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Purpose:

The Scholarship and Fee Waiver Policy is designed to support deserving students by addressing financial challenges, promoting social inclusion, and ensuring equitable access to quality education. This policy aims to empower students to pursue their academic and personal goals without financial barriers, aligning with KINSS's mission of fostering social equity and inclusion.

Objectives:

- Promote Accessibility to Education:** Support students from economically weaker sections, marginalized communities, and underrepresented groups to ensure their enrollment and retention.
- Encourage Academic Excellence:** Provide financial incentives to students demonstrating outstanding academic performance.
- Support Social Responsibility:** Encourage students to contribute to community welfare by offering scholarships tied to specific initiatives and projects.
- Respond to Emergencies:** Offer financial aid to students facing unforeseen hardships like medical emergencies or loss of a family member.
- Foster Holistic Development:** Create an inclusive educational environment by addressing diverse student needs through scholarships and fee waivers.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Financial Need-Based Waiver/Scholarship:

- Open to students with an annual family income below ₹[Specify Amount].
- Proof of income, such as an income certificate, is mandatory.

2. Social Inclusion Waiver/Scholarship:



- Available for students from Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), or differently-abled backgrounds.
- Relevant supporting documents, such as caste or disability certificates, are required.

3. Academic Merit Scholarships:

- Awarded to students with exceptional academic performance in previous qualifying examinations.

4. Special Circumstances Waiver:

- Provided to students facing temporary financial hardship due to unforeseen circumstances, such as medical emergencies or natural calamities.

5. Corporate and External Support:

- Scholarships sponsored by local foundations, trusts, or corporate partners to cover fees, study tours, or research project expenses.

Types of Financial Support:

1. Scholarships:

- **Merit-Based:** Full or partial scholarships for outstanding academic performance.
- **Project-Based:** Scholarships tied to participation in specific initiatives such as rural development, research, or community outreach.

2. Fee Waivers:

- **Full Waiver:** Covers 100% of tuition fees for students with significant financial need or merit.
- **Partial Waiver:** Covers 25%-75% of tuition fees based on the applicant's financial condition.
- **One-Time Waiver:** A one-time reduction in tuition fees for students facing temporary financial challenges.

Application Process:



1. Application Submission:

- Eligible students must complete the Scholarship and Fee Waiver Application Form available online or at the institute's office.
- Submit the completed form along with required documents to the Scholarship Committee.

2. Required Documents:

- Income certificate
- Academic records
- Caste/disability certificate (if applicable)
- Supporting documents for special circumstances (e.g., medical reports)

3. Review and Assessment:

- The Scholarship Committee will review applications and may conduct interviews or verification processes.

4. Decision and Notification:

- Applicants will be informed of the decision within 30 days. Approved financial support will be applied to the current academic year's fees.

Conditions for Renewal:

1. Academic Performance:

- Recipients must maintain a minimum GPA/percentage to continue receiving financial support.
- Academic underperformance may lead to reduction or revocation.

2. Annual Reapplication:

- Recipients must reapply each year with updated documents for scholarships or fee waivers.

3. Conduct and Compliance:

- Students must adhere to the institute's code of conduct. Disciplinary actions may result in withdrawal of support.



4. Review of Financial Status:

- If a recipient's financial situation improves significantly, the Scholarship Committee may re-evaluate the support provided.

Monitoring and Accountability:

- The Scholarship Committee will regularly review and monitor the academic and personal progress of recipients.
- Feedback mechanisms are in place to ensure continuous improvement of the policy.

Contact Information:

For inquiries regarding scholarships and fee waivers, students can contact the KInSS office.

This policy underscores Karve Institute's commitment to educational inclusion, social responsibility, and equitable access to quality education, ensuring that no deserving student is left behind due to financial constraints.

