

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 Principals

Scholarship Programme jointly awarded by the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka and the President's Fund for the Students who are studying Information and Communication Technology as a Subject for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination - 2024/2025

A programme awarding 5,000 scholarships for the students selected from among the 100 Education Zones Islandwide is planned to be implemented jointly by the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka and the President's Fund as per the concept of Hon. President, for the students who have appeared and passed the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination 2022 /2023 and qualified to study for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination and are currently studying Information and Communication Technology as a subject.

This programme is scheduled to be implemented in all the Education Zones islandwide and 50 no.s of scholarships will be awarded for one Education Zone. However, if a sufficient number of eligible applications are not received to award scholarships for one Zone, the remaining number of scholarships from the scholarships allocated for the said Zone will be allocated to other Zones considering the scores of the eligible scholarship applications received from other Zones. The said bursary will be awarded to the scholars eligible for a period from May 2024 to the month of appearing for the G.C.E. (Advance Level) examination or subject to a maximum period of 24 months.

01. Basic Qualifications required to apply for Scholarships

- 1.1 The applicant should have passed the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination conducted in the year 2022 (2023) and being a student of studying Information and Communication Technology as a subject in the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination.
- 1.2 He/ She should be a student in a government school.
- 1.3 The monthly income of the applicant's family should not exceed Rs.100,000/-.

NB : Students from among who are studying Information and Communication Technology as a subject for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination that submitted applications for the Presidential Scholarship Programme which has already been invited applications and selected for the said programme, are not required to re-submit their applications. The list of selected students at the provincial/ zonal level has been published on the Official Facebook Page of the President's Fund.

02. Submission of Applications

- 2.1 Principals should ensure that the Scholarship Application Form (**Annexure 01**) and related Instruction Sheet (**Annexure 02**) are posted on the notice board of the school.
- 2.2 The principals of every school should inform all the students of their school who have passed the G.C.E. (O/L) examination 2022 (2023) and are studying Information and Communication Technology as a subject for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination, regarding this scholarship programme.
- 2.3 Further details and application in this regard would be available in the websites www.presidentsfund.gov.lk of the President's Fund and www.moe.gov.lk of the Ministry of Education and in the Official Facebook Page www.facebook.com/president.fund of the President's Fund.
- 2.4 Students who have fulfilled the basic qualifications mentioned in No. 01 above and who wish to apply for the scholarships, should prepare their applications according to the Specimen Application Form (Annexure 01). The application so prepared and signed by the Class Teacher of the student should be certified by the Principal of the school concerned that the information mentioned in the application are accurate. The copies of educational certificates should be certified by the Principal and submitted along with the scholarship application to prove the marks granted for the scholarship application.
- 2.5 The monthly income of the applicant's family should be certified by the Grama Niladhari and submitted along with the recommendation of the Divisional Secretary. It is not required to obtain income reports.
- 2.6 The applications with recommendations/signatures 2.4 and 2.5 above should be submitted for the recommendation of the Zonal Director of Education.
- 2.7 Every scholar should have a Savings Account in the Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank or National Savings Bank in the name of the scholar, and a clear photocopy of the page containing the details of the Savings Account and a photocopy of the National Identity Card of the student should be certified and submitted by the Principal of the school concerned.
- 2.8 Accordingly, the duly completed application along with certified copies of all certificates should be sent only by registered post to be received **on or before 22nd May 2024** to the President's Fund located at the following address.

Secretary
President's Fund
No. 35, 03rd Floor, Lake House Building
D. R. Wijewardena Mawatha, Colombo 10
- 2.9 Further, "the Name of the School and the Education Zone" should be clearly mentioned in the top left hand corner of the envelope in which the application is submitted.

03. Selection Criteria

- 3.1 The duly completed scholarship applications should be submitted to the President's Fund before the due date, and the applications will be categorized at the Zonal level and the list of scholars will be prepared according to the relevant basic qualifications, criteria and marking scheme, immediately upon receipt of the applications.
- 3.2 The list of the selected scholars will be published on the Official Facebook Page of the President's Fund on 30th May 2024 and the necessary arrangements will be made to award the scholarships to the scholars, immediately after the completion of these process.

04. Selection Criteria and Marking Scheme

The maximum marks be awarded to an applicant is 100.

4.1 Information related to the Family (No. 01 of the Application)

4.1.1	Two or more children under 21 years of age in the family	- 04 Marks
4.1.2	Loss of both parents	- 06 Marks
4.1.3	No parents and being with a guardian (If so, copies of documents proving legal guardianship should be annexed.)	- 03 Marks
4.1.4	Loss one of the parents	- 02 Marks
4.1.5	In case of fully physical disability of the student (Only 05 marks for the partial disability	- 10 Marks

(Maximum 25 Marks)

NB :- Children unmarried and under 21 years of age, and depended by the parents are considered as children. A Government medical officer should be certified the physical disability.

4.2 Results of the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination (No. 02 of the Application)

4.2.1 For the Compulsory Subjects of the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination

For Distinction (A)	-	08 Marks
For Very Good Pass (B)	-	06 Marks
For Credit Pass (C)	-	04 Marks
For Ordinary Pass (S)	-	02 Marks

4.2.2 For the subject categories, two (02) marks should be awarded subject to a maximum of 01 mark per each subject.

(Maximum 50 Marks)

4.3 Sports (No. 03 of the Application)

Volleyball/ Netball/ Football/ Basketball/ Cricket/ Elle/ Badminton/ Kabaddi/ Rugby/ Hockey/ Athletic/ Chess/ Carom/ Tennis/ Swimming/ Gymnastics/ Karate/ Table Tennis or other

	Zonal Level	Provincial Level	National Level
• First Place	05	07	09
• Second Place	04	05	08
• Third Place	02	03	06
• Leadership	01	01	01

(Maximum 10 Marks)

4.4 Aesthetic and Co-curricular Activities (No. 04 of the Application)

- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Championship Competition
- National Languages and Literature Competitions/ Debates/ Speech/ Announcing/ Knowledge & Measure Contests/ Art/ Dancing/ Playing / Singing/ Stage Drama Subject Proficiency Achievements
- Scout/ Cadets/ First Aid/ Environmental Pilot/ Other

	Zonal Level	Provincial Level	National Level
• First Place	05	07	09
• Second Place	04	05	08
• Third Place	02	03	06
• Leadership	01	01	01

4.5 Prefectship (No. 05 of the Application)

School Head Prefect / School Deputy Head Prefect	-	05 Marks
Prefect (Senior/Junior)	-	04 Marks
Head of the Class	-	02 Marks
		(Maximum 05 Marks)

NB :-

- Marks should not be awarded for the same co-curricular activities in the above 4.3 and 4.4 of all National, Provincial and Zonal levels. Only the highest level of marks should be taken into consideration in awarding marks.
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05. Awarding of Scholarships

- 5.1 The 24 bursary installments of Rs. 6,000/- per month for a period of 02 years from May 2024 to the month of appearing for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination will be awarded for the selected students from among the students enrolled into Grade 12 for the secondary education in the year concerned and are studying Information and Communication Technology as a subject for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination. The respective bursary will be monthly credited directly, only to a bank account held in the name of the scholars. A new bank account should be opened if any bank account is not maintained in the name of the scholar.
- 5.2 If the concerned scholar has left the school where he/she is studying in and enrolled in another school for any reason, then the Principal should provide a letter of confirmation in that regard to the Zonal Director of Education. The Zonal Director of Education should promptly inform the President's Fund in that regard.
- 5.3 The concerned scholar should also inform the Zonal Director of Education in writing by sending a letter through the Principal of the school where he/she is currently studying that he/she has enrolled in another school including the name of the school newly enrolled.

06. Regulation of Scholarships

- 6.1 The list of the selected scholars will be prepared at the provincial and zonal level and the President's Fund will send the said list to each Provincial Director of Education and the Zonal Director of Education. The regulation of the scholars at the zonal level should be carried out by the Zonal Director of Education of the school belong to where they are studying. The Zonal Director of Education should appoint a Coordination Officer for the same.
- 6.2 The regulation of the scholars at the provincial level should be made by the respective Provincial Secretary/Provincial Director of Education, and the concerned responsibility should be assigned to a Coordinating Officer.
- 6.3 The regulation of scholars at the national level will be made by the Ministry of Education and the President's Fund.

07. Cancellation of Scholarships

- 7.1 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 school continuously.
 - III. Absence from educations continuously.
 - IV. Left the school without completing G.C.E. (A/L)
 - V. Enrollment in a fee-paying/international school.

08. Time Frame

	Task	Time Period (Final due date to complete the task concerned)
8.1	Call for applications	On 03 rd May 2024
8.2	Send the duly completed applications along with the relevant certified documents to the President's Fund by registered post.	On or Before 22 nd May 2024
8.3	Categorize the scholars at zonal level and prepare the list of scholars selected by the President's Fund	On or Before 30 th May 2024
8.4	Publish the names of the selected scholars on the official Face Book Page of the President's Fund and provide the list of the selected scholars to the Zonal and Provincial Directors of Education	On or Before 30 th May 2024

Scholarships will be awarded to the selected scholars immediately after the completion of the above process.

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

Sgd / Secretary

Ministry of Education

Copies:-
01. Secretary to the President, Presidential Secretariat
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