**SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

In 2009, His Majesty the 5th Druk Gyalpo articulated a vision to, *“encourage the growth of sports as an integral part of the academic experience of youth activity and national endeavor and achievement.”*

In line with this noble vision and to encourage and enable promising young sport persons from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, to continue their academic pursuit, the Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC) and Pelkhil School has introduced this scholarship rules and regulations.

1. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

For an individual to be eligible for a BOC – Pelkhil Sports Scholarship program, the individual must satisfy all of the following criteria:

* 1. Be an outstanding athlete and a member of the National Team, certified to this effect by the General Secretary of the concerned National Sport Federation (NSF). Where no national team exists for a particular NSF, the best athletes who have represented the country may be considered. However, priority shall be given to:
* Medalists who can submit certificates of medals in international/regional Games
* National Champions for the previous year, duly certified by the General Secretary of the concerned NSF.
  1. Have passed the class X examinations, from a government recognized school but not have qualified for admission to government schools;
  2. Must be Bhutanese national;
  3. Have the recommendation of the concerned NSF;
  4. Meet the minimum academic criteria of the proposed institute to which he/she seeks to be admitted into;
  5. Preference will be given to sports persons from economically disadvantaged background.

1. **LENGTH OF SCHOLARSHIP**
   1. Initially for one year in Class XI;
   2. Having successfully completed Class XI, the scholarship may be renewed for another year to successfully complete the next level;
2. **THE SCHOLARSHIP SHALL COVER:**
   1. Tuition fees charged by respective school
3. **RENEWAL OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**
   1. Should have passed all their academic examinations;
   2. Continue to be the member of the National Team and deliver outstanding sport performance.
4. **THE SCHOLARSHIP SHALL NOT COVER:**
   1. Stationary and institute uniform;
   2. Any other miscellaneous expenses charged by the institute.
   3. NU 1200 REGISTRATION FEE – This is an important process and generates all the paperwork that each student requires.
   4. NU 7500 SECURITY DEPOSIT WHICH WILL BE REFUNDABLE – this is an important requirement unfortunately as students intentionally or not, cause avoidable damage. Sometimes responsibility is placed jointly on the whole class.
   5. NU1000/TERM FOR STATIONERY SUPPLIED BY SCHOOL – this has been exempted only for scholars who have earned a full scholarship due to their high marks.
5. **OBLIGATION ON PART OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**
   1. Submit documents of evidence of admission to the school/institute to the respective NSF;
   2. Submit midterm academic performance reports to NSF;
   3. Submit annual academic progress reports to NSF;
   4. Submit acknowledgment of receipt of the scholarship fee by the school/institute.
6. **CANCELLATION OF SCHOLARSHIP**

The BOC may cancel the scholarship, anytime, where it has been proven that the scholarship holder has:

* 1. Misbehavior either in the school/institute or in their respective sport or;
  2. Failure to attend their required academic classes or scheduled training programs or events and games or;
  3. Failure in the mid-term examinations or;
  4. Discontinue participation in their sport or;
  5. Failure to secure their position in the National Team or;
  6. Failure to submit the following documents to the NSF:
* Half yearly academic progress report;
* Half yearly sports report;
* Annual academic report;
* Annual sport progress report.
  1. Failure to maintain passing grades.

1. **Documents required while applying**
2. Scholarship Application form duly signed and dated along with photo.
3. Academic Transcripts (Class X)
4. Citizenship ID Card copy
5. Security Clearance Certificate
6. Medical Certificate
7. Proof of National Team member, if available
8. Recommendation Letter from relevant National Sports Federations
9. Proof of Family Income (Letter from Gup or personal/business income tax returns)
10. Certificate/evidence of sporting accomplishments
11. CV of the applicant
12. Merit and other Certificates (optional)
13. Covering letter from the applicant