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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
(EDUCATION-7 BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

No: SED-EDU709/1/2023-4EDU/ I/541104/2023 Dated 04/05/2023

Admission in class 9th in Senior Secondary Residential School for Poor and Meritorious Students (Meritorious School), Talwara and in class 11th in all ten Senior Secondary Residential Schools for Poor and Meritorious Students of Punjab (Meritorious Schools) located at Amritsar, Bathinda, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Mohali, Patiala, Sangrur and Talwara through combined entrance test and combined merit based admission process to be undertaken by Society for Promotion of Quality Education for Poor and Meritorious Students of Punjab (Meritorious Society), 5th Floor, E-Block, Punjab School Education Board complex, Phase-8, SAS Nagar (Mohali) 160062.

1.0 Admission Process

1.1 The registration process for admission in new academic session in meritorious schools for 4600 seats (appended as annexure -I) will commence from 1st January of every year. The registration fee will be decided by the Department and will be informed in the public notice for admission in meritorious schools.

1.2 The students from the following schools will be eligible to apply for admission in meritorious schools:

1.2.1 Students studying in government schools and appearing in matriculation examination to be conducted by Punjab School Education Board (PSEB).

1.2.2 Students studying in Dashmesh Girls Senior Secondary School, Badal; Talwandi Sabo (Distt. Bathinda); Kotla Sultan (Distt. Amritsar) and Adarsh & Modal Schools under PEDB/ PPP Mode.

1.2.3 Students of government aided schools and private schools affiliated with Punjab School Education Board, can also apply against ten percent seats reserved for them if they possess documentary evidence of having Atta Dal/smart card or any equivalent card which is duly countersigned by competent authority of Department of Food and Supply, Punjab under the seal of his/her office.

2.0 MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

2.1 The students desirous to seek admission in class 11th, who anticipate to secure 70% marks for General category in 10th class and 65% for SC/ST category in 10th class during last academic session, are eligible to apply.

2.2 The minimum qualification to get admission in class 9th in Meritorious School, Talwara, is to have passed class 8th from government school affiliated to Punjab School Education Board.

3.0 RESERVATION

3.1 Reservation to Atta Dal card/Smart Card holders

3.1.1 Ten percent seats are reserved for students of government aided schools and private schools affiliated with Punjab School Education Board (PSEB), who belong to the family entitled to the Atta Dal Scheme of the Department of Food and Supplies i.e. they must be smart card holders.

3.1.2 It will be mandatory for the candidates from government aided and private schools affiliated to PSEB for taking benefit of this reservation of ten percent seats to show latest Atta Dal/smart card or any equivalent card which is duly countersigned by competent authority of Department of Food and Supply, Punjab under the seal of his/her office. The countersignature should not be older than six months.

3.1.3 However, if the eligible students are not available under this quota, then vacant seats of this quota will be filled from general merit list of girls and boys respectively in the ratio of 60:40.

3.2 Reservation to disabled candidates (girls and boys)

3.2.1 As per the notification no. 11/5/2017-1SS (6SS)/92 dated 09.01.2021 of Department of Social Security and Women & Child Development, Government of Punjab, ten percent seats are reserved for disabled girls and five percent seats are reserved for disabled boys.

3.2.2 The applicants who are disabled with forty percent or more disability may get admission in Meritorious Schools as per notification no. 11/5/2017-1SS (6SS)/92 dated 09.01.2021 of Department of Social Security and Women & Child Development, Government of Punjab.

3.2.3 This reservation of ten percent seats to disabled girls and five percent seats to disabled boys is available only for the disabled candidates who possess valid disabled certificate issued by competent authority mentioning disability percentage of forty percent or more as per guidelines of Government of Punjab.

3.2.4 However, if the eligible students are not available under this quota then the vacant seats of this quota will be filled from general merit list of girls and boys respectively in the ratio of 60:40.

3.3 Reservation for Girls in Women Headed Household

3.3.1 As per the notification no 11/5/2017-3SS(2SS)/74 dated 09.01.2021, of Department of Social Security and Women & Child Development, twenty percent seats reserved for Women-Headed Household.

3.3.2 Applicant needs to show a valid proof of Women Headed Household for taking benefit under this category for getting admission in meritorious schools.

3.3.3 It is further clarified that benefit of twenty percent quota under this category will be offered to girls only as per the notification no. 11/5/2017-3SS(2SS)/74 dated 09.01.2021, of the Department of Social Security and Women & Child Development of Government of Punjab. Any woman can be Head of Household - she may be grandmother (in case of death of both parents), may be mother (in case of death of father, divorced, disabled father, who is not fit to work/earn, absence of father from home for long period, minimum seven years) or may be elder sister (in case of death of both parents). In case of death either both parents or father death/missing/disabled/divorce, relevant document /certificate issued by competent authority will be mandatory.

However, if the eligible students are not available under this quota then the vacant seats of this quota will be filled from general merit list of girls.

4.0 SELECTION CRITERIA

4.1 The admission will be undertaken on merit based on the entrance test. The entrance test will be comprised of 100 marks from the subjects English, Maths and Science. For the candidates to qualify this test, minimum 33% marks are required in each subject with overall 50% marks in the entrance test. In case of a tie in merit, preference will be given to a candidate elder in age.

5.0 COUNSELLING, SCRUTINY AND VERIFICATION

5.1 Online centralized counselling will be held for the admissions. Project Director, Assistant Project Director and Superintendent, Meritorious Society shall supervise the whole counselling/admission process. District level Committees will be constituted to scrutinize and verify the authenticity of the documents before allotting seats to students in school as per merit and availability of seats.

5.2 The waiting list of remaining candidates with their merit will be displayed on the website from which the vacant seats will be filled after the first phase of online counselling. It is clarified that the student shall report the school within one week after getting the admission in counselling process. In case the students failed to report in respective school within the prescribed days their seats shall be considered as vacant.

6.0 FEES

6.1 No fee/fund will be charged from the students except registration charges.

7.0 FALSE DOCUMENTS

7.1 The admission of any candidate found to have obtained on the basis of false, forged, fabricated or tampered document shall be liable to be cancelled at any stage,

besides registering a criminal case against him/her and barring him/her for re-admission in meritorious schools.

In case of any dispute, the final decision will be taken by the Project Director of Meritorious Society.

Dated: Chandigarh
09/04/2023

Jaspreet Talwar, IAS
Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
Department of School Education

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A copy is forwarded to Controller, Printing and Stationery Punjab, Chandigarh with a request to publish the notification in Punjab Government Gazette extra ordinary and supply 50 copies for official use.

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Special Secretary School Education, Punjab

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A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. PA to Education Minister, Punjab, Chandigarh
2. PA to Principal Secretary School Education, Punjab, Chandigarh
3. PA to Special Secretary, School Education, Punjab, Chandigarh.
4. PA to Director General School Education, Punjab, Chandigarh.
5. Director School Education (Secondary Education), Punjab, Mohali.
6. Secretary, Punjab School Education Board
7. All District Education Officers (SE), Punjab.
8. All Principal, Meritorious School, Punjab.
9. OSD (Litigation) School Education Punjab.

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