief PMG, West Bengal Circle, Kolkata-12, is final.

Sd/-
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