

The Statute Relating to the Students' Welfare Fund, 2021



Karnataka State Law University

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STATUTE RELATING TO THE STUDENTS' WELFARE FUND, 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 47 read with Sections 43 and 53 of the Karnataka State Law University Act, 2009 (Karnataka Act No.11 of 2009), the Syndicate of Karnataka State Law University hereby makes the following Statute, namely:

1. TITLE, COMMENCEMENT AND APPLICATION -

- (a) This Statute shall be called as "Statute relating to the Students' Welfare Fund".
- (b) This Statute shall come into force from the date of assent of the Chancellor.
- (c) This Statute shall apply to the students who are undergoing full time under graduation programme or post graduation programme in Law School or Autonomous Law College or Affiliated Law Colleges (Government or Aided or unaided private college or institution) of the University.

2. DEFINITIONS -

- (a) "Act" means the Karnataka State Law University Act, 2009.
- (b) "Autonomous Law College" means a Law college or institution (Government or Aided or unaided private college or institution) situated within the jurisdiction of the University and affiliated to and recognised as Autonomous Law College by the University as per the Statute of the University.
- (c) "Affiliated Law College" means a Law college or institution (Government or Aided or unaided private college or institution) situated within the jurisdiction of the University and affiliated to the University as per the Statute of the University.
- (d) "Law School" means a Law School established and maintained by the University within its campus as per the Statute relating the Establishment of Karnataka State Law University's Law School.

- (e) "Principal" means the Director of Law School or Head of autonomous law college or affiliated law colleges (Government or Aided or unaided private college or institution) of the University.
- (f) "Relatives" means the spouse, parents or children of a student.
- (g) "Schedule" means a Schedule to this Statute.
- (h) "Student" means a student undergoing full time under graduation programme or post graduation programme in Law School or Autonomous Law College or Affiliated Law Colleges (Government or Aided or unaided private college or institution) of the University.
- (i) "Students' Welfare Fund" means fund created as per the provision of this statute for the welfare of the students.
- (j) "Students Welfare Fund Committee" means a Committee duly constituted as per the provision of this Statute.
- (k) "Economically Weaker Section" means a person or his family holding BPL card.
- (l) Words and expressions used and not defined in this Statute but defined in the Karnataka State Law University Act, 2009 shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in that Act.

3. CONSTITUTION OF STUDENTS WELFARE FUND -

- (1) The University, with the approval of the Syndicate, shall constitute a fund to be called as the "Students Welfare Fund".
- (2) There shall be credited to the Fund-
 - (a) All amounts remitted to the head "Students Welfare Fund" of the University;
 - (b) Remuneration surrendered by the paper setters, examiners, valuers, re-valuers and scrutinizers in favour of the Fund;

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- (c) Any voluntary donation or contribution made to the Fund by any association, institution, agency or other persons;
 - (d) All interests accrued to the Fund;
 - (e) Any contribution or grant given by the State Government in favour of the Fund;
 - (f) Interest on the investment made out of the Fund, if any.

4. UTILISATION OF FUND FOR STUDENT WELFARE ACTIVITIES - The fund shall be utilised for giving financial assistance to the students of the University as decided by the Students Welfare Fund Committee in accordance with this statute. Financial assistance will be granted for the following Student Welfare Schemes:

- (a) Giving awards for outstanding performance in the fields of research, moot court and other competitions, cultural activities, N.S.S., Legal Aid activities etc. The Committee may grant certificate and cash award to the students. The award shall be given to one male and one female student in each category.
- (b) Cash prize for contributing well researched original articles to the KSLU's Students Law Journal or any other publications of the University. The University may give three such prizes to the students.
- (c) Full/partial financial support to students participating in National or International Conferences/ Seminars/Workshops.
- (d) Full/partial financial support to students selected to represent the University for various national or international events.
- (e) Financial Aid for supporting Education to students belonging to economically weaker section.
- (f) For any such other cause as may be deemed appropriate by the Students' Welfare Fund Committee from time to time.

5. ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND -

- (1) For the purpose of the administration of the Fund, the University shall constitute a Committee to be called as the 'Students Aid Fund Committee'.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of the following:

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| (a) | Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor | Chairperson |
| (b) | Registrar | Member |
| (c) | Finance Officer | Member |
| (d) | Two Syndicate Members nominated by the Syndicate | Members |
| (e) | Director, Directorate of Students Welfare, KSLU | Member |
| (f) | Dean and Director, KSLU's Law School | Member |
| (g) | Two Senior most Principals of the affiliated law colleges nominated by the Syndicate. | Members |
| (h) | Three Senior Teachers or Deputy Directors of Students Welfare of affiliated law colleges nominated by the Syndicate. One teacher/ Deputy Director of Students Welfare shall be from KSLU's Law School and two teachers/ Deputy Directors of Students Welfare shall be from affiliated law colleges. | Members |
| (i) | Accounts Superintendent | Member Secretary |
- (3) The University may modify or alter the composition of the Committee from time to time as per the decisions of the Syndicate.
- (4) The tenure of a member of the Committee, other than the members enumerated under sub-clauses (a) to (f), shall be two years from the date of assuming of the office.
- (5) Whenever the office of the member of the Committee falls vacant by reason of resignation, incapacity, death, retirement, etc. the University shall fill the vacancy as soon as possible.
- (6) There shall be not less than three meetings of the Committee in a year. Provided, depending on the urgency and necessity, the Vice-Chancellor may convene a special meetings of the Committee as and when required.
- (7) No business shall be transacted at the meeting of the Committee unless at least five members are present in the meeting including the Chairperson.
- (8) If the quorum is not complete, fifteen minutes after the notified time of the meeting then the Chairperson of the Committee shall adjourn the meeting to such hours on the same day or to such date and hours as he/she specifies.
- (9) No quorum shall be necessary for the adjourned meeting of the Committee.
- (10) No act or proceeding of the Committee shall be invalid merely by reason of, any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of, the Committee or any irregularity in the procedure of the Committee not affecting the merits of the case.

(11) The members mentioned under Sub-Clauses (d), (g) and (h) of Clause 2 of this Rule shall be paid the sitting fees, T.A. and D.A. as admissible to the Syndicate Members of the University in accordance with the Rules of the University.

6. MAINTENANCE AND UPDATING OF LIST OF THE STUDENTS - The Academic Section of the University shall maintain and update the list of the students and same shall be furnished to Finance Section of the University periodically.

7. PROCEDURE FOR AVAILING THE ASSISTANCE -

- (1) A student who is desirous of availing the assistance under this Statute shall submit an application in the prescribed format along with the necessary documents to the Registrar of the University.
- (2) After the receipt of the application, the Registrar shall forward the same to the Member Secretary of the Committee.
- (3) The Member Secretary of the Committee shall furnish the information of all such applications received under this Statute to the Finance Officer and the Vice-Chancellor.
- (4) The Member Secretary of the Committee shall place all such applications received under this Statute before the Committee for its consideration.

8. THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE COMMITTEE -

- (1) The Committee shall evolve the procedure which it deems fit for the purpose of examining the application submitted by a student for assistance.
- (2) On receipt of the applications, the Committee shall take appropriate decision with respect to such applications at least within 120 working days from the date of receipt of the application.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor may grant extension of 30 days time for the said purpose if there are justifiable reasons.

9. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE -

- (1) On receipt of the application for assistance, the Committee shall examine the genuineness of claims as per its procedure. Thereafter, it may exercise the powers in following ways:
 - (a) It has to scrutinize the application for examining the genuineness of claims;

- (b) It may seek further information or documents from the applicant to justify his/her claims and after receipt of same, may take appropriate decision as it may deem fit;
- (c) After scrutiny, if the committee finds that the claims are not genuine or not admissible under the Statute then it may reject the application. The reasons for the rejection of the application shall be communicated to the applicant by the University.
- (d) If the committee finds that the claims are genuine then it may accept the application.
- (e) After accepting the application the committee has to determine the extent of the grant to be given to the applicant. Once it is determined the committee has to prepare a report recommending the extent of grant to be given to the applicant.
- (f) The said report has to be placed before the Syndicate for its approval.
- (g) The Syndicate shall have the power either to accept the recommendations of the committee or modify such recommendations as it may deem fit.
- (h) The decision of the Syndicate in this regard shall be final.
- (i) The University shall issue the order for disbursement of the grant to the applicant in accordance with the approval given by the Syndicate.
- (j) The Committee shall also have the power of taking *suo motto* cognizance of assistance required by any student and same may be placed in its meeting for consideration.
- (k) In relation to the matters taken up *suo motto* by the Committee, it shall have the same powers as mentioned in this Statute.

10. OPERATION OF THE FUND –

- (1) The University shall open a separate Savings Bank Account in any Scheduled Bank paying higher rate of interest in the name of “Karnataka State Law University’s Students Welfare Fund”.
- (2) This Account shall be operated jointly by and under the signature of the Registrar and the Finance Officer of the University.
- (3) The Member Secretary of the Committee shall maintain separate account book for this Account and submit the annual statements of account before the Committee as and when its meeting is convened.

(4) For every amount received, the University shall issue the receipts.

(5) The University may deposit the un-utilised amount of this Fund in the fixed deposit in any Scheduled Bank.

11. **GRANTS TO THE STUDENTS** - The Committee, on an application submitted by a student or *suo motto*, after being satisfied about the genuineness of the claim, may recommend for grant to be made from the Fund in favour of the applicant for any of the purposes stipulated under this Statute.

Explanation-I: The extent of the grant that can be given is mentioned in the Schedule of this Statute. The Syndicate through its resolution shall have the power to enhance the grants mentioned in the Schedule up-to 10% from case to case basis.

SCHEDULE

1)	Giving awards for outstanding performance in the fields of research, moot court and other competitions, cultural activities, N.S.S., Legal Aid activities, etc. The Committee may grant certificate and cash award to the students. The award shall be given to one male and one female student in each category.	Rs. 3,000/- per selected student	
2)	Cash prize for contributing well researched original articles to the KSLU's Students Law Journal or any other publications of the University.	First prize - Rs. 3,000/- Second Prize – Rs.2,000/- Third Prize – Rs.1,500/-	
3)	Full/partial financial support to students participating in National or International Conferences/	II tier AC train charges or sleeper or semi-sleeper bus fare or one side airfare of	Provided that if the Organisers are bearing TA and

	Seminars/Workshops.	economy class. Apart from the same, DA at the rate decided by the Committee.	<p>DA of the participating student then applicant is not eligible for any grant.</p> <p>Provided further that if a student avails this benefit then he/she shall not be eligible for the same for next subsequent two years.</p>
4)	Full/partial financial support to students selected to represent the University for various national or international events.	<p>II tier AC train charges or sleeper or semi-sleeper bus fare or one side airfare of economy class. II tier AC train charges or sleeper or semi-sleeper bus fare or one side airfare of economy class. Apart from the same, DA at the rate decided by the Committee.</p>	<p>Provided that if the Organisers are bearing TA and DA of the participating student then applicant is not eligible for any grant.</p> <p>Provided further that if a student avails this benefit then he/she shall not be eligible for the same for next subsequent two</p>

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5)	Financial Aid for supporting Education to students belonging to economically weaker section.	As decided by the Committee and subject to the approval of the Syndicate.	
6)	For any such other cause as may be deemed appropriate by the Students' Welfare Fund Committee from time to time.	As decided by the Committee and subject to the approval of the Syndicate.	

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