



VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY

Nellore – 524 324, Andhra Pradesh, India

POLICY FOR AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND FREESHIPS

1. Preamble:

One of the important initiatives of Vikrama Simhapuri University is to develop a policy to encourage students with an outstanding academic performance, excellence in research activities, games and sports, social service, and cultural activities by giving scholarships, prizes, medals and awards. The University provides scholarships, prizes and awards either from its own funds or from funding sources such as government and non-government agencies.

2. Vision and Mission

The major goal of awarding scholarships, prizes, medals and freeship to the students is to encourage students towards excellence. The prizes are given to the students who excelled in activities such as academic excellence, all round development, proficiency in sports, and cultural activities and also students with good leadership qualities. There are also prizes awarded for excellence in NSS activities. In congruent to these lines, the University also included special prizes for physically challenged students.

3. Indices

To accomplish the needs of vision and mission of this initiative, indices such as merit, means, out-standing academic and all round performance are established.

3.1. Merit

Merit is an important index to evaluate the academic performance of a student. This shall be done on the basis of cumulative marks. Based on the cumulative marks, the student shall be considered for the award/prize/medal. The reporting marks rounded-off to the first place of decimal are the fundamental to evaluate the cumulative marks of the student. However, in special cases, the committee constituted for the grant of scholarships i.e. Scholarship, Prizes, Awards and Freeship Committee (SPAFC) may award merit scholarships on the basis of the marks calculated to a higher place of decimal. Further, the guidelines for the award of grant may also stipulate different minimum cumulative marks for each award.

3.2. Means

Mean index of a student shall be evaluated based on the income source of the parents. The mean index is broadly categorized into salaried parents of students, non-salaried parents of students and in case of death of the parents, the income of guardian shall be considered to evaluate the means of the student.

In computing annual income, full emoluments including all allowances, special pay, and honorarium in a year shall be considered. However, HRA received if any and payment of life insurance shall be considered. National Scholarship Scheme of the Government of India provides scholarships to the students whose parents earn an amount of Rs. 2,50,000/- per annum (Govt. of India prescribed maximum income limit). In case of non-salaried individuals (businessmen, landowners/agriculturists and self-employed, etc.) the entire gross income shall be taken into consideration for computing the annual income. In the case of death/insanity/other disability of the parents, consideration of guardian's income shall be computed subject to the production of documentary evidences of death/other disability of the parents as well as guardianship certificate duly signed by the Municipal Corporation/Committee or the Revenue officer / competent authority.

3.3. Outstanding performance

It is computed based on the academics and research activities. Academic activities such as calculation of cumulative marks, while research activities include developmental project done, research publications, papers presented in national or international conferences and combinations thereof. The committee constituted i.e. SPAFC may obtain reports from the sub-committee of SPAFC comprised of faculty from different disciplines to design a criterion for outstanding performance in a specific research area.

3.4. All round performance

This mean aspect may be considered based on the sum total of academics, research, social service, sports, cultural and constructive leadership ability of a student. A special committee under the chairmanship of Principals of Vikrama Simhapuri University Campus, Nellore and Vikrama Simhapuri University Post Graduate Center, Kavali shall be constituted for evaluating candidates for each award of this nature and such candidates are selected for this award and the data is recorded the SPAFC accordingly.

4. Financial assistance to support students from weaker sections

Additionally in order to financially assist meritorious students coming from weaker economic background, the Vikrama Simhapuri University provides financial assistance for partly or full fee payments from the donations made by Staff, philanthropists and charitable trusts. This is primarily to ensure continuity of education forth economically weak but meritorious students. Financial Scholarships are given to the students up to 5% per batch and if unutilized by any particular batch, the financial assistance may be transferred to succeeding batches. The amount given to students under financial scholarships shall be prescribed from time to time under the Chairmanship of Principal and approved by the University Authorities accordingly. Further, the major initiative of Vikrama Simhapuri University is to provide financial support to the students of weaker sections by granting either full fees or part thereof (Freeship).

5. Regulations

- 5.1. Students are eligible to these type of scholarships only if they meet the merit criterion
- 5.2. Students who hold scholarships from any other sources shall not be eligible to apply for financial assistance.
- 5.3. The applications are invited by the SPAFC on the commencement of each academic year and are applicable to all the students except for the students who are in first year. Applications from first year students shall be sought during the commencement of second semester of the programme.
- 5.4. Students need to submit the documents as mentioned in the application form and in addition they should submit the income certificate/affidavit of their parents and/or guardians.
- 5.5. In case of unutilized financial assistance/scholarships, SPAFC may invite applications from a student at any time during the academic year and if awarded, the scholarship shall become tenable from the month in which the applications are accepted for the award of financial scholarship.
- 5.6. The minimum CGPA cut off score of 9 and attendance of 75% is one of the essential requirements. For first year students, the minimum CGPA cut off score of 6 and attendance of 75% at the end of first semester of the programme shall be the essential requirement.
- 5.7. The minimum period of this scholarship duration is one year.
- 5.8. Students who are on leave for an entire semester shall not be eligible for this award.

6. Financial support from Government Schemes

Based on the regulations of Government of Andhra Pradesh, students who belong to a) EWS: Economically Weaker Sections; b) SC, ST and OBC will be eligible to obtain scholarships (reimbursement).

7. Approval of new scholarships

SPAFC governing body is empowered to approve new scholarships and prizes in cases such as a) Persons who are/were directly related to the Institute and have/had added to its glory and b) Industrial concerns or educational trusts of national or international repute.

SPAFC also considers Recurring scholarships in the event of a donor/sponsoring agency of national/international repute is willing to provide an endowment not in the form of amount but in the form of gold medals

8. General guidelines

1. SPAFC has full powers to terminate the scholarships/withdraw of medals in case of
 - a) Deliberate concealment of material facts by the student;
 - b) misguided the SPAFC by giving false information;
 - c) Student leaving the Institute on his/her own accord (in such cases, the student has to refund the scholarship amount accordingly).
2. Students who awarded one or more scholarships from any other sources, he/she shall be give option to choose one scholarship from other sources and in such case, she/he shall surrender the awarded scholarship.
3. If the student fails to complete the examination of all prescribed courses, the scholarships for the subsequent month will not be paid.
4. SPAFC is authorized and empowered to change the clauses of this policy by giving an advanced notice to this effect to its members.



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