

Project Title: Gyan Prabha- (Tamos Ma Jyotirgamay): Scholarship program for students with disabilities.

Need of the Project:

The education and literacy level among girls with disabilities have also been increased in last two decades. As per the new law Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, the education to children with disabilities is free and compulsory till the age of 18 years.

The Girls with disabilities face great difficulties after completing a higher secondary education (12th Std). The facilities for graduation and post-graduation course is not available at village level. They have to commute to nearby cities or stay in hostel. The both ways are very challenging, and expensive to poor students with disabilities. Hence, the majority students with disabilities from rural areas would not complete graduation and post-graduation level. On the other hands, the RoPWD Act 2016 reserves 5% seats for persons with disabilities for higher education.

To ensure that girls with disabilities pursues higher education, complete the pursued course successfully, BPA plans to provide financial assistance under the project Gyan Prabha- Scholarship for Higher Education. This scholarship program is exclusively for Girls

Objective

To enable 100 bright Girls with disabilities to pursue graduation level courses.

Target Group:

The Girls who have any types of disabilities will be covered under the scholarship programme. The eligibility criteria to qualify for scholarship program is given below.

- The students must have disability and disability certificate
- The students must have secured 60% or more marks in std 12th.
- The students must have taken admission in graduation level courses, and have valid admission letter, or Bonafide Certificate from collage.
- The students are from poor financial backgrounds

Note: The scholarship programme will give priority to students with blindness, and low vision and girls with disabilities.

Selection process

1. The scholarship will be announced officially by Blind People's Association on BPA website, Facebook Page, and Special media.
2. The students can apply for this Scholarship through following way.
 - 2.1 The students can send filled form along with requested documents to the blind people's association on or before submission date.
 - 2.2 The students can also apply online through Google form link along with all requested documents.

Scrutiny of application

Once the Applications are received from the applicants for scholarship programs, the project team will verify the applications, documents and match with eligibility criteria. The applicants who do not match eligibility criteria will be notified about rejection of applications.

The applications which are as per the eligibility criteria will be arranged as per the marks obtained by the students in STD 12th. The separate merit list for each stream science, commerce and arts will be prepared to select the applicants for scholarship programme.

Scholarship Distribution function

The grand scholarship distribution function will be organized. The selected candidates and parents will be invited to attend the scholarship function. The aspirants will be receiving scholarship cheque in this function, and also be ensured to have monitoring and handholding support.

The selected aspirants will have continuing monitoring and hand holding support. The project team will be in touch with the candidates and review their academic progress of candidates. The candidates will submit their semester wise. The candidates will be counselled and to be helped in improving academic performance. The overall progress report of each candidate will be prepared.

Annual Meet:

Annual meet will be organized at the age beginning of academic year. The annual meet will have key highlight features.

1. Motivational speaker will be invited to motivate candidates.
2. Top 10 Candidates will be sharing their academic performance now this scholarship helps them.
3. Next year scholarship cheque will be handed over to the students with disabilities.

Documentation

The project team will document each stage of project activities. The proper record keeping will be ensured. The documentation in physical format as well as in digital format. The data will be generated to highlight impact of the scholarship project.

The following document will be available.

- Application of candidates
- Minutes of selection committee
- Merit list of selected documents.