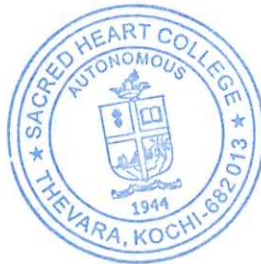


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NOTICE

Attention Students: NORKA ROOTS - Ravi Pillai Academic Excellence Scholarship for UG & PG students for the academic year 2025-2026 has started. Eligible students are requested to apply at the earliest. Please visit <https://norkaroots.kerala.gov.in/> for more details. Last Date of application is 30th September 2025.

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GUIDELINES
FOR
RAVI PILLAI ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
SCHOLARSHIP
(2025)



RP FOUNDATION & NORKA ROOTS

Website:



INTRODUCTION

The Ravi Pillai Academic Excellence Scholarship is an initiative to financially support meritorious students from Kerala to pursue higher education. This initiative is collaboration between NORKA Roots and the RP Foundation. The objectives of the scholarship are to provide financial assistance to economically weaker but academically outstanding students and to encourage academic excellence by providing incentives and recognition for their high performance.

2. SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY

CATEGORY	NO. OF SCHOLARSHIPS	SELECTION	AMOUNT PER STUDENT(₹)
HIGHER SECONDARY	State:950 CBSE:100 ICSE-50	Based on exceptional Class 10 academic performance	50,000/-
DEGREE	200	Based on exceptional Class 12 academic performance	1,00,000/-
POST GRADUATION	200	Based on the final marks obtained in the qualifying degree examination.	1,25,000/-
TOTAL	1500		10,00,00,000/-



3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

i. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1. The scholarship is available to the students of Kerala origin and enrolled in a recognized institution within India.
2. The annual family income threshold is set at ₹2.5 lakh or below.
3. The Higher Secondary Scholarship is available only to students who are currently enrolled in Plus One (Class 11).
4. The Degree Scholarship is available only to students in the first & second years of their undergraduate programme.
5. The Post Graduate Scholarship is available only to students in the second year of their Post Graduate (PG) programme.

Note: PG programme through open/distance/correspondence mode, private or part-time mode, are not eligible to apply.

(ii) GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

1. Students who have studied in Government/Aided/Private Schools in Kerala (with State/CBSE/ICSE Syllabus), or those who enrolled in Government, Aided, Self-financing, Educational Research and Scientific institutions/ colleges recognized by Universities in Kerala, or UGC-recognized deemed universities in Kerala are eligible.
2. Additionally, students pursuing studies in institutions outside Kerala or in courses where admission is granted solely through all-India level competitive examinations can apply.



3. A student can avail of this scholarship only once during their entire academic career.
4. Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the beneficiary's savings bank account. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of the bank details provided in the application.
5. Maximum of two children per family can benefit from this scheme.
6. Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected without any notice.

(iii) SELECTION PROCEDURE

For the Higher Secondary School (HSS) category, students who have achieved an A plus and above in all subjects in SSLC or more than 90% marks in the CBSE and ICSE streams are eligible to apply.

For the Degree category, students who have achieved a minimum of 85% marks in State, CBSE, and ISC streams are eligible to apply.

In the Postgraduate category, students who have achieved a minimum of 80% marks in the Science stream and 75% marks for those from Arts, Commerce, Law, Management, Medical, and Technical streams are eligible to apply.

Scholarship will be limited to the total number as per the table given above (Overall, 1,500 scholarships every year) and selection will be made solely on the basis of marks in the qualifying examination

In the event of a tie in Higher Secondary School (HSS), Degree & Post Graduate Category, the order of the selection will be as per iii (A) below.



ii. (A) TIE BREAKER SELECTION CRITERIA

SL NO	CRITERIA	DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED	WEIGHTAGE
1	Orphan	Certificate from Social Justice Department	9
2	Single parent +bed ridden/ terminally ill	Death or Divorce Certificate + Certificate from the Medical Practitioner	8
3	Both parents bedridden/terminally ill	Medical Certificate from a registered Government Medical Practitioner	7
4	Outstanding achievements Sports or Arts (State level)	Related Certificate	6
5	Single parent	Death or Divorce Certificate	5

Notes: If the tie still exists, the scholarship amount will be shared equally among candidates

(iv) EXCLUSION

Students who have already availed Scholarships amounting to ₹50,000 or more from any other source are not eligible for this scholarship. The student is required to declare that he/she has not received any other scholarship amounting to ₹50,000 or above from any other source.



(v) QUOTA

The NRK quota constitutes 20% of the total seats across all levels and is reserved for eligible wards of NRK parents. A valid Norka Pravasi ID card is mandatory for availing of this quota. In the event of non-availability of eligible candidates under the NRK category, the respective quota will be made available to the general category.

For differently abled candidates, a 5% district-wise quota is allocated at the Higher Secondary School (HSS) level for students with a disability of 60% or above. At Degree level and Postgraduate levels, a 5% state-wise quota is applicable for differently abled candidates.

In the event of non-availability of eligible candidates under the differently abled category, the respective quota will be made available to the general category. A valid Disability Certificate issued by the Medical Board is mandatory for availing of this quota.

(vi) AADHAAR SEEDING

The scholarship is directly paid to the students into their bank accounts. For this their bank account numbers are required to be Aadhaar linked and verified. The Aadhaar has been made mandatory for disbursement of all Government subsidies/Scholarships/Fellowships which are disbursed directly into the beneficiary's account. Accordingly, Aadhaar shall be used as an Identifier for release of scholarship under the scheme.

4. PROCEDURE FOR AVAILING THE SCHOLARSHIP

- a. Applications can be submitted through the official website by creating a profile using the username and password sent to their registered mobile number.
- b. Applicants are not required to send a physical copy of the application or supporting documents to NORKA Roots or to any other office.
- c. All details, including the attached documents, be verified for accuracy prior to final submission.



5. DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED

Applicants are required to upload clearly scanned originals of the following:

- a. Aadhaar Card of the student.
- b. Certificate to prove Nativity (Birth Certificate, School Leaving Certificate, Passport, Certificate from Village Officer/ Tahsildar)
- c. Family Income Certificate (in parent's name, issued within the last year from the date of application).
- d. SSLC/Matriculation Certificate.
- e. Minimum Educational Qualification (MEQ) Certificate: 10th or 12th Mark Sheet / Degree Certificate + Consolidated UG Mark Sheets (3 years)
- f. Bonafide Certificate (as per Annexure) signed by authorized institution head.
- g. Bank Passbook's 1st page (showing student's name, A/c number & IFSC).
- h. Tie-breaker supporting (Orphan, Death, Divorce, Medical, or Achievement certificates) documents (if applicable)

Hard copies of any certificate/ application form are NOT required to be submitted to any office. Only online application is sufficient

6. APPLICATION WINDOW

- a. Applications, will be accepted during the month of July or August every year, and scholarships will be distributed to selected students in September or October. NORKA will finalize the dates of accepting of application and the date of scholarship distribution every year.
- b. The last date for submitting online applications will be notified as a press release and through NORKA website every year.



7. PROCEDURE FOR DISBURSEMENT

Scholarship to the identified students will be disbursed by RP Foundation through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) Mode and will be transferred to the Bank account of student.

8. IMPORTANT DATES

- Application Opens: July/ August
- Scholarship Disbursal: September/ October

IMPORTANT NOTE:

After receipt of scholarship, if it is found that the selection was based on any false information or forged documents, the scholarship amount (with an interest of 18%) will be recovered from the applicant.

Disclaimer: RP Foundation and NORKA Roots are jointly implementing the Scholarship scheme. RP Foundation is the funding partner and NORKA Roots is the implementing agency. The decision of the Approval Committee regarding scholarship allocation is final. Appeals, legal or otherwise, shall be not be entertained.



Certificates to be issued by Head of the institution

(To be filled in by the Head of the Institution, where the applicant is studying)

Details of the Institution to which the student is admitted for the current academic year

1	Name of the Institution	
2	Address of the Institution	
3	District	
4	State	
5	Pin Code	
6	Name of the Principal/Director/ Head of the Institution	

Certificate

(To be issued by Director/Principal/Head of the Institution)

It is certified that Shri/Smt/Kumari..... S/o (or)
D/o Shri.....who is admitted (dated.....)
in.....Course for the academic year..... semester.....
in...../college/Institution as.....(Regular)
is correct.

**Signature of the Head of the Institution

Name in Block Letters _____

Place:

Designation _____

Date:

Address _____

**STAMPED SIGNATURES

WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Seal of Institution _____