

GUIDELINES FOR MAARGADEEPAM SCHOLARSHIP 2025-26

- To support education of students belonging to notified minority communities (Muslims, Christians (all sects), Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, and Parsis) in Government Schools or Government aided Schools in Kerala.
- The **Scholarship Amount is ₹1,500 per student** for the academic year.

Eligibility Criteria

- The scholarships will be given to students belonging to Notified Minority Communities currently studying in **Class I to VIII** in Government schools or Government aided schools in Kerala.
- **The annual income of the parent/guardian from all sources should not exceed ₹2.5 lakh.**
- The applicant must be a **permanent resident of Kerala.**
- **Reservation: 30% of the scholarships are reserved for girl students.** If quotas demarcated for girl students aren't filled, boy students will be considered.
- The scholarship is limited to maximum of only two children from the same family. During the application verification process, the Head of the Institution shall cross-check the names with the details on the ration card to ensure compliance. If there are more than two applicants from the same family, the principal shall reject the third application.
- Students receiving any other scholarship are not eligible to apply.

How To Apply

- Visit the official scholarship portal (www.margadeepam.kerala.gov.in).
- Download the Application Form from the Portal.
- The applicants shall fill out the Application Form with accurate and complete information.
- Applicants shall Submit the duly filled Application Form to the Head of the Institution.
- The Clerk of the educational institution shall enter the correct details of the applicant as submitted in the application in the Clerk Login and submit it to the Head of the Institution.
- The Head of the Institution should verify the details and forward it to the Minority Welfare Department through portal.
- In case of lack of clarity in filling the Application Form the Head of the Institution shall provide assistance to the applicants and in case of any shortcomings in the application, it shall be communicated to the applicant well in advance.

Documents to be submitted (In pdf format, maximum 200 kb in size)

- Family Income Certificate issued by the Village Officer.
- Community Certificate or Minority Certificate issued by the Village Officer.
- Copy of Bank Passbook (Student/Joint account with parent or guardian)
- Disability certificate (if applicable; disability $\geq 40\%$)

- Death certificate (if applicable, e.g., in case of the loss of a parent/both parents)
- Academic grade sheet (2024-25) Academic Year

Other Information

1. Selected students must have an Aadhaar-linked account in a nationalized/scheduled commercial bank in their name. The scholarship amount will be credited to the account through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) from the Treasury.
2. Students from Class 2 to Class 8 are selected based on the index points of the grades obtained for academic excellence in the academic year 2024–25.
3. For students of Class 1, academic marks are not required; eligibility will be determined on the basis of income.
4. Students with physical or mental disabilities (40% or more) will be given preference by awarding special index points.
5. Students whose father or mother, or both parents, have passed away will be given special index points.
6. If it is found that a student has received the scholarship by making a false statement, the scholarship will be immediately canceled and the amount granted will be recovered.
7. A student who has received the scholarship once can reapply for the next academic year to avail the benefit again.
8. If there are not enough applicants in any particular class, students from another class with more applicants will be considered.
9. **The timeline for submission of applications is as follows:**

Date of invitation for application for Scholarships	19-08-2025
Last date for submission of applications to the school	12-09-2025
Last date for receipt of verified applications from the Head of Institution at the Directorate	19-09-2025

Selection criteria for students are based on the index points shown in the table below

Sl. No.	Category	Index Points
1.	Family income	Formula = $(2,50,000 - \text{Actual income}) / 25,000$ (maximum 10)
2.	Academics (Previous year)	(maximum 12)
	A+ Grade	12
	A Grade	11
	B+ Grade	10
	B Grade	9
	C+ Grade	8
	C Grade	7
	D+ Grade	6
	D Grade	5
3.	Students whose mother & father (both) passed away (death certificate required)	4 (maximum 4)
	Students whose mother or father (anyone) passed away (death certificate required)	2
4.	Students with disability: Physically/Mentally challenged (disability is $\geq 40\%$) (Certificate required)	4
	Total points	30

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