

**Shree Chargam Dasha Porwad Mahamandal**

**PRAN TRUST – Geeta Pranal Mehta Education Fund for Medical Studies**

**General Details of the Scheme**

1. Objective of this Fund is to encourage and appreciate young aspiring persons taking Medical career. Medical studies here would include full-time courses leading to the degrees such as M.B.B.S., M.D., D.M., B.D.S., M.D.S., degrees in Physio-Therapy and such other courses. *It is expected that beneficiaries under this Fund would contribute back to the community as social obligation in one way or the other.*
2. The Scheme will have following components in order of priority within available budgetary provision:
  - a) Financial assistance to the needy students in the form of Interest Subsidy to the extent of 50% of actual interest paid on educational loans taken from Banks/ Institutions to meet medical educational expenses, under CDPMM Interest Subsidy Scheme. Maximum assistance of interest subsidy under this fund per student will be Rs. 5,000 per year or 50% of annual interest cost, whichever lower.
  - b) Encouragement cash prize to the best performing student in each year of Medical Studies (probably three or four years). Suggested cash prize value is Rs. 500/- at this stage.
3. Current size of this fund is Rs. 1.00 lac. Budgetary provision out of interest earned on fixed deposit of this fund for this assistance is Rs. 6,000 per year. The donor may supplement budgetary provision by further annual donation from year to year if genuine requirement for the scheme is for higher amount. This would be entirely at the discretion of the donor.
4. Decision for grant of Interest Subsidy Assistance will be made by a panel/ sub-committee in-charge of Interest Subsidy scheme. Decision for Cash Prizes will be taken by 'Education Panel' consisting of (i) Convenor for Educational Schemes, (ii) President, (iii) Hon. Secretary and (iv) Managing Committee Member. Convenor along with members of concerned panel(s) shall ensure that the objectives, eligibility criteria and other details of the approved scheme/ fund are fully considered without making any deviations and decisions are taken objectively and impartially. Summary details of the applications received, decision process, eligibility and other decision criteria and actual decisions arrived at shall be recorded in appropriate note. Convenors of the scheme shall duly inform in writing the Donor/ Donor's Representative about the process and decisions arrived at.
5. Every year, the scheme will be announced in April for (a) component in point 2 above, and in October for (b) component. The announcement will be made on the web-site and also in the quarterly Mukhpatra 'Samachar' of CDP. Applications will be received by the convenor of Educational Schemes and Final Decision will be reached within 3 months from the date of announcement.
8. In case there are number of deserving cases qualifying under the scheme and budgetary provision is falling short, donor will be approached by the convenor for supplementary donation, which will be at donor's discretion. Donor's prior consent for supplementary donation shall be taken before taking final decision for assistance/ prizes exceeding budgetary provision. Unutilised budgetary provision can be carried forward for maximum two subsequent years.
9. Interest Subsidy Scheme for Professional Studies is attached for ready reference. For prizes, only the detailed mark-sheets will be required to be submitted by the candidates.

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**Activity Head:** Education  
**Scheme:** Financial Assistance (Interest Subsidy) to the poor and needy for Professional, Post-Graduate and Doctoral Studies

### Preamble

Education for higher studies is becoming increasingly expensive and beyond the reach of the poor and needy. Mahamandal has limited funds. Even otherwise, extending loans or such other direct financial assistance on repayment basis involves insurmountable administrative hassle in recovery of loans, for which we do not have necessary resources and capabilities.

More importantly, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has 100% interest subsidy scheme for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for Technical and Professional Courses up to a total loan amount of Rs. 10 lacs for the course. This benefit is available to the students of families with income less than Rs. 4.50 lacs per annum. The scheme is linked with Educational Loans extended by IBA Member Banks. The loans and interest subsidy are available for the period of study plus one year moratorium, with interest rates ranging from 9 to 13% repayable. Details of Government's interest subsidy scheme and educational loans available are given in Annexure A to this note.

This scheme proposes to extend interest subsidy to the extent of 50% of interest amount paid (maximum 5% p.a.) within limits of available funds for the purpose and maximum amount per student or family.

### Scheme Proposal

1. The scheme will be applicable to students of professional, post-graduate and doctoral studies (minimum 4 years course after H. S. C. (10+2) covering various branches. The course and institution where the applicant studies should be Government recognised and approved by competent authority (e.g. AICTE, MCI, etc.). Courses in Arts, Commerce, Science, other humanities are excluded from the scheme. Eligible courses are illustrated below:

#### Minimum 4 years (mandatory) Courses after H. S. C. (10+2)

- Engineering / Technical: Mech., Elect., Chem., Civil, etc. (Non-I. T., Non-Life Sciences)
- Engineering/ Technical: I.T. and Computer Engg.; Computer Application; Other
- Medical - Medicine and Surgery \*
- Medical – Other (Dentistry; Physiotherapy; other)
- Pharmacy, Bio-medical, etc. (Life Sciences)
- Para-medical (subject to min. 4 years mandatory after HSC i.e. 10+2)
- M. B. A. and other equivalent
- C. A., I. C. W. A., C. S., C. F. A., etc.
- LL.B. Special, LL.B. from National Law Colleges, Solicitor's Degree
- Other professional courses which meet above criteria

#### Minimum 2 additional years after above courses

- Post-Graduates in Professional Courses and Doctorates in all courses

2. The students belonging to the families having family income not above Rs. 10 lacs p.a. and per capita income not above Rs. 2.50 lacs p.a. will be eligible for benefits under the scheme.

3. Benefits under the scheme will be available only to such students who are not eligible for interest subsidy or interest-free loan from any Government or other organisations. (Those who are eligible for interest subsidy or interest-free loan from any Government or other organisations are expected to avail of such benefit from such organisations, rather than from Mahamandal.)
4. The applicant student should have taken Educational Loan from any IBA member bank's scheme and should be paying interest periodically on such outstanding loan amounts. Benefit under the scheme is in the nature of reimbursement of part interest.
5. Benefit under the scheme is applicable for studies in India only.
6. Amount of benefit by way of interest subsidy available to the applicant student eligible under the scheme will be calculated according to the following guidelines:
  - a) Benefit will be in the nature of Interest Subsidy equal to 50% interest paid on educational loan (limited to @ 5% p.a. on outstanding loan amount)
  - b) Maximum Rs. 10,000/- per student per year (not exceeding Rs. 20,000/- per family per year)
  - c) Year will be considered from April to March (financial year).
7. Other Conditions
  - a) Student shall undertake to complete the studies leading to the award of final degree. If he/ she leaves the studies in between, he/ she shall be required to payback interest subsidy amount to Mahamandal.
  - b) If student fails in a particular year and requires to repeat the year, he shall lose interest subsidy benefit for such period until he clears the examinations and he is promoted to the next year or passes for the final degree.
  - c) Interest subsidy will cease to be available, once student completes the studies (including project work if any). Interest subsidy shall not be available for internship/ training periods after completion of the study.
  - d) If total budget available for the scheme is less than total amount payable to eligible applicant-students in the year, ordinarily every eligible person will get amount reduced in proportion to available budget amount.
8. Administration of the Scheme
  - a) Scheme will be administered by Sub-committee formed for the purpose.
  - b) Sub-committee will consist of President, Office-Bearer, Representatives (maximum 2) from lead donors and one more MC or Co-opted Member (preferably with banking experience at senior management level).
  - c) Appropriate application form will be designed for the scheme.
  - d) Time-table for inviting applications, sanctioning of benefit amount, reimbursement frequency and timing, etc. will be decided by the sub-committee. Reimbursement of sanctioned amounts will be done in two instalments every year
  - e) Documentary evidence of studies pursued and examination results, loan sanction letter from the bank with detailed terms (including amount of loan, interest rate, loan term, etc.), actual interest amount paid, income-proof and other relevant documentary evidence would be required to be submitted for availing of benefit amount.

P. S. Central Government Scheme for Interest Subsidy is applicable for families with annual income up to Rs. 4.50 lacs, whereas CDPMM scheme will be applicable for families with annual income bracket of Rs. 4.50 lacs to Rs. 10.00 lacs. Details of Central Government Scheme can be provided on request.