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DEPARTMENT OF PROGRAMS AND PLANNING

NOTIFICATION

With the approval of the Competent Authority, the policy for the Sindh Education Scholarship Program (SSESP) is hereby notified as under;

1. Introduction:

The Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) aims to gradually strengthen the post primary education sector by way of a multi-pronged strategy. In 2017, with the approval of the SEF Board of Governors (BOGs), SEF initiated its scholarship program namely "Sindh School Education Scholarship Program" (SSESP) to honor, encourage, and support talented students of the province with an objective to place them with quality institutions across Pakistan, so they are able pursue their post-primary education up-to higher secondary level. At present, SSESP is a fully funded scholarship program running under School Education and Literacy Department Government of Sindh (SE&LD) and managed by the SEF, Government of Sindh through a dedicated program team.

2. Objective:

The objective of the SSESP is "Supporting education of meritorious students of the School Education and Literacy Department (SE&LD) and SEF schools for continuation of post-primary education in reputable institutions across Pakistan". Scholarship program aims to encourage meritorious students to find the best opportunities for future success and be skilled with the visionary practices, which can pave the way for them to create their own paths.

3. Who can apply?

Students who are residents of the Sindh province and studying in public sector schools including Foundation Assisted Schools (FAS) for at least last three academic years.

4. Categories:

4.1 **Day scholars:** Students who live within 5 km radius of a partner institute will not be provided boarding and lodging. However, students may be accommodated for boarding based on peculiar requests and circumstances, especially female students.

4.2 **Boarders:** Students who live beyond 5 km radius of a partner institute will be provided boarding and lodging facilities.

5. Eligibility requirements for intake at Grade VI and/or Grade IX:

5.1 Be a bona fide student of SE&LD School or FAS; for at least last three consecutive academic years. GR Number and photocopy of the GR Page attested by concerned District Education Officer (DEO) and head teacher will be required

at the time of admission. For FAS applicants, their GR Page must be attested by SEF school operator and head teacher.

- 5.2 Possess Form-B (indicating that the student is a resident of Sindh).
- 5.3 Complete the application form(s) in all respects duly recommended by the head of the concerned institution / partner and head teacher for the award of scholarships which would be submitted to the partner institutes.
- 5.4 In case of general merit, partner institute(s) may nominate selected students through their own testing mechanisms, provided they fulfill the stipulated criteria, for consideration of the Foundation. However, the award of scholarship shall remain subject to available seats.

6. Benefits (applicable to Day Scholars and Boarders):

- 6.1 The selected students will get education in the partner institutes from class VI to XII, as the case may be.
- 6.2 Foundation will bear the cost of boarding & lodging and full academic tuition.
- 6.3 Monthly stipend of PKR 1,000 will be provided to male students and PKR 1,500 for female students selected under this program.
- 6.4 Full, especially emergency, medical facilities/services for students will also be covered.
- 6.5 Transportation facility may be provided to students.
- 6.6 One-time cost for provision of uniform and other relevant items will be provided.

7. Application process:

- 7.1 *Initial screening* to be conducted by a partner institution(s).
- 7.2 *Detailed assessment and scoring of applications* to be conducted by a team of assessors from a partner institution(s). Shortlisted applications will be provided to the Foundation.
- 7.3 *Entry test* to be conducted by a partner institution(s) after Foundation approves final list of shortlisted applicants.
- 7.4 *List of successful applicants to be notified* by the Foundation after evaluating the results of entry test(s) and verification of necessary information and credentials. Partner institutions will share all details of application (accepted and rejected) with the Foundation.
- 7.5 *Consent from parents/guardians* of successful candidates will be obtained by the Foundation.

8. Award rules:

- 8.1 The Foundation will annually induct 1,000 meritorious students under SESP to partner institutions in grades VI and XI as approved by the Competent Authority and subject to availability of funds. However, in peculiar/special circumstances, students can be directly enrolled in other post primary grades.
- 8.2 The ratio of award for both streams i.e. SE&LD and SEF will preferably be maintained at 75:25, respectively. However, a shortfall in one stream will go to the other stream. If both streams are at shortfall then the vacant seats will be filled through the general merit subject to qualifying the entry test.



- 8.3 If a partner institution has any number of vacant seats for a particular year, then those seats would be allocated to other partner institution(s) for filling them in the same year.
- 8.4 For FAS schools, the district quota would preferably be maintained with 40% marks being the lower threshold for eligible candidates. In case, not enough eligible candidates are found having required marks, the seats will be given to the SE&LD students of the same district.
- 8.5 An awardee must maintain good behavior and secure at least 60% marks in the final examinations of grades 8th and/or 10th to remain eligible for scholarship.
- 8.6 Left out/vacant seats of dropped out students will be carried forward to next academic year. These will be over and above the total number of scholarships for that particular year. This will be subject to availability of funds.
- 8.7 Annually, 2% of additional seats on General Merit will be allocated to each partner institute (other than cadet colleges/schools) for differently-abled students while any leftover seats may be offered on General Merit under the guidance of the Scholarship Committee.
- 8.8 Annually, Cadet colleges in Sindh will be allocated 10 seats for applicants from SE&LD or SEF schools on General Merit as per the school/college, each over and above the annual allocation under SSESP.
- 8.9 Annually, Girls Cadet Colleges in Sindh will be allocated 20 seats for applicants from SE&LD or SEF schools on General Merit as per the college, each over and above the annual allocation under SSESP.
- 8.10 10% of the overall SSESP annual allocation will be reserved for girls.
- 8.11 The program shall be reviewed every two years to revise and/or expand its scope.
- 8.12 In case of any emergency or extraordinary circumstances, the Managing Director will be authorized to take appropriate measures.

9. Scholarship Management Committee & Payments:

- 9.1 A Scholarship Management Committee will be constituted with the approval of Competent Authority to review and approve finalists who have passed entry test(s) and fulfilled all documentary requirements in line with the stipulated criteria and Award rules. The Committee will reserve the right to postpone or cancel the process at any stage. It will have the authority to co-opt any member as per requirement.
- 9.2 The Committee will also deliberate and decide on annual quota for partner institutes each year.
- 9.3 The Committee will review cases of grievances and complex nature to deliberate and decide accordingly. Its verdict shall be final.
- 9.4 Certain scholarship benefits will be paid to the scholars directly such as monthly stipends. Other scholarship benefits such as tuition fees, boarding & lodging cost etc. will be paid directly to a host/ partner institution.
- 9.5 Payments to partner institutions will be processed as per the signed agreement in accordance with the enrolled Awardees.



10. Partner institution(s):

- 10.1 A partner institution will be any educational institution in the province, or the country which enters into a partnership agreement to cater to awardees under SSESP. Following is the eligibility criteria:
- An institute must be registered with the relevant government body and/or education board.
 - An institute having at least 3 years' experience in the education sector, preferably for post primary grades.
 - An institute having state of the art boarding and lodging facility (optional).

11. Confidentiality and information sharing:

- 11.1 Other than the information available on public domains, partner institutions will not be permitted to disclose to any person any confidential information relating to an awardee, application, and/or scholarship agreement, without Foundation's prior written approval.
- 11.2 The obligation will not be breached where it is required by law, or Parliament to disclose relevant information or where the relevant information is already publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

12. Probity:

- 12.1 SEF will make sure that the scholarship process is fair, in accordance with the published guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the approval of SEF Board of Governors.
- 12.2 The Policy may be changed from time-to-time by the Foundation with the approval of the Competent Authority. The revised Policy will be published on SEF's website and circulated among all stakeholders.

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