

## **Student Bank (Scholarship Bank) 2004**

(Free education in 10+2 course for Dalit, disabled, and Janajati)

### **General Information**

We are pleased to inform you that the office of the Higher Secondary Education Board (HSEB) in Sanothimi, Bhaktapur has launched recently a new program called "Student Bank". The main objectives of the student's bank is to provide the underprivileged, oppressed Dalit, students with disability, Janajati students have an access to higher education in the 10+2 course. The Dalit Welfare Organization (DWO) is a member of the selection or steering committee in this particular program of the HSEB.

### **Eligibility:**

- 1.Students belonging to the above mentioned groups and should be below poverty line.
- 2.Priority would be given to girls and those from remote places.
- 3.Hard working, committed, and talented students.
- 4.Priority would be given to students who passed SLC exams. First, from government schools and then those coming from the private schools.
- 5.Priority would be given to fresh students.

### **Acquisition of Forms**

The form called "Chatrabiti Abedan Farum"(Scholarship Application Form) is sent to District Education Offices(DEO) by HSEB. Each school shall get the forms from the offices of the DEOs. Then the students shall get the forms from their respective schools and then submit it to the same.

In case a school does not have the forms, the students could contact directly the DEO. If the DEO could not respond, they can contact the District Offices of DWO or the Central Office of DWO.

### **Submission of Forms**

There is no last date of submission of the form. As soon as the form has reached HSEB, the committee shall then review and screen the documents submitted by the applicants. For those who are qualified, the HSEB shall provide a recommendation letter sent to the school where the student wants to study. It is advised that the students should not delay in submitting the forms. Following the verification of the form by the headmaster and the DEO, the student can send the forms directly to DWO Central Office or to HSEB. The faster the form reaches HSEB, the easier for the students to get a possible recommendation from HSEB.

### **Want to Study in Other Districts**

In case the student likes to study in other districts or in Kathmandu, she or he shall mention clearly how she or he could manage expenses that could be incurred apart from freeship in the school/college.

### **Is there any Entrance Exam for the Selected Students?**

There is no entrance for the selected students through this scheme in the school/colleges for the admission in XI class.

### **Students Studied in Boarding Schools**

Students studying in boarding schools have to mention how they pay their fees in their schools. In cases of freeship and/or organizations sponsoring them should also be mentioned.

### **Can other students who passed SLC from the past years benefit from this scheme?**

Yes, they can also apply for XI class.

### **Can students send the form before the result is out?**

Students should not wait for the result. They should send the form after filling up except point 10 (Unga) where students should not answer yet.

## **Selection of the School and Stream**

If students are confused in filling up the points in 12 (Kha) and (Ga). They can write every thing in an additional application, (i.e.) how far the school from their home, name of the schools, and why they want to take the stream.

## **Total intake through this scheme**

HSEB has planned to enroll around 700-800 students in various school/colleges (private & govt.) across the country. Total 856 schools/colleges are affiliated to HSEB. Every school/college has to offer 5% quota of its total seats to this Student Bank (Scholarship Bank).

## **Is there a facility of hostel for the selected students through this program?**

Hostel facility in the schools/colleges for the selected students for free is still not decided. We have been requesting the concerned institutes to provide this facility either but it remains to be uncertain yet at this time.

On the other hand, the DWO is running a Hostel called PDRC (Professional Development & Research Center) in Teku, Kathmandu since July 2003. At present, the hostel has 7 students (including one girl) who come from the five development regions. They are studying 10+2 course in Science stream in the capital's different reputed institutes with scholarships. The hostellers include national topper among Dalit students, Far-western region topper, western region topper and district toppers among Dalits.

## **The PDRC Hostel run by the Dalit Welfare Organization (DWO).**

This year, DWO will select 10 girls and five boys from the five development regions based on their annual income, SLC percentage, if they come from remote places, and stream selection. The hostel and the education in +2 will be free for them. They have to bear minimal expenses for their necessary things like food and local transportation and personal necessities. Full scholarship shall be offered for national toppers (Boy & girl) among Dalits to give recognition for their merit and potentials. Priority would be given to those coming from the far-western regions.

## **Appeal to all**

Finally, we appeal to all concerned teacher, parent, guardian, students to take this opportunity for the marginalized groups in Nepal especially Dalits. It is the duty of all of us to support this program so that our Dalit students could get a chance to study +2 course across the country. This will definitely lead into the mainstream of national development. Let us join then together in this noble mission and make this program a grand success and sustainable.

**For any kind of clarifications or questions, please contact or write to**

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