

# SHAHEEN FELLOWSHIP SCHEME : POLICY

## Introduction:

1. Shaheen Fellowship Scheme is merit based scholarship scheme, which was launched by Shaheen Foundation in 1997 in order to extend financial support to the wards of serving / retired PAF personnel for Bachelor and Master level studies covering all disciplines / subjects.
2. The students selected for the fellowship are awarded scholarship on yearly basis for the whole duration of the course. Universities / institutions classified as 'A' grade include **NUST, IBA, Agha Khan University, GIK Institute, LUMS, Riphah, National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences (FAST), COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, International Islamic University, Air University and Bahria University**. All other HEC recognised university fall in 'B' grade.

## Eligibility Criteria

3. The students of Bachelor / Master level courses in any discipline / subject who have obtained admission in HEC approved college / university in Pakistan during the specified period, as mentioned at the time of inviting applications by Shaheen Foundation, are eligible to apply for the scheme. Following are the guidelines for eligibility for the scheme:
  - (a) The children of serving and all those retired PAF personnel who have retired on completion of prescribed service limit or on medical grounds are eligible.
  - (b) **Bachelors Level.** Applicants must have secured minimum 70% marks or above marks in HSSC and obtained admission for Bachelor level studies in any of the HEC approved institution / university. The weightage for SSC and HSSC marks will be 40% & 60% respectively for the purpose of calculating merit.

(c) **Masters Level.** Applicants must have secured minimum 65% marks in Bachelor degree and obtained admission for Master level studies in any of the HEC recognized Institution / University. The weightage for SSC, HSSC and Bachelor degree marks will be 30%, 30% & 40% respectively for the purpose of calculating merit

(d) The percentage / eligibility of “O” and “A” level students shall be determined through equivalence certificate.

(e) Upper age limit for student is 25 years. However, there is no age limit for widow or divorced daughters of PAF personnel (if she has become dependent again).

(f) Only one scholarship from any foundation is admissible at one time for same student.

#### **Notes**

(a) Children of deceased personnel must apply for BBSS.

(b) The students already getting fellowship may be converted to BBSS in case of death of his / her father.

### **Application Procedure**

4. Shaheen Foundation invites applications every year in the month of January through advertisement in leading newspapers “Daily Jang” & “The NEWS” from the students who have obtained admission in HEC approved colleges / universities.

5. The forms are also available at **[www.shaheenfoundation.com](http://www.shaheenfoundation.com)** Photocopies of application forms can also be used. Application forms duly completed in all respect may be sent directly to AD Welfare Shaheen Foundation PAF Complex E-9, Islamabad.

### **Required Documents**

6. Following documents are required to be submitted along with the application form:-

- (a) Photocopies of all educational certificates. The students of 'O' & 'A' level must attach Equivalence Certificate from respective Board/University.
- (b) Wards of PAF retired personnel must attach photocopy of discharge / pension book of father / mother.
- (c) Certificate of admission from the institution indicating date of admission and duration of course.
- (d) Breakdown of fee structure duly signed by the university authority (Head of Department / Registrar).
- (e) Undertaking certificate duly signed by the student and countersigned by the parents.

### **Selection Criteria**

7. All applicants for Bachelors & Masters level courses meeting the eligibility criteria will be short listed. The selection / merit criteria is as under:-

- (a) **Bachelors.** The merit will be based on marks obtained by applying 40% weightage to SSC marks and 60% weightage to HSSC marks. The first 150 students falling on merit will be selected for the award of fellowship.
- (b) **Masters.** The merit will be based on marks obtained by applying 30% weightage to SSC marks, 30% weightage to HSSC marks and 40% weightage to Bachelor Degree marks. The first 50 students falling on merit will be selected for the award of fellowship.
- (c) The merit of 'O' & 'A' level students shall be determined on the basis of equivalence certificate.
- (d) **CA / ACCA / CAT Course.** Students undertaking CA / ACCA are to provide results issued from the institutions in which they are studying. Students

admitted in ACCA through CAT (if selected) will be entitled to claim the tuition fees for the entire CAT course retrospectively, on producing the result or fee bills.

### **Scholarship Amount & Continuation**

8. The scholarship amount is maximum of Rs 50,000/- per annum per student for 'A' grade universities and Rs 20,000/- per annum per student or actual fee bills paid, whichever ever is less for 'B' grade universities. The selected students are reimbursed admission, tuition and examination fees. However, registration, hospital practice, lab / research / dissection, library, sports, medical fund and computer fee will also be included for reimbursement to the students selected for Fellowship subject to maximum prescribed limit.

9. The student will remain eligible for annual scholarship for complete duration of the course, subject to successful completion of each academic term. The student is required to submit his/her result along with the claim of scholarship (Original receipts of payments made in the institution). Failure / Drop out from any term will render the candidate ineligible for claiming the scholarship for the remaining period of degree / course.

### **Change of Discipline or University**

10. The student may change his / her discipline or college / university during study period. He/she will be required to submit a fresh "**Certificate of Admission**" for new institution to Shaheen Foundation with a written application giving the reason / justification. However, he / she will be paid the scholarship amount for new institution only for the remaining period of selected course duration, if he / she has already been paid the scholarship amount for some completed semesters / years of previous institution.

### **Ineligibility**

11. (a) Students undertaking Non regular courses.
- (b) Students already receiving scholarship from any other Foundation Specifically, Paying Cadets (PCs) of NUST Institutions, selected against PAF

reserved seats will not be considered for any of the Shaheen Foundation scholarship. However, Additionally Selected Cadets (ASCs) and Nustian Cadets (NCs) would continue to be eligible for Shaheen Foundation scholarship.

- (c) Wards of personnel who left service under following provisions:-
  - (i) Dismissed under Rule-15 PAF Act.
  - (ii) Terminated under Rule-16 PAF Act.
  - (iii) Removed from service under Rule-17 PAF Act.
  - (iv) Compulsory Resignation / Retirement under Rule-18 (1) PAF Act.
  - (v) Pre-mature compulsory Retirement under Rule-18 (2) PAF Act.
  - (vi) Voluntary Resignation or Retirement under Rule -20 PAF Act.

12. This policy supersedes, the previous instructions issued on the subject. Depending upon the profitability of SF in Previous Financial Year the MD SF may increase or decrease the number of scholarships as required, for any academic year.