

Freddy and Blanche Alvares Scholarship for Education

A Legacy of Compassion and Service

The **Freddy and Blanche Alvares Scholarship for Education** honors the enduring legacy of Mr. Freddy Alvares and Mrs. Blanche Alvares, who were deeply associated with Maria Seva Sangha (MSS) since its inception. Mrs. Blanche Alvares was a founding member and a long-standing governing committee leader who remained a tireless advocate for educating students from low-income backgrounds.

Established through a generous donation from their children—Mrs. Sonia Castalino, Mrs. Pramila D’Souza, and Mr. Mohan Alvares—this scholarship is designed to empower financially challenged, bright young students.

Initiative Overview

This initiative expands the scope of the **Maria Seva Sangha Educational Fellowship Project** by offering merit-based financial assistance without the burden of full repayment.

- **Merit-Cum-Means Focus:** The scholarship rewards students from low-income backgrounds who demonstrate remarkable academic and intellectual capabilities.
 - **Partial Scholarship Model:** To ensure complete coverage, students can combine this scholarship with our interest-free loans to cover **100% of their course fees**.
 - **Selective Opportunity:** Awards are currently limited to 1–2 students annually, chosen from loan applicants or personal recommendations by MSS members.
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Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Academic Excellence:** Must have completed Class 12/PUC and be currently pursuing graduate studies.
- **Consistent Performance:** A minimum of **75% marks** in Class 10 and Class 12/PUC exams.
- **Financial Need:** Total family income must not exceed **₹8 Lakhs per annum**.

- **Character:** Candidates must demonstrate social conscientiousness, a strong inclination to study, and exemplary conduct.
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Spotlight: Our First Beneficiary

We are proud to introduce Ms. Josephine Mary, a third-year BCA student at Indian Academy Degree College, as our first scholarship recipient. By maintaining high academic standards (70%+), Josephine secured a total tuition support of **₹75,000**, consisting of a **₹30,000 Merit Scholarship** and a **₹45,000 Interest-Free Loan**.

"When I was in great need, Maria Seva Sangha supported me in continuing my studies... Your timely financial assistance relieved a major burden and enabled me to pursue my education with confidence and hope." — **Josephine Mary**.



Support This Vision

Your contributions help us expand this program to reach more hardworking and diligent students. All donations to Maria Seva Sangha are eligible for a **50% Tax Exemption under Section 80G**.

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