



# Ministry of Finance and Mass Media

## FINANCIAL GRANT FOR TRAINING COURSES OF JOURNALISTS “AsiDisi” Media Scholarship Programme - 2017

### 01. OBJECTIVE

- To upgrade professionalism of Sri Lankan journalists

### 02. TARGET GROUP

- Journalists serving on the basis of full time or part time in recognized electronic and print media institutions islandwide
- Free-lance Journalists
- Provincial Journalists
- Web Journalists

### 03. SELECTION CRITERIA

- Should be a journalist stipulated in 02 above and should have completed 03 years of service.
- Applicants should be selected for or currently following a Postgraduate (Master's) Degree, Diploma, Long term or Short Term Certificate Course related to the field of media conducted by recognized Universities, higher educational / training institutes at the date of calling for interviews. (A letter issued by the respective institution mentioning the selection to the course or currently following the course should be furnished at the interview).
- The course applied for should be directly related to the field of media.
- Should be between 18 - 55 years of age
- Should possess Media Accreditation issued by the Department of Government Information
- Should not be benefitted from the AsiDisi Scholarship Programme earlier.

### 04. GRANTING FINANCIAL FACILITIES

- Maximum scholarship amount paid for course is Rupees One Hundred Thousand only. Eligible applicants will be provided with 50% of the course fee as the first installment at the commencement and 25% of the balance as the second installment and the balance 25% upon submission of the certificate on completion of the course.

### 05. MODE OF SELECTION

- Eligible applicants will be interviewed by a Selection Committee appointed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance and Mass Media. The decision of the Secretary to the Ministry shall be final and conclusive.

### 06. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Duly filled applications prepared as per specimen application given below should be sent under registered cover addressed to Director (Media), Ministry of Finance and Mass Media, No. 163, Kirulapone Avenue, Polhengoda, Colombo 05 to reach on or before 31.07.2017. “Financial Grant for Training Courses of Journalists - 2017” should be clearly indicated on top left-hand corner of the envelope.

#### N.B.

- Should enter into an agreement with the Ministry after the award of scholarship and the relevant course should be commenced maximum within six (06) months. Failing will result in cancellation of the scholarship.

**Inquiries :- 011 2513645, 011 2513459, 011 2513460**

**More details :- [www.media.gov.lk](http://www.media.gov.lk)**

**Dr. R.H.S. Samaratinga**  
**Secretary**  
**Ministry of Finance and Mass Media**

### SPECIMEN APPLICATION

#### Financial Grant for Training Courses of Journalists - 2017

- Name in Full (Block Letters) :.....
- Full Name in English (Mr. / Mrs. / Miss) :.....
- Name with initials :.....
- Address :.....
- Telephone No. :- Mobile:..... Residence :.....
- Date of Birth :.....
- Age as at the closing date of applications :- Years:..... Months:..... Days:.....
- National Identity Card No. :.....
- Highest Educational Qualification :.....
- Details of the Training Course Applied
  - Course Title :.....
  - Training Institute :.....
  - Duration :.....
  - Course Fee :.....
- Can you submit to the interview Board, a letter on your selection for the course at the relevant institute?  
Can  Cannot
- Have you received financial grants from the Government under any other training programme?  
Name of the Course ..... Institute ..... Duration .....  
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- Service Particulars
  - Employment status :- Permanent  Temporary  Provincial   
Freelance  Web
  - Designation :.....
  - Name of the Institution :.....
  - Newspaper / Channel :.....
  - Address :.....
  - Telephone No. :-Office :..... Fax:.....
  - Email Address :.....
  - ID No. issued by the Department of Government Information :- No. .... Year :-.....
  - Professional Experience (Years) :- ..... :.....
  - District Covered :.....
- Have you obtained financial grants earlier under this scholarship scheme? Yes  No   
If yes, the Course and the year :-.....

I hereby certify that the above particulars are true and correct

Date:.....

Signature of the Applicant:.....

#### Recommendation of the Head of the Institution

Mr./Mrs./Miss ..... is serving in this institution as a permanent / part-time / provincial / freelance / Web journalist from ..... to ..... and I recommend him / her to be eligible for the above scholarship programme. I hereby certify that the above particulars are true and correct.

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- Address :.....
- Telephone No. :.....

Date:.....

Signature and official stamp

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