GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL TALENT SCHOLARSHIP(NTS)
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

As per Approval in X Plan

1. The National Talent Scholarship (NTS) at the rate of Rs.1,000/- per month shall be available to all undergraduate students admitted in the Agricultural University located outside their State of domicile.
2. The Scholarship will be awarded initially for a period of one year from the date the student actually takes admission in the Agricultural University as recognized by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for pursuing undergraduate degree in agriculture and related disciplines with both course work and practical leading to the award of Bachelor's Degree. The scholarship is renewable for the remaining duration of the undergraduate degree programme subject to his/her maintenance of good academic performance and conduct as specified by the concerned university.
3. A student is eligible for the scholarship provided he/she:-

   - Takes up studies in approved courses and takes admission in the Agricultural University located outside their State of domicile.
   - Maintains merit and good conduct as certified by Head of the College / University / Institution.
   - Does not remain absent without prior permission and does not participate in any agitation/strike etc. during the period.
   - Takes up studies on a whole time basis and does not take up any job even on part time basis.
   - Does not accept any other financial assistance/scholarship during the course of undergraduate study.
   - Does not leave his/her course of study within one month of the admission otherwise no scholarship shall be paid to him/her.
   - Does not subsequently change the initial subject allocated for which he/she has been awarded the NTS during his studies.

4. **Mode of Payment**

   - The payment of scholarship shall be made to the Head of the College / Institute who would disburse to the student after verification of required documents.
   - The payment of scholarship shall not be made directly to the student.
   - The scholarship shall commence from the month a student joins the College / University / Institution and shall continue upto the end of the degree programme.

5. The College / University / Institute shall be paid the scholarship in lumpsum in advance for a total period of 12 months. The awardee shall however get his/her **scholarship on a monthly basis at the end of each month and Clear Promotion** to the next class and secure an **OGPA/CGPA of 7.00 out of 10.00 (6.50/10.00 for SC/ST)**.

   The scholarship shall be discontinued if the eligible OGPA/CGPA is not maintained at the end of first year of study and no relaxation shall be provided. The awardee must clear all papers in each semester. In case, the awardee fails in any paper at any stage the scholarship shall be stopped forthwith. Scholarship will be discontinued if the awardee does not appear in regular examination. No scholarship shall be paid for the period of strike, if any.

6. **Value of Scholarship**

The value of scholarship shall be @ Rs.1000/- p.m. at present. No contingency grant is paid.

7. The scholarship will be terminated:-

- From the date an awardee ceases to be on the roll of the College / University / Institution.
- From the date the sanction of the scholarship expires.
- If the awardee is dropped by the College / University / Institution or indulges in gross acts of indiscipline.
- If awardee does not maintain minimum academic performance specified for continuance of scholarship.

8. If an awardee completes / leaves his/her study before expire of the sanction, the Head of College / University / Institution shall immediately inform the Council.

9. An awardee shall not leave the course before its completion without prior approval of the Council. If an awardee leaves without permission, he/she shall not be paid any scholarship amount due to him/her by the College/University/Institute and student would be required to refund the scholarship so far drawn.

10. The expenditure involved will be met from the plan funds of ICAR under the scheme - Development & Strengthening of Agricultural Education – sub component – National Talent Scholarship.

11. Necessary form may be got filled from the students and the fellowship amount may be paid to the awardee on receipt of a revenue stamped receipt out of the funds that are being released to the concerned Agricultural University. The amount would be paid from the date of admission @ Rs.1,000/- per month per student. In case the student has not joined the Agricultural University or is not continuing in the College / University due to transfer or any other reason, the amount may be returned to the Council immediately indicating the reasons thereof.

12. The joining report of all the students admitted shall be sent to the Council immediately for issue of financial sanction. In case any student has ceased to be on the roll of the institution due to transfer or withdrawal, the amount in his case is to be refunded.

13. No scholarship will be paid if the student changes discipline or the University.