
Section –5

Programmes and Schemes

Empowerment and rehabilitation of youth (through vocational skills, entrepreneurship development and involvement in creative activities)

Engaging is a major concern. Utilising the leisure time of the youth and harnessing their exuberance and raw energy for creative activities is essential. Simultaneously, but more substantially there is need to provide opportunities for vocational skill development of the youth and inculcate self-entrepreneurship in them so as to motivate them towards self-reliance. This becomes all the more important in the context of shrinking job opportunities in the existing infrastructure and the need for promoting entrepreneurship which serves the triple objective of self-sustainability, creating new jobs and thereby supporting economic growth. This section provides a glimpse into schemes specifically targeted at the youth.

Name of the programme/scheme	SCHEME FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROMOTION OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING
Name of the Ministry / Department/Institution	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide vocational training to the youth so that they can function better as productive youths and also give new skills to rural youth for preventing migration to the cities. ● To promote self-entrepreneurship amongst the youth by equipping them with the skills on management, designing and planning micro-enterprises in conformity with local skills. ● To channelize youth energies for effective participation in national development.
Target Group	Youth in the age group of 15-35 years
Pattern of Assistance	Under the Scheme financial assistance would be provided under normative pattern for prescribed Vocational Training Courses, Entrepreneurship Development in prescribed trades / vocations and for exhibitions under the category provided under the Scheme.
Implementing Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. ● Recognised Educational Institutions, Polytechnics etc. ● Regional Centres of National Service Scheme / constituent colleges. ● Nehru Yuva Kendras, Bharat Scouts and Guides. ● Panchayati Raj Institutions. ● Non-Government Organisations, Public Trusts registered under relevant Act of the State.
Eligibility Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have completed 3 years after registration. ● Have a proper constitution or articles of association. ● Have a properly constituted managing body with defined powers. ● Be in a position to secure the community involvement for profit of any individual or a body of individuals. ● Not discriminate against any persons on religion, caste or creed. ● Not incite communal disharmony and eschew violence.
Procedure for applying	<p>The eligible NGO will submit its application along with requisite documents, with the recommendations of any of the following: <i>State Government, UT Administration, District Collector/DM, NYK, NSS Regional Centre. No recommendation will be required for an All India Voluntary Agency – meaning having offices in more than 4 states.</i></p> <p>The recommended application must be sent every year to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deputy Secretary/Director (Training), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi Tele: 23389791</p>