

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
State NSS Cell
Higher Education Department

GUIDELINES FOR STATE LEVEL NSS AWARDS 2022-23 (to be conferred during 2023-2024)

1. INTRODUCTION:-

National Service Scheme (NSS) was launched during the Mahatma Gandhi's Centenary Year (1969) involving 40,000 student volunteers in 37 Universities. Today, it has more than 3,26 million student volunteers spread over 251 Universities and 41 (+2) Councils and implemented in 22,800 academic institutions including higher as well as technical education.

The aim of National Service Scheme is "Development of the Personality of Students through Community Service". In order to fulfill the objective, student volunteers and programme functionaries are engaged in constructive and productive programmes involving students in various awareness drives, shramdaan, social reforms, communal harmony, creation of community assets, relief work, blood donation, disaster management, environmental protection, literacy programme, health education campaign, etc. Under the scheme, each volunteer contributes 240 hours of community work during a period of two years.

To recognize the voluntary service rendered by NSS volunteers, Programme Officers and Programme Coordinators, it has been proposed to provide suitable incentives/awards under the scheme.

2. OBJECTIVES:-

To recognize outstanding contribution of University NSS Cells, Programme Office College NSS Units and NSS student volunteers in community service.

To encourage young NSS student volunteers to develop their personality through community service and acquire positive social attitudes and values.

3. NATURE OF THE AWARD:-

The State Level NSS Awards will be given every year and the details are given below:-

1. Best Programme Coordinator
2. Best Programme Officers
3. Best NSS Volunteers

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All the Awardees shall also be presented with Medals/Mementos/Certificates. While considering Awards.

4. CRITERIA FOR STATE AWARDS:-

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India has given certain guidelines regarding the eligibility of the Universities, Units, Programme Officers and Volunteers for the consideration of National Level NSS Awards. The NSS Manual also provides guidelines in detail for the NSS Awards. As per the guidelines of the Ministry and the NSS Manual a criteria is prepared for the Best Programme Coordinator, the Best Programme Officers and the Best Volunteers for the State Awards.

5. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD:-

PROGRAMME COORDINATOR/UNIVERSITY

1. The University which has been operating NSS Programme continuously for the last five years only shall be considered.
2. The minimum Volunteer's strength of such institutions should not be less than 5000.
3. The university must be very regular and punctual in submitting its Programme reports and financial returns.
4. The actual enrolment and special camping targets should have been achieved fully and consistently for at least three years preceding the year in which NSS Awards is to be considered.
5. All the NSS Units should have adopted villages/slums/localities for all round development.
6. No Vigilance Cases/Enquires should be pending against the NSS Cell.

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MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

1. The reputation of NSS in the University Jurisdiction.
2. The percentage of NSS Volunteers completing 240 hours of work and participation in Special Camping Programmes.
3. The percentage of adopted villages/areas made fully literate.
4. The image of the Programme Coordinator, his/her interest and achievements in providing leadership to the Programme.
5. The outstanding contribution of the NSS in various fields consistently for the last 3 years.
6. The perceptible and measurable results achieved so far.

PROGRAMME OFFICERS/UNITS

1. The Programme Officer should have been trained at TOC and should have completed a minimum of three years as Programme Officer before consideration for the awards.
2. As per the Manual each unit should consist of 100 Volunteer and at least 50% of them should participate in the Annual Special Camp.
3. Each unit of the institution should have an adopted Village/Slum.
4. The NSS Unit should have created durable assets in the adopted village such as construction of houses, toilets, libraries, roads, wells, ponds etc.
5. The Unit should have organized some creative and unique programmes.
6. Environment enrichment programmes//Health Awareness Programme, Energy Conservation Programme.
7. Health/Other Awareness Programmes.
8. Women Empowerment Programmes
9. Programmes for Personality Development and Leadership Qualities, National Integration Programmes, Programmes for social harmony.
10. Computer Literacy.
11. Programmes for making the Village self-sufficient.
12. Flood Relief Activities.
13. Blood Donation Drives. The claim for blood donation should be adequately supported by certificates.
14. Observation of Important/Significant Days.
15. Career Guidance Programs.
16. Literacy Programmes – Digital Literacy, Cashless India and Computer Knowledge.
17. Leadership Qualities.
18. Plantation Drives.
19. Health/Eye Immunization Camps
20. Participation in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
21. Activities organized under Ujjwala Yojana, PM Jandhan Yojana, PM JeevanBima Yojana, Renewable Literacy
22. Environmental Enrichment Programmes/ Green Village Programs
23. Participation in the National Programmes like Pre-RD Camp, RD Camp, National Integration Camp, National Youth Festivals etc.
24. Acceptability of the Programme Officer.
25. Awards & Distinctions received by the Programme Officer.

Note: The basic requirements expected from Awardees are that every claim must be supported by proper documents. There should be include photographs, news paper clippings and circulars. If there is any claim to have conducted a survey, the survey report and the follow up action should be included.

VOLUNTEERS:-

1. He/She should not be less than 18 years or more than 25 years of age. In case of SC/ST the upper age limit can be relaxed by 3 years. Thus the maximum age limit should be 28 years for SC/ST.
2. A student should have completed a maximum of two years of Volunteership in NSS.
3. He/She should have completed 240 hours of Community Service.
4. He/She should have participated in at least 1 Special Camping Programme and at least once in the National Programmes like Pre-RD Camp, RD Camp, National Integration Camp, Inter-State Youth Exchange Programmes and National Youth Adventure Camps etc., sponsored by the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports.
5. Involvement in Blood Donation Program & Relief Activities.
6. Literacy Programmes – Digital Literacy, Cashless India and Computer Knowledge.
7. Leadership Qualities.
8. Plantation Drives.
9. Health/Eye Immunization Camps
10. Participation in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
11. Activities organized under Ujjwala Yojana, PM Jandhan Yojana, PM JeevanBima Yojana, Renewable Literacy
12. Environmental Enrichment Programme/Health Awareness Programme, Energy Conservation Programme.
13. Adult Literacy Programs
14. Green Village Programs
15. His/Her academic performance should be reasonably good.
16. Outstanding Contribution.



State NSS Officer