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**NOTICE**

National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India provides financial assistance for Professional/Educational/Training courses to the students with disabilities. This Scheme provides loan upto Rs.10 lakh for studies in India and upto Rs.20 lakh for studies abroad. The interest charged on the loan is 4 %. A rebate of 0.5% is admissible under the Scheme for Women with disabilities. The scheme has been prepared at par with the guidelines of Indian Bank Association.

NHFDC is also implementing two Scholarship Schemes for (i) degree and post-graduate level professional & technical courses and for (ii) pursuing higher/academic professional or technical qualification namely :

**Scholarship Schemes II (Trust Fund)** - Scholarship Schemes II will be available for 1000 differently abled students for studies in India. 30% Scholarships will be reserved for girls students. A student can apply for Scholarship Schemes any time during the academic year 2011-12. Total annual family income from all sources will not exceed Rs.300000/-.

**National Scholarship for persons with disabilities (2011-12) (National Fund)** will be available to 500 Indian students with atleast 40% disabilities certified as per definition under Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 for pursuing Post-matric/Post-Secondary technical and Professional courses including ph.D and M Phil from recognized institutions. Total annual family income from all sources will not exceed Rs.180000/-. A student can apply for scholarship before 30.9.2011.

Details of above mentioned Education loan and two Scholarship Schemes are available at NSFDC websites : [www.nhfdc.nic.in](http://www.nhfdc.nic.in), (e-mail : [nhfdc97@gmail.com](mailto:nhfdc97@gmail.com), [nhfdc@nda.vsnl.net.in](mailto:nhfdc@nda.vsnl.net.in)). Telephone No: 0129-2226910; 0129-2287512, 0129-2287513. Fax No.0129-2284371.

Interested eligible students may also visit the following Govt. websites and also contact their concerned College/University authority for proper guidance.

- 1) [www.higherednwb.net](http://www.higherednwb.net)
- 2) [www.banglarmukh.gov.in](http://www.banglarmukh.gov.in)
- 3) [www.tathyabangla.org.in](http://www.tathyabangla.org.in)

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