

**COLLECTORATE: NABARANGPUR**  
**(SOCIAL SECURITY SECTION)**

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Letter No. 12 //X-01/ 2026

Dated: 03 / 01 /2026

To,

The District Education Officer, Nabarangpur.  
All the Block Development Officers of this district.  
The Executive Officer, Municipality Nabarangpur/ Umerkote.  
All the Block Education Officers of this district.

Sub: - Resolution on "Banishree" – A Scheme of Scholarship for Students with Special Needs.

Ref: - Memo No.14685 dated.24.12.2025 of Additional Secretary to Govt., SSEPD Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to enclose herewith the Letter No. 14683 dated 24.12.2025 of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) Department, Odisha, regarding the Resolution on "Banishree" – A Scheme of Scholarship for Students with Special Needs.

You are therefore requested to take necessary steps for strict adherence to the scholarship guidelines, ensure timely sponsoring of eligible scholarship applications through the **Odisha State Scholarship Portal** (<https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in/website/home>) and to accord wide publicity of the scheme among Persons with Disabilities (PwD) students under your jurisdiction, so that all eligible beneficiaries may avail the benefit of the scheme.

This is for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

  
District Social Security Officer  
Nabarangpur  
Date: 03.01.2026

Memo No. 13 /2026

Copy to the District I.E Coordinator, Nabarangpur for information and necessary action.

Copy to the DeGM, DeGS cell, Collectorate, Nabarangpur for kind information with a request to publish the same in the Nabarangpur district portal.

Copy to Notice Board, Collectorate, Nabarangpur for wide publication among the PwD Students.

  
District Social Security Officer  
Nabarangpur  
Date: 03.01.2026

Memo No. 14 /2026

Copy submitted to the Sub-Collector, Nabarangpur for kind information and necessary action.

Copy to the OSD to Collector, Nabarangpur for kind information of Collector.

  
District Social Security Officer  
Nabarangpur  
Date: 03.01.2026





**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**

**Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**

No. **14683** /SSEPD  
SSEPD-DA3-DA-0006-2025

Date. **24.12.2025**

**RESOLUTION**

**Subject** – 'Banishree' - A Scheme of Scholarship for Students with Special Needs.

The State Government had notified Rules regarding Award of Scholarship to Orthopaedically Handicapped Students in 1971. Comprehensive set of rules to regulate Government of Orissa Scholarship for Physically Handicapped students were notified vide Resolution No.10793, dated the 1st November 1978 of C.D. & S.W. Department.

The State Government, after careful consideration have been pleased to formulate an Integrated Scholarship Scheme titled, BANISHREE–A Scheme of Scholarship for Students with Special Needs.

The Scheme will replace Government Resolution No. 1426, dated 25th and subsequent amendments vide Resolution No.335/HW-II-C-46/2009, dated 22nd September 2009, Resolution No. 7443-DW-II-E-55/2012 (Pt.)-WCD, dated 2nd April 2013, Resolution No. 8841-SSEPD-DA3-DA-0013-2017, dated 28.11.2018 and Resolution No.- 394-SSEPD-DA3-DA-0004-2019 dated 11.01.2022.

To facilitate coverage of all eligible cases under the scholarship scheme, the State Government has decided to simplify the procedure and to include all 21 categories of disabilities for which UDID certificates are issued . Further, the this scheme has been onboarded in the state common scholarship application portal whereby, any student with disability certificate can apply for and avail the assistance over and above any other scholarship he/she may be availing as per eligibility . This will not only provide easy accessibility of the students to all scholarship schemes of other departments which available on the same platform , but also ensure proper record maintenance on the online portal .

The scheme shall come into effect immediately after publication of Gazette Notification. The details of the scheme and its guidelines are as follows:

## **GUIDELINES**

1. **Introduction**–The Scheme is called **Banishree – A Scheme of Scholarship for Students with Special Needs.**
2. **Objectives of the Scheme**–The main purpose of the scholarship to the students with special needs is to assist and encourage them to study as well as acquire technical/professional/vocational training so as to enable them to earn a living and to become useful members of society.
3. **Definitions**–For the purpose of the scheme –
  - a. "Children with special needs" mean Students with Disabilities (SwDs) for the purpose of this scheme.
  - b. "Disability" means any category of disability as defined in **The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016** and **National Trust Act, 1999.**
  - c. "Educational Institution" means any recognized educational institution which includes recognized schools/special schools (registered under RPwD Act, 2016 and not covered in grant-in-aid scheme/rules)/colleges/ universities, and also includes technical/ vocational/ professional institutions.
  - d. "Scholarship" means monetary stipend/ award at the rates as prescribed by Government from time to time, and includes Reader's Allowance and conveyance allowance.
4. **Applicability**–The scheme shall apply to students,
  - (i) Enrolled for studies primary education (Std. I to V).
  - (ii) Enrolled for studies in middle & high schools (std. VI to X)
  - (iii) Reading in colleges/ universities
  - (iv) Enrolled for studies in special schools registered under RPwD Act-2016 but not receiving grant-in-aid from State/ Central Government.
  - (v) Enrolled for studies in distance education through recognized universities/ Govt. institutes.
  - (vi) Enrolled for studies in technical/ vocational/ professional education in any of the recognized institute.

5. **Eligibility**– The benefit under Banishree scholarship scheme shall be admissible over and above other scholarships/stipends, subject to fulfillment of the following eligibility criteria prescribed under the scheme:–

- i. The applicant must be *bona fide* resident of Odisha.
- ii. The applicant should be a regular student of educational institution.
- iii. Must possess a valid Unique Disability Identity (UDID) card.
- iv. Either of the parents of the applicant shall not be an income tax payee.
- v. The student shall get the scholarship if he enrolls and regularly attends any recognized institution irrespective of whether he can passed in the examination or not in the particular year.

The beneficiaries may apply for the Banishree Scholarship, even if they are availing the benefits of any other scholarship/stipend from the State Government or the Central Government.

6. (a) **Rates of Scholarship** – The rate/ amount of this scholarship is as under:

**Inside the State—**

Sl. No.	Slab	Rate of Scholarship per Student per Month (in Rs.)
1	Primary (Standard I to V)	400
2	Middle and High School (Standard VI to VIII and IX to XI) (Not covered by the Government of India Scholarship)	500
3	College (+2 & +3) (Not covered by the Government of India Scholarship)	600
4	College (P.G.) (Not covered by the Government of India Scholarship)	700
5	Technical and vocational training (Not covered by Govt. of India Scholarship).	700

**Outside the State—**

Students prosecuting normal course of study or technical/ vocational / professional education/training not available in the State and not covered by Govt. of India Scholarship shall get Rs.700/- per month.

**(b)** In case of visually challenged candidates, **Reader's Allowance** shall be paid at Rs.200 per month for primary classes and Rs.300 per month for middle and high school classes and Rs.400 per month for other studies, if it is certified by the head of the institution that the candidate has continuously employed a reader during the period of study, subject to the condition that such assistance is not availed of from Govt. of India.

**(c)** In case of **orthopaedically handicapped** student who has 75% or above disabilities requiring special arrangements for transport, an additional monthly allowance of Rs.200 per month may be sanctioned for transport, if it is not covered by the scheme of integrated education.

## **7. Modus of allocation/ sanction/ disbursement of scholarship:**

### **A. Application Process :-**

The students desiring to avail scholarship can apply only online through this Department web portal ([www.ssepd.gov.in](http://www.ssepd.gov.in)) and State Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in>) directly or through the head of school/ college/ educational institutions. Valid UDID certificate is needed to apply Banishree Scholarship. A valid UDID certificate of the applicant, issued by the CDMO, is mandatory for submission of the Banishree Scholarship application.

### **B. Verification Process:-**

#### **Stage-1: Institution Level:-**

The Head of Institution (Principal/Headmaster) shall verify:

- i. Student's enrollment and attendance (minimum attendance 75%) for continuing eligibility.
- ii. Documents uploaded.

#### **Stage-2: District Level:-**

The District Social Security Officer at district level shall be the sanctioning authority. Applications shall be approved/ rejected based on verification.

- i. A Bank account is to be opened even with zero balance in the name of the candidate in case the candidate is 18 years of age or above, or
- ii. A joint account in the name(s) of the applicant student and his/her father/ mother/ guardian in case the candidate is below 18 years.

### **C. Sanction Process**

After filling up the application by the applicant, the same shall be verified by concerned head of Institution, Thereafter, applications shall be forwarded to concerned DSSOs for consideration of sanction.

### **D. Disbursement Process**

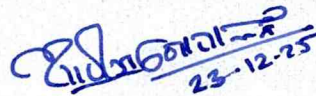
- Funds shall be disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into the student's Aadhaar seeded bank account.
- Disbursement shall be made through DBT as and when required.
- Students shall be notified via SMS/email regarding fund transfer.
- The scholarship will be payable from the month of admission up to end of the academic session including the month of examination.
- For continuing absence for a period not exceeding three months, the scholarship shall be paid in full, provided that the absence was on account of health ground.

### **8. General :**

- i. A change in the education institution will not entail loss/ discontinuance of the scholarship.
- ii. In case of any dispute regarding selection/ recommendation/ sanction/ rejection of application of scholarship, complaint can be filed before the Collector, whose decision shall be final.
- iii. Government in Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department reserves the right to amend the guidelines. The Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department is competent to issue instructions with a view to removing any difficulty arising in the implementation of these guidelines and to relax the provisions of these guidelines at their discretion.

**ORDER**— Ordered that the Notification shall be published in the *Orissa Gazette*.

By order of the Governor

  
23-12-25

**Sri R. S. Gopalan**

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

**Commissioner-cum-Secretary  
SSEPD Department**

Memo. No. 14684 / SSEPD

Date. 24.12.2025

Copy along with soft copy forwarded to the Deputy Director, Odisha Secretariat Branch Press, At-Kharavela Nagar, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

He is requested to publish the Notification in an extra-ordinary issue of Odisha Gazette and supply 10 (Ten) copies to this Deptt. for reference.




Additional Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 14685 / SSEPD

Date. 24.12.2025

Copy forwarded to all Departments of Government/ All Collectors for information and necessary action.



Additional Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 14686 / SSEPD

Date. 24.12.2025

Copy forwarded to Addl. Secretary to Chief Minister, Odisha/P.S. to Minister, SSEPD Department, Odisha for kind information of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha and Hon'ble, Minister, SSEPD Department, Odisha respectively.



Additional Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 14687 / SSEPD

Date. 24.12.2025

Copy forwarded to the IT Cell, SSEPD Department for information and necessary action. They are requested to update the official website with the revised Banishree Guidelines at the earliest.



Additional Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 14688 / SSEPD

Date. 24.12.2025

Copy forwarded to the P.S. to Commissioner-cum-Secretary, SSEPD Department/ Jr. Executive to Director, SSEPD for kind information of Commissioner-cum-Secretary, SSEPD Department / Director, SSEPD.



Additional Secretary to Government