

CRITERIA FOR CHIEF MINISTER'S MEGHALAYA HOSPITALITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

As per E-mail from Tourism Department, Meghalaya secretariat, dated March 23, 2026, regarding notification-CMM Hospitality Scholarship Scheme along with the Notification from Dr. Vijay Kumar D, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Govt. Of Meghalaya, Tourism Department dated Shillong, the 11th March 2026, No.Tourism.16/2008/Pt-II/183. Brief regarding the notification is as below:-

- 1) The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the Chief Minister's Meghalaya Hospitality Scholarship Program, aiming to provide 100% tuition fee to 55 deserving students (one from each block) of Meghalaya for Admission to the 3-Year B.Sc. in Hospitality and Hotel Administration at IHM, Shillong.
- 2) The program is to empower Meghalaya's youth through Hospitality Education to strengthen the state's skill workforce.
- 3) IHM Shillong being a premier destination in Hospitality Education with various courses.
- 4) IHM Shillong maintain a 100% placement record with GHRDC ranking of 11th rank amongst top Government Hotel Management and 4th in Eastern & Central India.
- 5) Student intake and composition at IHM, Shillong year wise from 2002-2005 to 2024-2027.
- 6) Reasons for declining admissions with 3 major factors, whereby High Tuition Fees outstand the other two factors such as limited awareness and socio-economic constraints in rural areas.
- 7) Meghalaya's Tourism Boom: A strategic opportunity for youth's employment.
- 8) Implications for Hospitality Education, whereby students after graduation, they can manage hotels and alike, maintain high service standards and guest satisfaction, engage and taking initiative in new tourism ventures and planning and execution of national level events.
- 9) The Scholarship program: Chief Minister's vision for inclusive growth with:-
 - (i) Program overview such as objective-promote higher professional education, covering – 100% tuition fee, Beneficiaries-55 students per year for 3 consecutive batches from 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, totalling 165 students.
 - (ii) Eligibility criteria-the candidates should be a permanent resident of Meghalaya, class XII passed, Annual family income of ≤ ₹3,00,000.00/- (with valid certificate), no age restriction.
 - (iii) Selection Process will at 3 levels-first level: nomination by the BDO, final selection: by the state level selection committee in consultation with IHM, Shillong and approval: list of selected candidates to be notified by the Tourism Department.
 - (iv) Scholarship coverage: Tuition fees of 100% to be covered by the Government of Meghalaya, scholarship coverage will NOT cover hostel mess, uniforms, examination and incidental fees, these are to be borne by the candidate. Tuition Fees will be credited directly to IHM Shillong on the bi-annual basis by the Government of Meghalaya.
 - (v) Continuation Criteria: The students should maintain 50% marks in each Academic Year, 75% attendance, good conduct and discipline to continue to the 2nd year and 3rd year B.Sc. in HHA.
- 10) Discontinuation Clause: If a candidate discontinues the course, the scholarship will be withdrawn and candidate must refund the tuition fees already disbursed.
- 11) Financial Implications: The total expenditure for supporting 165 students over five years is estimated at ₹6,06,56,475/- (Rupees Six Crores, Six Lakhs, Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Five Only).
12. A Transformative program for Meghalaya Future to:-
 - Bridge the skill gap
 - Create employment
 - Entrepreneurship opportunities
 - Promote inclusive development
 - Strengthens Meghalaya's position as a top tourism destination.

On conclusion, the program is to empower the youth, enriches tourism landscape, benefits of growth across the state and strategic investment for the state of Meghalaya.

