

NOTIFICATION

Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana for students of class VIth to IXth

Department of Posts has launched a philately scholarship scheme **Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana** (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby) on 03.11.2017 for generating interest regarding Philately amongst students.

About scheme:

Students of class VI to IX having good academic record and pursuing philately as a hobby will be awarded scholarship on the basis of Philately Quiz & Philately Project to be conducted by circle offices. The amount of Scholarship per awardees is to be Rs. 6000/- per annum @ Rs. 500/- per month.

Salient Features:

1. Eligibility Condition:

- a) A Candidate must be a student (class VIth to IXth) of a recognized School within India.
- b) Concerned School should have a Philately Club and the candidate should be a member of the Club,
- c) In case the School Philately Club hasn't been established a student having his own Philately Deposit Account may also be considered.
- d) A candidate must have good academic record. At the time of selection for award of scholarship the candidate must have scored at least 60% marks or equivalent grade/ grade point in the recent final examination. There will be 5% relaxation for SC/ST.

2. Selection Process:

The Selection Process will be consisting of two levels (Level 1- Philately Written Quiz & Level- 2- Philately Project).

Level 1: A **Philately Written Quiz** at Divisional level will be conducted by 20th December, 2017 by postal authorities in their Divisions.

Level 2: Students selected at the Divisional Level Written Quiz will have to submit a Philately Project for final selection by 15th Jan, 2018.

A communication will be issued by the Circle to the selected candidates of the quiz for detailing them on the list of Philately Project Topics & broad guidelines to be followed for writing their project. The candidates selected at Philately Written Quiz can submit their project on any one of the topic from the list provided by the circle.

3. **Syllabus:**

Philately Written Quiz will be a Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) quiz consisting of 50 (Fifty) questions from following subject: Current Affair, History, Science, Sports, Culture, Geography and Philately (local & national).

Philately Project should not be of more than 4 to 5 pages. In the project, student may use not more than 16 stamps and not more than 500 words. Detailed guidelines regarding the Project & sample project template will be issued by Circle after announcement of Philately written quiz to the selected candidates.

4. **Amount of Scholarship:**

The amount of Scholarship is to be Rs. 6000/- per annum @ Rs. 500/- per month for a selected candidate.

5. **Disbursement of Scholarship:**

The scholarship will be transferred in the joint account (with parents) of awardees in India Post Payment, Bank or Post Office Savings Bank in a branch, which has core banking facility.

6. **Application Procedure:**

- a) Application form is enclosed. Wide publicity is given to this scholarship scheme.
- b) Applications are addressed to Divisional Head with last date of receipt in their office as December 12, 2017 by resisted post/ speed post/ ordinary mail/ by hand.
- c) Check list as per instructions be prepared for checking the applications for eligibility.
- d) List of eligible students be prepared (in Excel format – School wise and Class wise).
- e) According to strength of eligible students, Venue is decided for smooth conduct of exam; which will be on December 20, 2017.
- f) Roll no. and letters be issued for test for Quiz (Level- I).
- g) Answer sheets be evaluated as per key provided by Circle office on December 21, 2017 positively.

Application Form



Name of the Student : _____

Mother's Name : _____

Father's Name : _____

Date of Birth : __/__/____

Class : _____ Academic Year : _____

Name of School : _____

% of marks (in final examination) : _____

PDA Account (Yes/No) : _____ If yes, PDA A/c no. : _____

PDA A/c holder since : _____

Member in School

Philatelic Club (Yes/No): _____ Club Membership No.: _____

Address : _____

_____ PIN: _____

Contact No. Mobile : _____ Landline : _____

Email Id : _____

Place : _____ Signature of candidate : _____

Date : _____

For Office Use

Name of Office

Date of Quiz

Other details