

S.N.D.T. Women's University

Sir Vithaldas Thackersey College of Home Science

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Best Practice -1

<u>Title of the Practice</u>: Student Centric Merit Scholarships

Objectives of the Practice:

- To encourage students to excel in academics every semester for graduate and post graduate programs
- To motivate students to be dedicated to achieve academic excellence
- To identify smart learners
- To provide support to the needy and meritorious students for education.
- To identify the students who are not obtaining any Government provided scholarships but actually need some kind of support.

The Context:

The college management has initiated and implemented (established) a practice of providing meritorious scholarship to learners under the umbrella of academic excellence and student welfare. The scholarship is awarded to students who have excelled in academics in each semester, every academic year. The receipt of the scholarship boosts the morale of students to excel and create a healthy competitive ecosystem among students. Merit scholarship awards received during academic tenure give a sense of accomplishment to the students to achieve their goals.

The Practice:

The College, identified the meritorious students on the performance academically in the final semester exams. The students who have secured a high percentage from the class is eligible for the meritorious scholarship award. The award money for these students from the different specializations are awarded from the corpus fund initiated for the same for Graduate and Post graduate students. This practice has acted as an encouragement to exhibit consistent performance in the duration of their study to be eligible for being awarded the Gold Medal initiated as the topper in the specialization. income generated from interest earned on the fixed amount is utilized for disbursement of scholarships and free-ship and grant of fee waivers among girl students both at the undergraduate



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and postgraduate levels. This could be one method of identifying the smart learners. These students can be mentored further to higher achievements. Decisions on the nature of scholarship and its amount are the challenging issues faced in the implementation of the practice

Evidence of Success/ Outcome:

- The students have been competitive to perform and excel in their specialization
- Winning an academic scholarship is a proof of excellence and hard work.
- It reflects on the resume of the students for placement opportunities
- The scholarship acts as a source of financial assistance to students from lower economic strata and help them to pursue their education
- This can be a motivation to reduce dropout rate in students
- The meritorious students are given the scholarships in the Annual Function of the College to spread the message among larger students about this facility and motivate them to continue making efforts in the academic field even if they face economic challenges in the home.

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