



Statutory Declaration of Scholarships and Freeships Policy

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Introduction:

This policy document outlines the guidelines and procedures for the administration of scholarships and freeships provided by RFNS, Senior Science College, Akkalkuwa. The institution is committed to supporting students from diverse backgrounds and ensuring access to quality education. Scholarships and freeships are offered to eligible students based on merit, economic need, and other criteria established by the government and the institution.

Objectives:

1. To promote Access to Education: Ensure that financial constraints do not hinder students from accessing quality education.
2. To encourage Academic Excellence: Reward and motivate students who demonstrate academic excellence.
3. To support Underrepresented Groups: Provide financial support to students from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds.
4. To comply with Government Regulations: Adhere to all government rules and regulations concerning scholarships and freeships.

Types of Scholarships and Freeships:

1. **Government Scholarships:** These are scholarships funded by the central and state governments. The institution acts as a facilitator to ensure eligible students receive these benefits.
2. **Institutional Scholarships:** Scholarships funded by the institution based on merit, need, or other specific criteria.
3. **Freeships:** Financial assistance to cover tuition and other fees for economically disadvantaged students, as per government and institutional norms.

Eligibility Criteria:

Government Scholarships:

1. **Merit-Based Scholarships:** Students must meet the academic criteria specified by the respective scholarship programs.
2. **Need-Based Scholarships:** Eligibility is determined by the financial status of the student's family, as per the criteria laid down by the government.
3. **Category-Based Scholarships:** Scholarships for students belonging to SC/ST, OBC, minority communities, or other reserved categories as defined by the government.

Institutional Scholarships:

1. **Merit-Based:** Students with outstanding academic records, as defined by the institution's academic council.
2. **Need-Based:** Students from low-income families, assessed based on income certificates and other relevant documents.
3. **Special Categories:** Scholarships for students excelling in sports, arts, or other extracurricular activities.

Freeships:

1. **Economic Criteria:** Students from families with an annual income below a certain threshold, as defined by the institution, are eligible.
2. **Academic Performance:** Students must maintain a minimum academic standard to continue receiving freeships.

Application Process:

1. **Announcement:** The availability of scholarships and freeships will be announced at the beginning of each academic year through the institution's official channels.
2. **Submission of Applications:** Students must submit applications through the designated office or online portal by the specified deadline. Applications must include necessary documents such as academic records, income certificates, and other relevant documents.
3. **Verification:** The institution will verify the information provided in the applications and conduct interviews if necessary.
4. **Selection:** A selection committee will evaluate applications based on eligibility criteria and make final decisions. The committee's decision will be communicated to the students in a timely manner.

Disbursement of Funds:

1. **Government Scholarships and Freeships:** Funds will be disbursed directly to the students' bank accounts, as per government procedures.
2. **Institutional Scholarships and Freeships:** The institution will credit the scholarship amount or fee waivers to the students' accounts or adjust them against their fees.

Continuation and Renewal:

1. **Academic Performance:** Students must maintain the required academic standards to continue receiving scholarships or freeships.
2. **Annual Review:** The eligibility of students will be reviewed annually, and students must submit updated documents to continue receiving benefits.
3. **Termination:** Scholarships or freeships may be terminated if a student fails to meet the eligibility criteria or is found guilty of any misconduct.

Grievance Redressal:

1. **Grievance Committee:** A dedicated committee will handle grievances related to scholarships and freeships.
2. **Submission of Complaints:** Students can submit complaints or grievances in offline/online to the committee.
3. **Resolution:** The committee will investigate and resolve grievances within a specified timeframe.

Confidentiality:

All personal and financial information provided by students for scholarship and freeship applications will be treated with strict confidentiality and used solely for the purpose of evaluation and disbursement.

Review and Amendments:

This policy will be reviewed periodically and may be amended based on changes in government regulations, institutional policies, or other relevant factors.

Our institution is committed to providing financial assistance to deserving students to ensure that everyone can pursue quality education. Through scholarships and freeships, we aim to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment

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