



MEDA Scholarship Policy

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MEDA Scholarships

1. A MEDA scholarship refers to the waiving of the normal fee charged for enrollment in specific course or extended training program. Scholarships are provided to both individuals and organizations.
2. Before an individual or an organization that qualifies for scholarships may receive any scholarships, they must first pay for one enrollment (Course or training program).
3. Scholarships for individuals and organizations apply to each course/extended training program fall into three categories:
 - Category 1: 25% - 39%; one scholarship after first paid enrollment
 - Category 2: 40% - 59%; two scholarships after first paid enrollment
 - Category 3: 60% or greater; three scholarships after second paid enrollment
4. After each 15 enrollments from an organization, the organization qualifies for scholarships based on one of the above categories.
5. There is a limit of one scholarship per course and two scholarships per extended training programs.
6. MEDA scholarships are confidential.

Scholarship Guidelines:

A. Partial support - Fraction of Total Fees (as per the 3 categories)

For MEDA courses and extended training programs, the fees vary a lot according to the nature and the content of the courses. Therefore, the fees are not the same for all courses, but will have to be decided on a case-by-case basis.

The fees the trainees/organizations pay may be beyond this amount but MEDA would only bear a fraction of the total amount. This is to encourage organizations and individual applicants to take an active partnership in meeting the fees.

B. Full support (Through individual donors):

In very limited cases, a trainee from a low-income background gets admission for professional courses with outstanding marks, and needs a larger than abovementioned scholarship amount to continue his training, MEDA Honor scholarships will try to find suitable individual donors to support this case.



MEDA expects that such applicant will follow the practice of repaying the amount after getting job placement, in order to make it possible to support others in need in the future. This is to encourage social responsibility.

1. Selection of trainees for such scholarships will be based on specific criteria and academic performance on a case-by-case basis.
2. Support includes courses fees, notebooks, and training materials.
3. There should be a genuine and verified economic need for the applicant.
4. Each scholarship applicant should have completed a scholarship application form.
5. Interviewing the applicant is a must; and the person doing this interview should not be the nominator.
6. The nominator is expected to be responsible for mentoring of the applicant regularly.
7. Nominators should be MEDA members or members of organizations that MEDA can trust.
8. Nominators should be able to provide periodic reviews on the progress of their nominees to MEDA leadership, and academic office (i.e., progress report on the different courses, qualitative assessment of progress etc.).
9. Full commitment in attending the courses, submitting the required assignments, participation at MEDA focus group and showing outstanding progress will be criteria for continued support.

The process for awarding scholarships

MEDA scholarship applications are submitted to a selection committee, normally comprising MEDA Director, a representative of the Academic office and one representatives of the sponsor (if there is any). The selection committee makes its recommendation to the MEDA leadership team, which awards the scholarship.