

## **Work Scholarship at Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur**

Earn while you learn is practiced in many of the countries abroad but in India most of the students even in higher education heavily dependent on their parents for all their expenses. Often the students are not even responsible for the money they receive from their parents and spent the money on unnecessary things and make their parents to bear the burden. In order to give some opportunity to the students to earn while they learn in the College, we have introduced the work scholarship programme with its own fund.

### **Objectives**

1. To reduce the burden of the parents to pay the fees for their children
2. To give an opportunity to the willing students to work and earn for their studies
3. To educate the students to take some responsibility towards use of money
4. To educate the students the dignity of labour
5. To use the resources of students for the benefit of the society or College.

### **The System of Implementation**

Every year the students have to make their request to the secretary for work scholarship. The secretary allots the work according to their ability and interest. The following works were identified for work scholarship.

1. Teaching in the nearby government and other high schools where there are not enough teachers.
2. Taking tuition to the weak students in the government and other schools, evening study Centre's.
3. To help in the remedial programme of the department – teaching the weak students in their own class.
4. Helping in the library
5. Helping the browsing Centre.
6. Helping in the offices: Extension offices, alumni office, project office etc.
7. Helping the HODs in documentation
8. Gardening: preparing organic manure with the wastes of the campus, learning to produce organic vegetables and maintaining herbal garden.
9. Producing audio visual programmes for the College.

10. Producing software for the department or College.

They are followed up by the staff appointed for this work scholarship in the Extension Centre. They are paid Rs.50.00 per hour to the maximum of 100 hours (Rs.5000.00) per semester. About 150 students participate in the work scholarship programme every year. It is found to be beneficial to the poor students. More and more students are applying for the work scholarship.

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