**Eligibility Criteria**

The students must have:

 The applicant must be a Pakistani National

 Students must secure admission in the approved discipline at the participating institution as per admission policy of the institution and be enrolled in Undergraduate ( 4Years or 5Years) program

 The eligibility of a candidate is linked to neediness of the candidate as determined by the financial background of his/her family

 Not availing any other educational scholarship during the current academic year

**Document Validation (4 weeks)**

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|  | Document validation process would be conducted by institutes. The following documents would be provided by the applicant for validation:  **Attested Copies of** |
| **1** Academic documents copies | |
| **2** Applicant’s CNIC Copy/ B Form | |
| **3** Father’s / Guardian’s CNIC | |
| **4** Domicile (If not available then attach Father’s Domicile and slip of applied for the domicile) | |
| **5** | Photographs (Two passport size) |
| **6** | Undertaking for Income Declaration *(To be given on Rs.20-50 non-judicial stamp paper)* |
| **7** | Salary Slip / Income Certificate of Self/Father/Guardian |
| **8** | Application Form filled and signed by applicant |
| **9** | Certificate from institute that applicant is not availing any other scholarship for current academic session signed and stamped by institutional / department head/principal/Registrar on Letter Head. |
| **10** | Proof of Hostel verified by Focal Person |

**Application and Selection Process**

The deserving students will deposit the complete scholarship application form at the Scholarship Facilitation Office (SFO), established at the participating universities. The details of the candidates will be compiled by the SFO in the evaluation sheet. After completion, the data sheet will be forwarded to the members of Institutional Scholarship Award Committee (ISAC) which includes members from the institution as well as external community members, and is headed by the Vice Chancellor of the participating institution who would ensure impartiality and transparency of the process.

The ISAC committee will make its recommendations on the basis of total family income, total number of dependents, education expenditures, market value of the assets and income versus expenditure assessment of the candidate’s family and its ability to pay the educational expenditures. The students will be interviewed by ISAC to ensure the authenticity of the information and to cross check the data provided. Based on the review of data, interview of the candidates and, if required, interview with the parents and physical verification of the data. ISAC will recommend potential candidates in order of priority to NEST Scholarship Selection Committee (SSC).

After the approval from NEST Scholarship Selection Committee, the approved selected applicants’ list will be enrolled in Scholarship MIS system as beneficiaries.

**Compliance**

 Next installment will be released when the nominated focal person of institute will provide students following performance:

 75% Attendance

 60% Academic Performance

 In case of failure of student in obtaining at least 60% marks the installment will be withheld until he improves his grades and secure at least 60% marks.

 In case of failure of 75% attendance the installment will be withheld or the focal person from institution provides sound reasons acceptable by the institute of his/her absence duration.

**Cancelation of Scholarship**

Scholarship will be cancelled if:

 A student is availing any other scholarship.

 Fails in exams and is readmitted/repeats the same degree course

 Left the study or/and joined new institution.

 Student is involved in criminal/offensive activities as accused by institute

 Violation or fail to comply NEST policies

 Found submitting of False or Fake documents or information may result in cancelation of the scholarship

 Following Non-Compliance will result in scholarship cancellation if

 Students three consecutive sessions having non satisfactory results i.e. less than 65% Or

 Students three consecutive sessions having non satisfactory attendance i.e. less than 75%