MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE

PM'S SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

FOR

DEPENDENT WARDS / WIDOWS OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND EX INDIAN COAST GUARD PERSONNEL

INFORMATION BROCHURE

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Note: APPLY ONLINE ONLY. Applications duly recommended by RSB's / Directorate General of Coast Guard will be considered by KSB.

PRIME MINISTER'S SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME (PMSS)

1. **Introduction**. Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme was introduced from the Academic year 2006-07 to encourage higher technical and professional education for the dependent wards of Ex-Servicemen/ Ex-Coast Guard personnel and their widows.

2. **Scholarships Available**. A total number of 5500 students will be selected equally for boys & girls (i.e. 2750 each).

3. **Students Eligible for Scholarship**. The following dependent wards of Ex-Servicemen/ Ex-Coast Guard personnel and their widows are eligible:-

(a) Students who have taken admission in 1st year i.e current academic year (except Lateral entry) are only eligible to apply for PMSS. Student must apply online on KSB web portal **online.ksb.gov.in**. Students should have scored 60% and above in Minimum Educational Qualification (MEQ) i.e. 10+2/ Diploma/ Graduation.

(b) Students studying in 2nd or subsequent years are not eligible.

(c) Students who are Dependent Wards/ Widows of Ex-Servicemen and Ex-Coast Guard personnel who was killed/ disabled in action and disability attributable to military service/ coast guard service, died/ disabled in service due to causes attributable to military service/ coast guard service and in receipt of gallantry awards (**irrespective of the rank**).

(d) Students who are Dependent Wards/ Widows of Ex-servicemen and Ex-Coast Guard personnel and their widows in all other cases (**below the rank of officer**).

(e) Wards of Civilians including Para Military Personnel are **NOT ELIGIBLE**.

4. **How to Apply For Scholarship**. Application to be filled **ONLINE** by visiting KSB website **www.online.ksb.gov.in**. No hard copy/ paper application will be entertained. **One candidate can apply for one course only**. Incomplete or wrongly filled application will be rejected.

5. **Documents to be Uploaded along with PMSS Application Form**. (Please download requisite Annexures from **www.online.ksb.gov.in** under PMSS tab.)

(a) Ex-Servicemen/ Ex-Coast Guard Certificate signed by ZSB/ Coast Guard HQ as per **Annexure-1 (ORIGINAL TO BE SCANNED AND UPLOADED).**

(b) Bonafide Certificate duly filled up correctly and signed by Vice Chancellor/Principal/ Vice Principal/Dean/Associate Dean/Registrar/Deputy Registrar/Director/Deputy Director of the Institute/College as per **Annexure-2 (ORIGINAL TO BE SCANNED AND UPLOADED).**

(c) Certificate from students bank stating that Aadhaar Card of student is linked with his/her bank account number as per **Annexure-3 (ORIGINAL TO BE SCANNED AND UPLOADED).**

(d)   Matriculation Certificate for verifying the Date of Birth **(ORIGINAL TO BE SCANNED AND UPLOADED).**

(e)   **Minimum Educational Qualification (MEQ**) certificate as applicable (10+2 mark sheet/ Graduation mark sheets (3 years/ all semesters)/ Diploma mark sheets (all semesters). **(ORIGINAL TO BE SCANNED AND UPLOADED).**

(f)   1st page of Bank Pass Book (preferably SBI/ PNB only) clearly showing Name and Bank A/c Number of Student and IFS Code of the bank (duly printed and not hand written). **(ORIGINAL TO BE SCANNED AND UPLOADED).**

(g)   Aadhaar Card of Student **(ORIGINAL TO BE SCANNED AND UPLOADED)**.

(h)   PPO/ESM Identity Card for Category 6 and the following supporting documents in case of Category 1 to 5 **(ORIGINAL TO BE SCANNED AND UPLOADED) :-**

SI	Category	Supporting Documents
(i)	Category 1	Army – Part II Order
(ii)	Category 2	Navy – Gen form
(iii)	Category 3	Air Force – POR
(iv)	Category 4	and
		Copy of PPO supporting relevant category is endorsed.
(v)	Category 5	Award Certificate Along with Gazette Notification

NOTE - Failure to upload any of the above scanned documents in original will lead to rejection of application.

6.   **Selection Procedure**. The applications will be short listed based on category of Ex-Servicemen/ Ex-Coast Guard (as given in Para 7 below) and percentage of marks obtained in MEQ (all subjects appeared). Merit List of selected students will be uploaded on KSB Website **www.online.ksb.gov.in**.

7.   **Priority for Grant of Scholarship**

Order of preference for selection of candidates will be as under:-

Category 1   Wards/ Widows of ESM / Ex-Coast Guard personnel **killed in action**.

Category 2   Wards/ Widows of ESM/ Ex-Coast Guard personnel **disabled in action** and boarded out of service **with disability attributable to Military/ Coast Guard service**.

Category 3   Wards/ Widows of ESM/ Ex-Coast Guard personnel **who died while in service for causes attributable to Military/ Coast Guard Service**.

Category 4	Wards/ Widows of ESM/ Ex-Coast Guard personnel **disabled in service with disability attributable to Military/ Coast Guard Service**.
Category 5	Wards/ Widows of ESM/ Ex-Coast Guard personnel in receipt of **gallantry awards**.
Category 6	Wards/ Widows of ESM/ Ex-Coast Guard personnel (**PBOR Only**).

8.   **Eligible Courses**. The Eligibility Criteria for PMSS Courses are as under:-

(a)   First professional degree courses including integrated degree courses as per the PMSS approved list of courses as referred in website like BE, B Tech, BDS, MBBS, B Ed, BBA, BCA, B Pharma, BA+LLB etc. duly recognized by the respective Government Regulatory Bodies, such as All India Council for Technical Education, National Medical Commission, UGC etc.

(b)   Master Degree Courses are not eligible for PMSS except MBA/ MCA Courses. Exhaustive list of eligible courses is attached at **Appendix `A'**.

(c)   Students studying abroad are not eligible for this scheme.

(d)   No 'distance learning/ Vocational course' is permitted under PMSS.

(e)   PMSS can be availed by student for one course only.

(f)   The amount of scholarship including any other scholarship or financial assistance from any other source will not exceed the total amount of scholarship available under this scheme.

9.   **Scholarship for Integrated Courses**. Selection of candidates seeking   PMSS   for pursuing integrated courses will be governed by under mentioned parameters :-

(a)   Minimum Educational Qualification (MEQ) will be 10+2.

(b)   For Integrated courses scholarship will be paid for the full duration of the course except internship period as per the PMSS approved list of courses.

10.   **Minimum Marks in MEQ should be 60%**. Minimum Educational Qualification (MEQ) for entry to various professional courses differs e.g. for MBBS it is 10+2, whereas for BE/ B.Tech it is 10+2/ Diploma, for B.Ed and MBA it is graduation qualification. A candidate must have minimum 60% marks in MEQ to apply for PM Scholarship Scheme. All subjects will be taken for calculation of 60% marks including optional subjects also and not out of best subjects. Wherein both marks and CGPA are mentioned in the marks sheet then the marks is being taken for calculation of percentage. Wherein only CGPA/ Grade points are mentioned in the marks sheet, in such cases student is required to upload the University issued percentage conversion formula along with marks sheet, preferably in pdf file format.

11.   **Fake Universities**. The students pursuing professional courses from the universities declared 'FAKE' by UGC and notification issued from time to time in this regard are not eligible to apply for PMSS. The applications of such students will neither be entertained nor to be recommended by ZSBs/ RSBs. All students should visit UGC website www.ugc.ac.in For latest update on the subject before taking admission in such universities. All RSBs/ ZSBs are advised to download latest notification from website of UGC to reject such applications. No request will be considered at KSB for award of scholarship, if studying under these universities.

12.   **Duration of Scholarship**. Two to five years as per duration of the course approved by the concerned Regulatory Body and subject to clearing all subjects of exams in "**FIRST ATTEMPT ONLY"** every year. Scholarship will be stopped in case of failure or re-appearance in any subject during the course.

13.   **Amount of Scholarship**. The amount of scholarship is paid annually as under:-

        (a)   Rs 30,000/- (i.e. Rs. 2500/- pm for boys)
        (b)   Rs 36,000/- (i.e. Rs. 3000- /pm for Girls)

        Note: The scholarship is paid initially on selection in merit list and subsequently on successful completion of Board/ University/ College/ Institute Examinations each year with minimum 50% marks

14.   **Payment of Scholarship**. First payment will be paid immediately after the selection in merit list of 5500 candidates. For subsequent payment of scholarship, the candidate should submit **online Payment-cum-Renewal Form** along with **Bonafide Certificate** duly signed by the Vice Chancellor/ Principal/ Vice Principal/ Dean/ Associate Dean/ Registrar/ Deputy Registrar/ Director/ Deputy Director of the Institution/ College (as per **Annexure 1 available on KSB website www.online.ksb.gov.in under PMSS link – Renewal of Scholarship)**, on completion of their each academic year, till completion of the course. For subsequent payments, 50% marks are mandatory in each semester/ academic year and passing of all subjects in each semester/ year in first attempt is mandatory requirement for continuation of scholarship.

15.   **Account Details**. All candidates to open bank account in any Nationalized Bank, which has "Electronic Clearance System (ECS)/ Core Banking" and should be linked to student's Aadhaar number to facilitate transfer of the scholarship amount. Account should preferably be in **SBI/ PNB** to avoid rejection of payment. In case of minor account of any candidate, the same bank account must be converted into major account. In case of minor account, a joint account with parent will also fulfill the requirement. Candidate to scan and upload 1st page of bank passbook (in original), showing name of student and account number clearly. The following to be ensured :-

        (a)   Name of student as a bank account holder should be filled up correctly. Bank A/c should be KYC compliant.

        Note - 'Balance Exceeds all Maximum Limit', if any, is to be removed by bank and bank account should be functional.

        (b)   Bank name should be selected correctly.

        (c)   Bank account number as given in Bank Pass Book to be correctly filled up.

(d)   IFSC code to be filled up correctly as printed in Bank Pass Book. No special character should be included in IFSC code.

16.   **Aadhaar Card**.   The scholarship will be remitted in Bank Account Number (preferably SBI/ PNB) of the student selected in merit list which is linked to Aadhaar Number.

17.   **Important Instructions for PM's Scholarship Scheme.**

(a)   The candidates are required to apply online to fill up the application and upload the relevant documents and certificates on KSB website www.online.ksb.gov.in latest by **30 Nov. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TILL LAST DATE**. **APPLY AS SOON AS YOU TAKE ADMISSION**.

(b).   The concerned ZSBs/ Coast Guard HQ to carry out 100% check of requisite documents uploaded on the website by the candidates with their original documents **WITHIN FIVE WORKING DAYS** of receipt at their HQ and forward the same to RSB. Coast Guard HQ will recommend the applications online directly to KSB latest by **15 Dec**. ZSBs to ensure that no ineligible applications are recommended and **timely forwarding of applications to RSB (Not later than 15 Dec).**

(c)   The concerned RSB to carry out 2nd stage check as and when they receive the applications and recommend the applications online to KSB if found eligible as per the laid down policy and guidelines **latest by 31 Dec.**

(d)   ZSBs/ RSBs to recommend the applications **ONLINE** to next higher formation as and when they receive the application from the wards/ widow of Ex-servicemen **WITHIN FIVE WORKING DAYS** (if found eligible as per policy). Application at no time should be kept pending more than five working days at their level/ end. However, if any application does not meet PMSS policy criteria, it should be put under observation by ZSBs/ RSBs/ CG HQ and clear reasons of observations to be given in remarks column so that student is able to rectify the observation. In case of observation, a phone call/ e-mail should also be sent by ZSB/ RSB/ Coast Guard HQ to the concerned student to rectify the same. If student still does not rectify the observation and re-submits the application incomplete, the application is to be rejected by concerned ZSBs/ RSBs/ CG HQ.

(e)   The merit list will be finalized by nominated Board of Officers at KSB and will be forwarded to RSBs/ Coast Guard Headquarters. The merit list of selected candidates will also be uploaded on KSB website www.online.ksb.gov.in.

NOTE : **MERIT LIST WILL NOT BE DELAYED FOR APPLICATIONS PUT UNDER OBSERVATION AT LAST MOMENT BY ZSB/ RSB/ CG HQ. IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ZSB/ RSB/ CG TO ADHERE TO THE TIMELINE. NO EXCUSE/ REQUEST WILL BE ENTERTAINED IN THIS REGARD.**

(f)   The scholarship is admissible only for **TWO WARDS** of ESM/ Ex-Coast Guard. Particulars of all children should be indicated **in Para 12 of Annexure 1**. This should be according to the Discharge Book/ Certificate of the Ex-servicemen/ Ex-Coast Guard. If the ward is born after retirement/ release, an affidavit/self certificate to be prepared, scanned and uploaded by the Ex-serviceman.

(g)   The first year scholarship amount will be remitted into the bank account after the selection of the candidate in merit list. The subsequent payments will be made on successful completion of the each academic year, uninterrupted with minimum 50% marks till completion of the course. If a student failed in any subject/ semester and/ or aggregates, his/ her scholarship will be closed forever and no correspondence whatsoever will be entertained in this regard.

(h)   The candidate must submit 'ONLINE' Payment-cum-Renewal Form, Bonafide Certificate for subsequent Payment of PMSS and Mark Sheets of both semesters/ academic year & 1st page of bank pass book WITHIN ONE YEAR of completion of academic year/ course, thereafter the scholarship will be closed. Formats of all these documents are available on KSB website www.online.ksb.gov.in under PMSS link – Renewal of Scholarship.

(j)   Candidature of a student shall stand automatically rejected if, at any stage, it is discovered that he/ she has secured scholarship fraudulently by making false statement or misrepresentation/ misinterpretation of facts. Candidate shall have to refund the entire amount already paid and also will invite criminal police proceedings.

(k)   Erroneously paid scholarship, for which he/ she was never entitled, due to oversight will also be recovered from the student as and when detected. ESM/ student will not claim scholarship already paid as a matter of right that he/ she has been selected and shall have to refund the entire amount.

(l)   In case of changes in address, course, college, it is to be intimated immediately to Kendriya Sainik Board in writing. Always mention Selection Number, Name of Applicant and ESM/ Ex-Coast Guard particular for all correspondence with KSB after getting selected for PM scholarship.

(m)   The Ministry of Defence, Government of India can suitably modify these instructions to remove anomalies at any time, for successful implementation of the scheme, as may be necessary from time to time and will be applicable to all students under the scheme.

(n)   PM scholarship is eligible to the dependent wards of ESM ie. male ward upto 25 years of age at the time of admission in the said course and female ward till she gets married. No age limit for widow candidate till she gets re-married. If the date of birth of student is different in 10th class certificate and in discharge book of ESM, the variation of 366 days will be considered as minor variation and thus such case to be recommended.

(o)   **Acknowledgement of Scholarship Amount from Students**. On receipt of scholarship amount from KSB, student is required to update Column 14 of Renewal Application by logging into his/ her KSB account using Log ID & Password by entering 'DATE OF PAYMENT AND AMOUNT RECEIVED' (two separate columns). This is mandatory to meet audit requirement as well as to get benefit of PMSS otherwise scholarship will be cancelled and the money already paid will be recovered. SAVE BUTTON is provided at bottom of Column 14. This action has to be completed immediately on receipt of scholarship amount for each installment.

18. **Change of Course**. The cases for change of course by selected students will be considered as under :-

(a)   Migration within University from one college to another college with same course or different stream in same course and where academic year not changed. Such cases will be permitted.

(b)   Migration within University from one college to another college with another course and where academic year changed. Such cases will not be permitted.

(c)   Migration from one University to another University with same course and where academic year not changed. Such cases will be permitted.

(d)   Migration from one University to another University with another course/ programme and where academic year changed. Such cases will not be permitted.

19. **Preparation of Merit List when Marks are Equal.** The board will consider the following points in order of preference while preparing the merit of list of students those have equal marks/ percentage:-

(a)   **Orphan**.   Preference will be given to Orphan.

(b)   **Ward of Widow of ESM**. If ESM dies after retirement.

(c)   **Preference to Junior Rank**.   Ward of junior rank to be selected if all other criteria are same.

(d)   **Duration of Course**. Longer duration of course to be selected.

(e)   **Length of Service**. Maximum length of service of ESM to be selected. Preference will be given who has served longer.

(f)   **Age of Student** Oldest student to be selected.

20. **Responsibilities Of RSB/ZSB Relating to PMSS**.

(a)   Disseminating information regarding Prime Minister Scholarship Scheme among ESM under your jurisdiction by placing NOTICE at nearby ECHS, URC, CSC Centre and Village Panchayat.

(b)   Scrutinizing online applications for Prime Minister Scholarship and making suitable recommendations in remarks column on the applications as per existing policy.

(c)   Checking all columns of applications thoroughly and taking all remedial measures to rectify the mistakes in applications by constants liaison with students.

(d)   NOT TO RECOMMEND INCOMPLETE/ WRONG APPLICATIONS.

(e)   Applications of following students will not to be recommended by ZSBs/ RSBs :-

(i)   Students already availed the benefit of PMSS earlier.

(ii)   Students got less than 60% marks in MEQ. Marks obtained in all subjects/ all semesters/ academic years to be taken into consideration and re-calculated.

(iii)   Students pursuing in 2nd or subsequent year of course. (except Lateral Entry).

(iv)   Students are already getting scholarship/ concession from other source which is more than the amount given by PMSS.

(v)   Students pursuing academic course and courses which are not included in List of Courses for PMSS.

(iv)   Student studying abroad/ distance learning course.

21.   **Contact Details of KSB.**

Ser	Appointment	Contact No/Email ID	Matter
(a)	KSB Helpline	011- 20862449 ksbwebsitehelpline@gmail.com	(i) Issue related to various schemes, latest status of application.
(b)	Website/ Technical Team	011- 20862449 Extension 215 ksbwebsitehelpline@gmail.com **JD(Automation) (only for officers of ZSB/ RSB)** 011- 20867132 jdautomationksb-mod@gov.in	(ii) Change of Password. (iii) Re-set of Password. (iii) Unable to login. (iv) Website functionality & technical issues. (v) Online Registration related issue.
(c)	Team PMSS	011-20862447 Extension 223/ 224 jdpmssksb-mod@gov.in	(i) Policy matters on PMSS. (ii) Information related to PMSS.