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06.05.2024

All Provincial Secretaries of Education  
All Provincial Directors of Education  
All Zonal Directors of Education  
Deputy/Assistant Directors of Education in charge of all Divisions  
All Parivenadhipathis  
Heads of Institutions

**Scholarship Programme awarded by the President's Fund for the Student Monks, Seelamathas and Lay Students of Piriven and Seelamatha Educational Institutions - 2024/2025**

A scholarship programme for the competent student monks, seelamathas and lay students on academic and co-curricular activities, covering all the piriven and seelamatha educational institutions islandwide is to be implemented by the President's Fund according to the concept of the Hon. President.

This programme is scheduled to be implemented covering the existing 822 piriven and seelamatha educational institutions islandwide (Annual Census Report 2022 - Ministry of Education) and the maximum number of scholarships for one pirivena/ seelamatha educational institution is 06. The scholars for the pirivena/ seelamatha educational institution should be selected by the Parivenadhipathi/ Head of Institution, accordingly. The bursaries will be awarded to the eligible scholars as follows.

- i. Category No. 01 - Bursary of Rs.3,000.00 per month for the student monks, seelamathas studying for Piriven (Ordinary Level) examination and lay students studying for G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination, for a period of 12 months from May 2024 to month of appearing the examination.
- ii. Category No. 02 - Bursary of Rs.6,000.00 per month for the student monks, seelamathas and lay students having appeared and passed the Piriven (Ordinary Level)/ G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination and studying for the *Pracheena* (Oriental) examination or G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination, for a maximum period of 24 months from May 2024 to month of appearing the *Pracheena* (Oriental) Pandit (Preliminary/Intermediate/Final) examination or G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination.

**01 Basic Qualifications required to apply for Scholarships**

- 1.1 Applicant should be a student monk, seelamatha or lay student of piriven or seelamatha educational institution is being studying for Preliminary Grade to Piriven (Ordinary Level)/ G.C.E. (Ordinary Level)/ *Pracheena* (Oriental) Examinations/ G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examinations.
- 1.2 The monthly income of the applicant's family should not exceed Rs.100,000/-.

## **02 Submission of Applications**

- 2.1 Parivenadhipathis/ Heads of Institutions should ensure that the Scholarship Application Form (**Annexure 01**) and related Instruction Sheet (**Annexure 02**) are posted on the notice board of the pirivena/seelamatha educational institution.
- 2.2 The Parivenadhipathis/ Heads of Institutions of every pirivena/ seelamatha educational institution should inform all the student monks/ seelamathas/ lay students of their pirivena/seelamatha educational institution, regarding this scholarship programme.
- 2.3 Further details and application in this regard would be available in the websites [www.presidentsfund.gov.lk](http://www.presidentsfund.gov.lk) of the President's Fund and [www.moe.gov.lk](http://www.moe.gov.lk) and [www.piriven.gov.lk/piriven/](http://www.piriven.gov.lk/piriven/) of the Ministry of Education and in the Official Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/president.fund](http://www.facebook.com/president.fund) of the President's Fund.
- 2.4 The student monks/ seelamathas/ lay students who have fulfilled the basic qualifications mentioned in No. 1 above and who wish to apply for the scholarships, should prepare their applications according to the Specimen Application Form (**Annexure 01**). The duly completed application so prepared along with copies of relevant certificates should be handed over **only to the Parivenadhipathi/ Head of Institution of Pirivena/ Seelamatha Educational Institution, on or before the due date.**
- 2.5 The monthly income of the lay student's family should be certified by the Grama Niladhari and submitted along with the recommendation of the Divisional Secretary. (Not required to obtain income reports)
- 2.6 Applications received after the due date and without copies of certificates to prove the qualifications mentioned in the application concerned, and applications with deficiencies should be rejected.

## **03 Selection Criteria (For All Grades)**

### **3.1 Piriven/ Seelamatha Educational Institution Level**

- 3.1.1 A Piriven/ Seelamatha Educational Institution Selection Committee should examine the marks of the applications received **on the basis of the criteria and marking scheme mentioned in No. 4 of the Circular. The Piriven/ Seelamatha Educational Institution Selection Committee should be chaired by the Parivenadhipathi/ Head of Institution or Deputy Parivenadhipathi/Deputy Head of Institution authorized by the Parivenadhipathi/ Head of Institution, and consisting of two Senior Piriven Teachers.**
- 3.1.2 **The applications submitted by the student monks/ seelamathas/ lay students on or before the due date should be forwarded to the Piriven/ Seelamatha Educational Institution Selection Committee and relevant marks should be examined and certified. Then, most appropriate student monks/ seelamathas / lay students for the scholarship should be selected on the basis of marks obtained by each student monk/ seelamatha/ lay student, and the name list consisting of maximum number of scholarships related to the Pirivena/ Seelamatha Educational Institution as mentioned in Annexure 03 based on the sequence of eligibility for the scholarship should be prioritized along with the application submitted, and forwarded to the Assistant Zonal Director of Education (Piriven) of the Education Zone where the pirivena/ seelamatha educational institution belongs to, on or before the due date.**

- 3.1.3 If the Piriven/ Seelamatha Educational Institution Selection Committee, in the selection of scholarship at the piriven/ seelamatha educational institution level, is satisfied that it is most appropriate to award this scholarship to a particular student monk/ seelamatha/ lay student due to financial difficulties or any other reason, then in such a case, selection for the scholarship could be made at the discretion of the relevant committee regardless of the marking schemes, and the Assistant Zonal Director of Education (Piriven) should be recommended the selection made. However, the number of scholarships awarded in such a manner should not exceed one scholarship per pirivena/ seelamatha educational institution.
- 3.1.4 With referred to applicants selected at the piriven/ seelamatha educational institution level, **a Special Joint Account should be opened in the name of the said applicant and mother/father/guardian, to which the monthly bursary to be received and a photocopy of the detailed page the said savings account, and a photocopy of the National Identity Card of mother/father/guardian attested by the Parivenadhipathi/ Head of Institution should be submitted to the Assistant Zonal Director of Education (Piriven).**
- 3.1.5 Arrangements should be made to securely kept all the other applications received, at the pirivena/ seelamatha educational institution.

### **3.2 Zonal Level**

- 3.2.1 The Assistant Zonal Director of Education (Piriven) should make arrangements to appoint an appropriate officer to coordinate this scholarship programme.
- 3.2.2 One name list of students for all the piriven/ seelamatha educational institution in Education Zone including the details of the student monks/ seelamathas/ lay students recommended to award the scholarships **should be prepared as per the Form indicated in Annexure 04, based on the sequence of marks obtained.**

**Register of bank account details of the selected scholars (as per the Format indicated in Annexure 05) should also be prepared, concurrently. A photocopy of the detailed page of the savings account (Special Joint Account) opened in the name of the selected scholar and mother/father/guardian to which the monthly bursary to be received, and a photocopy of the National Identity Card of mother/father/guardian certified by the Parivenadhipathi/ Head of institution should also be obtained and submitted along with Form indicated in Annexure 05.**

#### **NB :-**

- **Arrangement should be made to specify the sequence of name lists of scholars in every relevant Form in a same manner, and the names mentioned in the National Identity Card/ Bank Accounts should be the same as the name indicated in the application.**
- **In case of scholar is staying with a guardian without Thero ordained/ Seelamatha ordained, mother/father then a document proving guardianship should be obtained.**

3.2.5 The register of the selected scholars should be certified by the Assistant Zonal Director of Education (Piriven) and the soft copies and hard copies of the same should be forwarded to the Director (Piriven) of the Ministry of Education with copies to Provincial Director of Education (Piriven). **(A clear photocopy of the detailed page of the savings account (Special Joint Account) opened in the name of the selected scholar and mother/father/guardian to which the monthly bursary to be received and a photocopy of the National Identity Card of mother/father/guardian certified by the Parivenadhipathi/ Head of Institution should also be submitted along with.)**

3.2.6 Zonal Coordinating Officers mentioned in 3.2.1 of the Circular should be filed and kept the applications and lists of names submitted by the piriven/ seelamatha educational institutions.

### **3.3 Provincial Level**

3.3.1 The Provincial Deputy Director of Education should make arrangements to appoint an appropriate officer to coordinate this scholarship programme.

### **3.4 National Level**

3.4.1 The name list of students selected **'the Form indicated in Annexure 04'** and registers of bank account details **'the Form indicated in Annexure 05'**, recommended by the **Assistant Zonal Director of Education (Piriven)** and referred to the Secretary of the Ministry of Education through Director (Piriven) should be forwarded to the Secretary, President's Fund with the recommendation of the Secretary of the Ministry of Education in due course.

3.4.2 These scholarships will be awarded only to the proposed scholars so referred.

## **04 Criteria and Marking Scheme**

**The maximum marks be awarded to an applicant is 100.**

### **4.1 Performance of Student Monks/ Seelamathas and Lay Students**

4.1.1. Category No. 01 - Place obtained by the student monks, seelamathas studying for Piriven (Ordinary Level) examination and lay students studying for G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination, at the Year End Term Test held for the year 2023

From 01 <sup>st</sup> Place to 03 <sup>rd</sup> Place	70 Marks
From 04 <sup>th</sup> Place to 06 <sup>th</sup> Place	65 Marks
From 07 <sup>th</sup> Place to 10 <sup>th</sup> Place	60 Marks
From 11 <sup>th</sup> Place to 15 <sup>th</sup> Place	55 Marks
From 16 <sup>th</sup> Place to 20 <sup>th</sup> Place	50 Marks

(Maximum 70 Marks)

- 4.1.2** Category No. 02 and 03 - Results obtained by the student monks, seelamathas and lay students at the Piriven (Ordinary Level)/ G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination, who appeared and passed the Piriven (Ordinary Level)/ G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination and studying for G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination

For Distinction <b>(A)</b>	08 Marks
For Very Good Pass <b>(B)</b>	06 Marks
For Credit Pass <b>(C)</b>	04 Marks
For Ordinary Pass <b>(S)</b>	02 Marks

(Maximum 70 Marks)

**Co-curricular Activities (Sports /Aesthetic and Other (No. 03 of the Application)**

Inter Piriven Language and Literacy Competitions at Piriven/ Seelamatha Educational Institution Level/ Athletic/ Chess/ Swimming / Gymnastics /Karate /Environmental Club Playing / Singing/ Art/ Dancing/ Junior Scout / Little Friend (Kuda Mithuriye) and other Co-curricular activities approved (As applicable to lay or clergy)

	Pirivena / Seelamatha Educational Institution Level	Zonal Level	Provincial Level	National Level
First Place	07	08	09	10
Second Place	05	06	07	08
Third Place	03	04	05	06

(Maximum 10 Marks)

NB :-

- It is appropriate to consider the last 03 years, subject to awarding marks for a minimum of one year.
- In the case of one scholar has achievements for a similar co-curricular activity at all three National, Provincial, Zonal Levels and Piriven/ Seelamatha Educational Institutions/ Schools for 03 consecutive years, only the highest level of marks should be taken into consideration in awarding marks.

**4.3 Prefectship (No. 03 of the Application) - For All Grades (positions currently hold or positions held)**

Head Prefect / Deputy Head Prefect of Piriven/ Seelamatha Educational institution	15 Marks
Prefect (Senior/Junior)	12 Marks
Head of the Class	10 Marks

(Maximum 15 Marks)

**NB :- Only the highest level of marks should be taken into consideration in awarding marks for the 4.3 above.**

**4.4 Dhamma School Education of the Student (No. 04 of Application) - For All Grades**  
**(A letter of confirmation issued by the Dhamma School Principal should be submitted.)**

For Damma School Education (Had Dhamma School Education for more than one year and presently being a student of Dhamma School.)	05 Marks
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(Maximum 05 Marks)

- All the Registered Religious Dhamma Schools are come under this purpose.

**05 Awarding of Scholarships**

5.1 Bursary will be monthly awarded from May 2024 to the scholars under this scholarship programme, as follows.

i. Category No. 01 - Bursary of Rs.3,000.00 per month for the student monks, seelamathas studying for Piriven (Ordinary Level) examination and lay students studying for G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination, for a period of 12 months from May 2024;

ii. Category No. 02 - Bursary of Rs.6,000.00 per month for the student monks, seelamathas and lay students having appeared and passed the Piriven (Ordinary Level)/ G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination and studying for the *Pracheena* (Oriental) examination or G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination, for a maximum period of 24 months from May 2024 to month of appearing the *Pracheena* (Oriental) Pandit (Preliminary/Intermediate/Final) examination or G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination;

After selection of scholars, the respective finance will be directly credited only to an active bank account (Special Joint Account) in the name of the selected scholar and mother/father/guardian, to which the monthly bursary to be received.

5.2 If the concerned scholar has left the pirivena/ seelamatha educational institution where he/she is studying in and enrolled in another pirivena/ seelamatha educational institution for any reason, then the President's Fund should be informed in that regard through a letter of confirmation of the Parivanadhipathi/ Head of Institution of the new pirivena/ seelamatha educational institution (as per the Format indicated in Annexure 06).

**06 Regulation of Scholarships**

6.1 The regulation of scholarships at the zonal level should be made by the Assistant Director of Education (Piriven) of the Education Zone where their pirivena/ seelamatha educational institution belongs to. The relevant responsibility should be assigned to the Coordinating Officer appointed for the same.

6.2 The regulation of the scholars at the provincial level should be made by the respective Provincial Deputy Director of Education (Piriven), and the responsibility should be assigned to the concerned Coordinating Officer.

6.3 The regulation of scholars at the national level will be made by the Pirivena Branch of the Ministry of Education and the President's Fund.

## 07 Cancellation of Scholarships

The President's Fund has authority for the cancellation of scholarships awarded to the scholars due to the following reasons.

- I. Penalties for scholars in disciplinary conduct.
- II. Absence from Pirivena/ Seelamatha educational institution for 21 consecutive days without any acceptable reason.
- III. Absence from Piriven/ Seelamatha educational institution's education (Issuance of Pirivena/ Seelamatha Educational Institution Leaving Certificate).
- IV. Enrollment in a fee-paying international school.

**NB : In the violation of above conditions, the Parivenadhipathi/Head of Institution should inform the President's Fund through the Assistant Zonal Director in order to cancel the scholarship.**

## 08 Clarification on Scholarships related Information

If required further clarification on any matter mentioned in the Letter of Instruction, kindly communicate via following email address or contact number in order to get necessary information.

Email :- [pfschol@presidentsoffice.lk](mailto:pfschol@presidentsoffice.lk)  
Telephone No. :- 011- 2 354 354 (Extension - 4830/ 4835/ 4837)  
WhatsApp No. :- 074 -085 4527 (for SMS only)

- **If any issue in completing the application form, you can inquire Pirivena Branch of the Ministry of Education.**

Telephone No. :- 011- 2 784461

## 09 Time Frame

	<b>Task</b>	<b>Time Period (Final due date to complete the task concerned)</b>
9.1	Call for applications	06.05.2024
9.2	Submit duly completed applications to the Parivenadhipathi/ Head of Institution	22.05.2024
9.3	Select scholars at Piriven/ Seelamatha Educational Institution Level and forward name list of selected scholars by the Parivenadhipathi/ Head of Institution to the Zonal Director of Education	27.05.2024

9.4	Prepare the list of selected scholars at Zonal Level and forward to the Pirivena Branch of the Ministry of Education with a copy to Provincial Deputy Director of Education (Piriven)	29.05.2024
9.4	Forward said documents to the President's Fund by the Ministry of Education	30.05.2024

Even if you are entitled to bursary or scholarships under any other scholarship programme currently in operation, you can also apply for this programme if you fulfill the basic qualifications.

The Secretary to the Education reserves the right to make final decision regarding any issues referred to in the Circular, if any.

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**Sgd/- Secretary**  
Ministry of Education

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