

46,200 students to get junior scholarships after 5-yr break

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After a gap of five years, 46,200 students who passed Class VIII are going to get scholarships under the Junior Scholarship Examinations.

Among these students, 14,700 will get talent pool scholarships while the rest of the students — 31,500 — will get general scholarships.

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Results of the exams are scheduled to be published by this week, said officials of the education ministry.

Earlier a total of 3,15,150 students, who passed Class VIII in 2025, participated in the junior scholarship exams held between December 28, 2025 and January 5 this year.

In 2010, the then Awami League-led government introduced the Junior School Certificate examinations for students on completion of the Class VIII by replacing the junior scholarship exams.

The JSC exams were being held in participation of all Class VIII students and some students got the scholarships based on their results.

Since 2020 the AL government stopped holding the JSC exams due to Covid-19 pandemic and since 2023 the government cancelled the exam system due to the implementation of a new national curriculum.

Following a decision of the interim government, which assumed office in August 2024 following an uprising that ousted Sheikh Hasina-led AL government, the junior scholarship exams have been held.

Professor SM Kamal Uddin Hyder, controller of exams of both Dhaka board and Bangladesh Inter-Education Board, said that the results of the scholarship exams will be published by this week.

They had already sent proposal to the education ministry and the ministry will inform them today in this regard, he added.

The Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education on February 15 has issued an order for the distribution of junior scholarship quotas, announcing scholarships for 46,200 students.

As per the order, the talent pool scholarship recipients will receive a one-time scholarship of Tk 560 per year and Tk 450 per month while the general scholarship recipients will receive Tk 350 per year and Tk 300 per month for two years.

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The scholarship quota distribution order showed that – under Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka 3,635 students will receive talent pool and 7,790 will get general scholarships; under Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Rajshahi 1,926 will receive talent pool and 4,128 will get general; under Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dinajpur 1,802 will receive talent pool and 3,861 will get general; under Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Cumilla 1,677 will receive talent pool and 3,593 will get general; under Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Jashore 1,662 will receive talent pool and 3,561 will get general; under Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Chattogram 1,210 will receive talent pool and 2,593 will get general; under Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Mymensingh 967 will receive talent pool and 2,073 will get general; under Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Sylhet 948 will receive talent pool and 2,030 will get general; and under Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Barishal 873 will receive talent pool and 1,871 will get general scholarships.

The junior scholarship exams were held on Bangla, English, science, mathematics and Bangladesh and global studies subjects in three hours for each exam.

The exams held on total 400 marks including 100 for each Bangla, English and mathematics and 50 for each science and Bangladesh and global studies subjects.