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GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

1. Objective

The objective of the scholarship is to help economically disadvantaged and deserving meritorious students to pursue higher education with an intention that upon graduation, the student will become financially independent and productive member of the society supporting his family, relatives and society.

2. Scheme of the Scholarship

The scholarship will be granted by TeluguPeople Foundation, USA (hereinafter called "TPF") subject to fulfillment of the following eligibility criteria, the terms and conditions and the need for assistance.

3. Eligibility Criteria

- The student should have secured admission in a recognized institution for pursuing graduate studies in engineering or medicine / post graduate studies in sciences (including computer science) or any other professional / technical courses on full time basis. Study by correspondence courses will not be eligible for the scholarship.
- 2. The student should have secured at least 70% in the qualifying examination.
- 3. The student should be aged between 17 years and 24 years at the time of applying for the scholarship.
- 4. The total net income of the parents of the student should be less than Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh) per annum.
- 5. The net assets of the family shall be such that they cannot support the student for enrollment or completion of the course

Any of the above criteria may be relaxed in exceptionally deserving cases, solely at the discretion of the TPF.

4. Application:

Students satisfying the eligibility criteria mentioned at para 2.1, will have to apply to the TPF in the prescribed form enclosing documentary proof of admission obtained and the fees payable. Providing false data automatically makes the student ineligible for the scholarship.

5. Amount of Scholarship

- 1. The scholarship amount will be minimum of
 - 1. Tuition & College fees per year. This may or may not include expenses for books, instruments and other necessary items for course work.
 - 2. Rs. 30,000/- per year
 - 3. Amount asked per year
- 2. Expenses for lodging and boarding will be included in scholarship dependent on the course and institution and family's financial condition
- 3. In exceptionally deserving cases, the TPF may sanction, solely at its discretion, scholarship amounts higher than the limit prescribed above.

6. Selection for award of Scholarship

Subject to satisfactory fulfillment of the eligibility criteria mentioned and the need for the scholarship as assessed by the TPF, the TPF will select the students deserving scholarships. A committee specifically formed for this purpose will scrutinize the applications received and recommend to the TPF the most deserving cases keeping in view the merit and the necessity for economic support for pursuing studies. TPF has the right to reject any application for scholarship and the decision of the TPF is final.

7. Disbursement of Scholarship Amount

- 1. The scholarship amount mentioned in para 5.1, will be disbursed by the TPF to the selected student at the beginning of each academic year subject to the terms and conditions mentioned below.
- 2. The student shall produce, for the scrutiny of the TPF, copies of all tuition / college fee receipts & periodical progress reports issued to him by the educational institution in which he / she is pursuing studies, to enable the TPF to judge whether the student continues to be eligible for receiving the scholarship from the TPF under the terms and conditions relating to the grant of the scholarship.
- 3. The student should have passed in all the subjects and secured at least 70% marks in the previous year (Marks Sheet issued by the educational institution where the student is studying should be submitted) for availing the scholarship amount for the subsequent year. In case the student wishes to join another educational institution / another course any time after he / she is selected for the scholarship, the student shall immediately inform the same to the TPF; the TPF will review the case and decide whether to continue the scholarship or not.
- 4. The scholarship assistance will be continued for the entire duration of the study course provided conditions above are fulfilled. If the student discontinues studies or fails to secure the minimum marks prescribed in any year, the scholarship will be discontinued and student may become liable for reimbursement of scholarship amount beginning one year thereafter
- If at anytime, the student provides false data, the scholarship will be discontinued and student will become liable for reimbursement of scholarship immediately
- 6. The scholarship will be awarded only once to any student.
- 7. With permission from student and his / her parents/guardian, Copies of documents provided to TPF may be made public on its website and may be used at other public forums for publicity purposes. However, TPF shall institute adequate controls to prevent misuse of the documents

8. Contribution back to Society:

- From time to time, the student may be requested to participate in charitable TPF activities. Such participation, while not obligatory, will be viewed positively whenever exceptions are required in disbursement
- 2. Upon graduation and attaining employment, the student will be encouraged to contribute back to society by means of his / her choice.

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