



Ministry of Information and Communication Technology FINANCIAL GRANT FOR TRAINING COURSES OF JOURNALISTS

Asidisi Media Scholarship Programme - 2020

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
- Freelance 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 submitted 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
- A Journalist can get benefits twice under this Scholarship Scheme and may apply for the second time 05 years after being qualified for the first time.

04. GRANTING FINANCIAL FACILITIES

- Maximum scholarship amount paid for a degree or postgraduate degree course is Rupees Two Hundred Thousand (Rs. 200,000/-) and the maximum scholarship amount for a long term or short term Certificate Course is Rupees One Hundred Thousand (Rs. 100,000/-)
- Journalists entitled to the Scholarship will be paid 50% of the scholarship amount at the beginning of the course as the first instalment and 25% of the balance 50% as the second instalment and the remaining 25% will be paid after the submission of the certificate obtained after the 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 Information and Communication Technology. 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 Information and Communication Technology, No. 163, Kirulapone Avenue, Polhengoda, Colombo 05 to reach on or before 07.02.2020. "Asidisi Media Scholarship Programme - 2020" 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

W.A. Chulananda Perera

Secretary

Ministry of Information and Communication Technology

SPECIMEN APPLICATION

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1. Name in Full (Block Letters) :-.....
2. Full Name in English (Mr. / Mrs. / Miss) :-.....
3. Name with initials :-.....
4. Personal Address :-.....
5. Telephone No. :- Mobile:..... Residence :.....
6. Date of Birth :-.....
7. Age as at the closing date of applications :- Years:..... Months:..... Days:.....
8. National Identity Card No. :-.....
9. Highest Educational Qualification :-.....

10. Details of the Training Course Applied

- i. Course Title :-.....
- ii. Training Institute :-.....
- iii. Duration :-.....
- iv. Course Fee :-.....

11. Can you submit to the interview Board, a letter on your selection for the course at the relevant institute?

Can Cannot

12. Have you received financial grants from the Government under any other training programme?

Name of the Course	Institute	Duration
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13. Service Particulars

- Employment status :- Permanent Temporary Provincial
Freelance Web
- Designation :-.....
- Name of the Institution :-.....
- Newspaper / Channel :-.....
- Official Address :-.....
- Telephone No. :- Office :..... Fax:.....
- Email Address :-.....
- ID No. issued by the Department of Government Information :- No. Year :-.....
- Professional Experience (Years) :-.....
- District Covered :-.....

14. 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.

1. Name :-
2. Designation :-
3. Address :-
4. Telephone No. :-

Date:

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Signature and official stamp