

**H.P. Swaran Jayanti Middle Merit Scholarship Scheme for Govt. Schools**

**Objective:**

H.P. Swaran Jayanti Middle Merit Scholarship Scheme for Govt. Schools for students studying in Class V is meant to identify the talent and nurture it at an early stage. The meritorious students eligible for award of benefit under the scheme will be selected through a state level examination. The examination will be conducted every year at state level by the SCERT, Solan (H.P.).

**1. Regarding Scholarship:**

- i. No. of scholarships :** 100 (one Hundred)
- ii. Scholarship Amount :** Rs. 4000/- per month  
(Four thousand/ month, for 12 months, in 6<sup>th</sup> class)  
Rs. 5000/-per month  
(Five thousand/month, for 12 months, in 7<sup>th</sup> Class)  
Rs. 6000/-per month  
(Six thousand/month, for 12 months, in 8<sup>th</sup> Class)
- iii. Period of Scholarship :** Three years (class 6<sup>th</sup> to class 8<sup>th</sup>)

Total 100 scholarships can be distributed among twelve districts of the State, determining the district quota on the basis of an average of last three years enrollment in class five (as per UDISE data of latest three years) of the Government Schools in the State.



**iv. NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS/ STUDENTS TO BE SELECTED FOR AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP, PER DISTRICT:**

(BASED ON DISTRICT WISE ENROLLMENT OF CLASS FIVE FOR LAST THREE YEARS)

District	Year 2017		Year 2018		Year 2019		Average percentage of Three years	Number of Scholarships
	Enrollment	Percentage	Enrollment	Percentage	Enrollment	Percentage		
Bilaspur	3234	5.12	3427	5.38	3368	5.37	5.29	5
Chamba	7909	12.51	7697	12.09	7999	12.76	12.46	12
Hamirpur	3161	5.00	3234	5.08	3091	4.93	5.00	5
Kangra	8884	14.06	9143	14.37	8840	14.10	14.18	14
Kinnaur	616	0.97	634	1.00	611	0.97	0.98	1
Kullu	4860	7.69	5024	7.89	4769	7.61	7.73	8
Lahaul & Spiti	282	0.45	261	0.41	233	0.37	0.41	1
Mandi	9272	14.67	9071	14.25	8857	14.13	14.35	14
Shimla	6645	10.51	6719	10.56	6638	10.59	10.55	11
Sirmour	6330	10.02	7161	11.25	7174	11.45	10.90	11
Solan	7212	11.41	6602	10.37	6492	10.36	10.71	11
Una	4796	7.59	4671	7.34	4601	7.34	7.42	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>63201</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>63644</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>62673</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**2. Condition for continuity of scholarship:**

The student must continue to study in the Government School of H.P. Govt. without repeating any class. It would be mandatory for the student to have at least 75% attendance during the session for which he is to be awarded the Scholarship. In genuine cases of acute illness or any medical exigency, subject to verification by Medical Board, condition of 75% attendance will not be applicable.



### 3. Eligibility Criteria:

All the students studying in Class 5<sup>th</sup> as regular students in the Government Schools are eligible to apply for the State Level examination to be conducted by the SCERT, Solan (H.P.).

### 4. Selection criteria:

Selection will be done on merit basis through a state level examination conducted by the SCERT, Solan (H.P.) every year, following the district wise quota. For this purpose nearly 520 examination centers will be set up throughout the State and it will be a responsibility of the SCERT to get the examination conducted in a proper manner.

4(a) in order to make the selection process more credible, Second Stage Examination will be conducted, keeping in view the following criteria:-

- (i) Number of students appearing in the Second Stage Examination will be five times the number of allotted Scholarships from each District on the basis of merit in First Stage Examination. Thus the total number of candidates appearing for Second Stage Examination, in the State, will be 500 or slightly more considering the number of ties at the cut off merit.
- (ii) The Examination Centre will be the Govt. Degree College situated at the District Headquarters and the examination will be conducted under the supervision of the Principal of the College. If required, the provision will be two centres for larger/geographically tough Districts.
- (iii) The examination will be conducted in the presence of SCERT official/official deputed by SCERT.

### 5. Important Dates:

Tentative Dates for submission of application form and conduct of examination etc. are given below:

S.N.	Important Dates	Date
1	Date of advertisement for the examination	Will be fixed by SCERT



2	Date of applying for creation of Log in ID of Primary Schools for the examination	Will be fixed by SCERT
3	Last Date of submission	Will be fixed by SCERT
4	Date of issuing of Roll no.	Will be fixed by SCERT
5	Date of examination	First Sunday of the month of November
6	Declaration of Result	In the month of December

#### 6. Pattern of Examination:

The state level examination will comprise of one test of 100 marks consisting 100 multiple choice questions of one mark each. The question paper will cover mental ability test, scholastic aptitude test and language test with following distribution of marks:

1. Mental Ability test	40 questions
2. Environment Science Scholastic Aptitude Test	20 questions
3. Mathematics	20 questions
4. <u>Language Test</u>	
Hindi	10 questions
English	10 questions

**Mental Ability Test:** It will be for testing verbal and non verbal Meta cognitive abilities like reasoning and critical thinking. The question in the test may be on analogy, classification, numerical series, pattern perception, hidden figures etc.

**Scholastic Aptitude Test:** It will cover subjects mainly Mathematics & Environment Science as taught up to 5<sup>th</sup> Class in the Govt. Schools of the State.

**Language Test:** It will test general understanding of Hindi and English language according to the curriculum of Class 1 to Class 5 of the Govt. Primary Schools in Himachal Pradesh.



Note: There will be no negative marking in the examination.

- 6 (a)** Pattern of the examination in Stage-II will be same as Stage-I.
- (b)** Tie Breaker Criteria:- When two or more candidates score equal marks at cut off merit, the criteria given as below will be followed:
- (i) The candidate obtaining more marks within Mathematics section will be placed higher than the one who has scored lesser marks.
  - (ii) If the above criteria fails, the candidate obtaining more marks within mental ability will be placed higher than the one who has scored lesser marks.
  - (iii) In case tie still persists, the candidate with higher score in EVS will be placed higher.
  - (iv) Just in case tie still remains, the candidate who is older in age will be preferred over the younger one.

**7. Duration of Examination:**

The test will be of Two & half hours (150 minutes) duration. Children with disability may be given half an hour extra time.

**8. How to Apply for the Scholarship:**

The SCERT will prepare application form and the soft copy of application form will be sent to all Deputy Director Offices of Elementary Education and DIETS, wherefrom it will be further sent to all Block Elementary Education Offices and BRCs (Primary) in the State.

The form can be downloaded and printed at BEEO/BRC /DDEE offices. The primary schools can collect the application form from BEEO/BRCs (Primary) or DDEE office. Application form will be given to all the eligible students, so that all interested students may get a fair chance to get their forms filled in and submitted well in time. All Schools may ensure that the form may reach to every student and record shall be maintained at their level.

The complete application form for examination will be filled at school level by the class teacher and will be further submitted to the CHT of the



school much before the last date of submission. The CHT will verify the documents, eligibility and details of the applicant.

An online registration portal will be created by SCERT, Solan and Log in IDs will be created for the schools in each cluster. The CHTs will get the details of the candidates uploaded on the portal with the technical support from BRC (Primary) in the respective block.

After registration on the portal, a message will be sent to the CHTs on the registered phone number to confirm the candidate's details through a special online link and CHTs will confirm the details of the applicant on online portal.

After confirmation, the CHTs will be able to download and print the admit cards of the candidates with technical support from BRC (Primary).

The class teacher will collect the admit card for their respective candidates from CHTs. This admit card will be mandatory for the entry of the candidate into examination hall on the day of examination.

## **9. Process of examination:**

The centers of examination, important dates and other details regarding the examination for the scholarship scheme will be notified through advertisement in daily news papers. The information will also be available on the official website of SCERT, Solan (H.P.).

SCERT will prepare and print the question paper and OMR sheets for the examination.

The sealed question papers, OMR sheets, instruction manual along with other relevant examination material will be delivered to the office of Deputy Director of Elementary Education in each district.

The Block Elementary Education Officer (BEEO) will collect the examination material from DDEE office and further deliver it to the examination centers in their blocks. The superintendent of examination at



the examination centre will seal OMR sheets, attendance charts etc. and will send these through post on the same day to Principal, SCERT, Solan.

**10. Result:**

SCERT will prepare the result and merit list within a month after the examination is over following the quota of scholarships per district based on their enrollment in 5th class of the Government Schools in H.P.

**11. Award of Scholarship:**

As soon as the result is declared by the SCERT, the benefit will be released in favour of the candidate, in his Bank account through e.vitaran or any mode as per the directions issued by the Government, from time to time. The scholarship may be disbursed to the meritorious students by the SCERT.

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