NORMS FOR 2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR

Norms have been framed to align with the mission, vision, core values and goals of the NORTH SOUTH FOUNDATION.

MISSION:

Our Mission is to promote excellence in human endeavour, to develop human resources and to help people achieve success by giving hope to those who may have none.

VISION:

Encourage academic excellence among the poorest of the poor by providing college scholarships in India regardless of religion, gender and geographic origin.

Encourage academic excellence among the school children in the areas of English Spelling, Vocabulary, Maths, Science and Geography by focussing on contests.

GOAL:

To become an Equal Opportunity Fund by selecting one or more fresh students per district each year among the poorest of the poor who demonstrate academic excellence, despite persistent obstacles, have core values and are likely to be role models.

MERIT CRITERIA:

Excellence means excellence in academics every year, not just in entrance exam.

Merit Norms:

Under Graduate (Non diploma) courses & (B.Sc Nursing):

Students should have secured at least 85% marks in 10th and 12th standard examinations, respectively.

Diploma courses:

In respect of students applying for scholarship to pursue Diploma course the student must have secured a minimum of 80% marks in the 10th standard examination.

Past studies: The applicant should have preferably studied in a Government /Govt. Aided school /College. Applications in respect of students who have studied in a private school will also be considered provided the annual fees paid by them does not exceed Rs.15,000/- for 10th class and Rs.30,000/- for 12th or +2.

Current studies:

Generally the scholarships are for students studying in government colleges.

Students studying in Private colleges may also be selected if for special reasons like computers or electronics are available to a student in a private college but not in a government college or the private college is located close to the home of the student (Local Area) so that the student can seek admission as a day scholar and save on boarding expenditure.

COURSES:

For the year 2018-19 we propose to entertain/accept applications for Engineering (both fresh and lateral entry), Diploma in Engineering, Diploma in Agriculture, Medicine, Dental, Veterinary Science, Engineering and B.Sc (Agri) provided the student secures admission through a Common Entrance Test (CET) conducted by the respective state governments or Entrance Tests conducted at the All India level.

There is a renewed demand from a few chapters to include B.Sc. (Nursing) also for the award of scholarship. Keeping in view the growing demand for qualified Nurses and increasing cost of expenditure for pursuing the said course we propose to accept applications for B.Sc. (Nursing) for the academic year 2018-19.

B. Pharma / D. Pharma shall, however, be excluded from the list of eligible courses.

We would reiterate that 3 year degree courses viz., B.A., B.Com. B.Sc., etc shall not be eligible.

Entrance Exam Ranks:
Eligibility:
A numerical rank up to **10,000** for Engineering and up to **5,000** for Lateral entry into Engineering secured in CETs conducted by the respective State governments shall be considered for award of scholarship. For students intending to pursue courses leading

to the award of Diploma in Engineering the POLYCET rank shall not exceed **5,000**. The maximum ceiling is to ensure quality of the candidates compared to the seats made available simply because of the proliferation of private colleges indiscriminately in some states.

In respect of students appearing for and qualifying in the all India National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for Medicine a numerical rank up to **60,000** shall be considered. Besides, all students who secure admission into the prestigious all India Medical Institutes viz. AIIMS (currently at 9 centres) and JIPMER (currently at 2 centres), who conduct Entrance Tests separately and are not included in the NEET pool, shall become eligible for the award of scholarship.

In respect of students appearing for and qualifying in the Joint Engineering Entrance Examination (JEE) the rank shall not exceed **70,000**.

Only the all India rank shall be considered for awarding scholarship irrespective of the state rank/category rank secured by the student.

FAMILY INCOME CRITERIA:

Students whose family's annual income does not exceed Rs.1,00,000/-(Rupees One Lakh) per annum shall be eligible to apply for scholarship

Non – First Year Students:

In respect of students belonging to previous year batches it has been decided to accept applications for the year 2018-19 also from students who have secured admission in the previous year but could not apply for the scholarship, either due to lack of information or warranting financial help for the remainder of the course due to certain unforeseen developments in their family/other exigencies, on a highly selective basis upon certification/recommendation by the Chapter Coordinator.

Applications from students who have joined 2 years prior to the current academic year (i.e. 2016-17 Batch) and 1 year in respect of Lateral entry (i.e.2017-18 batch) shall be considered subject, however, to the student complying with the eligibility criteria of NSF as if he/she had applied at the beginning of the course i.e a year ago or two years ago

and passing the semester-wise examinations of previous years without any back-log in one attempt. Scholarship shall be considered for the remainder of the course duration and no scholarship would be admissible for the previous years.

Gap between the passing of Inter or +2 and the time of application:

Taking into consideration the keen competition across the country for professional courses more particularly for Medical courses it has been decided to accept applications with 2 years gap for Engineering and 3 years gap for Medicine after passing the qualifying examination (i.e. Intermediate or +2) for 2018-19 also from students who have secured a good rank in the Common Entrance Test but 2 years or 3 years after passing the qualifying examination

However, the student's merit in 10th class and 12th class should strictly be ensured. Also if the applicant appeared at the CET more than once, result/rank card should be submitted for each attempt separately.

RESERVATION CLASS CATEGORIES:

Applications from **SC/ST** students shall not be considered as Central Govt. provides full aid by statute.

BC/OBC

We propose to accept applications from BC/OBC students during 2018-19 also. For the information of the chapters it is clarified that NSF is the last resort and a student should get a letter from the Principal that he/she is not getting any scholarship or financial aid from any other source. If the student is in receipt of any scholarship/aid from any other source/s the amount received by him/her should be clearly mentioned in the application. Such amount received would be deducted while disbursing our scholarship amount.

Student should submit an affidavit stating that he/she applied for financial aid based on BC/OBC status. Further, the student should furnish the outcome/status of the application made to other agencies/Government.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS:

- Medicine Rs.25,000/- per annum
- Engineering (Fresh and Lateral entry) Rs.20,000/- per annum.
- Dental, Veterinary Science and B.Sc. (Agri) Rs. 20,000/- per annum.
- Diploma in Engineering Rs. 8,000/- per annum.
- Diploma in Agriculture   Rs.8,000/- per annum
- B.Sc Nursing Rs.8,000/- per annum
- For renewals, the scholarship amount shall remain the same as per original sanction for the entire duration of the course.

GENERAL:

1) Online registration of applications is a must and Chapter Coordinators shall ensure100% compliance in respect of online registrations both for fresh and renewal applications. Under no circumstances NSF, Hyderabad, would lend any support to chapters as was done in the previous years. We repeat that, **Applications which are not registered online shall not be considered for grant of scholarships and summarily rejected.**

2)   All relevant documents viz.
- i)   College Admission Card
- ii)   CET/JEE/NEET rank card
- iii)   Bonafide certificate from the college into which student secured admission
- iv)   Certificates showing marks secured from class 10th to 12th duly attested
- v)   Proof of tuition fees paid /payable annually duly certified by college authorities
- vi)   Income Certificate issued by a Revenue Official or any other competent authority,
- vii)   Ration card / Aadhar card
- viii)   Two passport size photographs
- ix)   One family photo with the family standing in front the house they live in, and
- x)   Reservation Class card duly certified, if the entrance exam rank card does not have the reservation class

must invariably be enclosed and submitted to respective chapters who will after due verification forward to NSF, Hyderabad, along with hard copies of applications for all fresh scholarships.

3) Applications not properly filled up and containing gaps shall be liable for rejection.

FOR RENEWALS:

Bonafide certificate from the college, marks memo of the previous year/semesters, conduct certificate and fees paid receipt/s for the current year should be obtained and forwarded along with hard copies of renewal applications.

We have observed while scrutinizing renewal applications that in a large no. of cases the appropriate form is not used and instead the Fresh application format is used. Similarly the marks/grades secured semester-wise are not filled up with relevant information in the boxes and are left blank. Renewal Applications not properly filled up and containing gaps would lead to unnecessary delays in processing and sanction.

Chapter Coordinators are, therefore, requested, before forwarding hard copies of renewal applications, to ensure that all the columns have been filled up correctly to avoid delays in processing/sanction. Any application received with incomplete information and gaps shall be liable for rejection.

Conduct certificates duly certified by the Principal and passing of all subjects in one attempt without any backlog is a prerequisite for granting renewal scholarships.

If the student fails in one or more subjects in any semester he/she shall forfeit scholarship for the remainder of the course.

OTHERS

During 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 we have stipulated that all the scholarship recipients should spend 80 hours in serving the poor through a registered NGO. The above stipulation would be applicable for 2018-19 also.

While forwarding renewal applications the students should enclose:

i) A certificate from the NGO that he/she had performed 80 hours of service to the poor giving full details about what the student did during the 80 hours.

ii) The student should also submit a detailed report on the experience gained during the Seva Programme of 80 hours.