Government Scholarships – A Panacea for Education among Underprivileged Students

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Abstract

A scholarship is a grant, or a payment which is provided to support a student’s education, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievements. A scholarship is an award of financial aid for a student to pursue his/her education. Scholarships are awarded based upon various criteria, which usually reflect the values and purposes of the donor, or the founder of the award. Scholarship money is not required to be repaid. The scholarships covered in this compilation are given for students in classes ranging from 1st Standard to XIIth. It also covers the students who are admitted into professional courses and Ph.D. programmes. This is helpful in pursuing their higher education. The National Testing Service (NTS) is given from class 9 onwards and subject to the student satisfying eligibility conditions, can continue till Ph.D. The objective of the study is to find out the awareness on government scholarships among undergraduate students. The researcher employed survey method for the study. A sample size of 246 undergraduate students were selected randomly in Thoothukudi District. The data were analyzed by t-test. The findings of the study revealed that there is a significant difference in the awareness on government scholarships with regard to gender, locality of residence and nature of the family.

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