

# **ATTENDANCE SCHOLARSHIP FOR PRIMARY GIRL STUDENTS OF BACKWARD CLASSES AND ECONOMICALLY WEAKER FAMILIES (State Plan Scheme)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

It has been observed that the number of Backward Classes and Economically weaker families are much less than their population in Educational Institutions because of the fact that the parents/guardians of these girls are very poor and they do not pay any heed to the education of their female child. It is a fact that if at all these girls are admitted in the schools, they leave their studies in between for so many reasons, i.e. to assist their parents to augment the family income by taking up menial jobs or for domestic work in the absence of their parents when they are away from home for doing labour work/jobs etc. Keeping these circumstances in view, the State Govt. decided to adopt some ways and means so that the dropout tendency is checked at primary stage of education.

## **YEAR OF START**

The State Govt. introduced ‘ Scheme of Attendance Scholarship for Backward Classes and Economically weaker families primary girl students’ during 2011-12 which is being implemented successfully and the aim for which the scheme was introduced is being achieved by encouraging the Backward Classes and Economically weaker families girls for school education at primary level.

## **NORMS**

Under this scheme, the attendance scholarship @ Rs. 50/- per month, per student for 10 months in a year is awarded to those Backward Classes and Economically weaker families girls, who are domicile of Punjab State and studying in primary classes subject to the following conditions:-

1. Annual income of the parents/guardians should not exceed Rs. 1,00,000/-.
2. The parents/guardians do not have more than 5 acres of land.
3. Minimum 75% class attendance is required for award of scholarship.
4. The girl students, who are taking benefit out of any other scholarship scheme will not be covered under this scheme.