



**Ministry of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media**  
**FINANCIAL GRANT FOR TRAINING COURSES OF JOURNALISTS**  
**“AsiDisi” Media Scholarship Programme - 2016**

**01. Objective**

- Upgrade professionalism of Sri Lankan journalists

**02. Target Group**

- Journalists serving on the basis of full time or part time in recognized electronic and print media institutions islandwide
- Free-lance journalists
- Provincial journalists
- Web journalists

**03. Selection Criteria**

- Should be a journalist stipulated in 02 above and have fulfilled 03 years of service.
- Applicants should be selected for or currently following a Post Graduate (Master's), Degree, Diploma, Long term or Short Term Certificate Course related to the field of media conducted by recognized Universities, higher educational / training institutes at the date of calling for interviews. (A letter issued by the respective institution mentioning the selection to the course or currently following the course should be furnished at the interview).
- The course applied should be directly related to the field of media.
- Should be between 18 – 50 years of age.
- Should possess Media Accreditation issued by the Department of Government Information.
- Should not be benefitted from the Asi Disi Scholarship programme earlier.

**04. Granting Financial Facilities**

- The Scholarship for Media Training Courses is a grant up to Maximum of Rupees One Hundred Thousand.
- Eligible applicants will be provided 50% of the course fee as the first installment at the commencement and 25% of the balance as the second installment and the balance 25% upon submission of the certificate on completion of the course.

**05. Mode of Selection**

- Eligible applicants will be interviewed by a Selection Committee appointed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media. The decision of the Secretary to the Ministry will be final and conclusive.

**06. Application Procedure**

- Duly filled applications as per specimen application given below should be sent under registered cover addressed to Director (Media), Ministry of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media, No 163, Kirulapone Avenue, Polhengoda, Colombo 05 to reach on or before 30.04.2016. “Financial Grant for Training Courses of Journalists – 2016” should be clearly indicated on top left hand corner of the envelope.

**07. N.B.**

- The applicants should enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media on commencing studies within a maximum period of 06 months; otherwise, the scholarship will be cancelled.

Inquiries – 011 2513645, 011 2513459, 011 2513460  
More Details – [www.media.gov.lk](http://www.media.gov.lk)

**Specimen Application**  
**Financial Grant for Training Courses of Journalists – 2016**

1. Name in Full (Block Letters) :- .....
2. Full Name in Sinhala (Mr./Mrs./Miss):- .....
3. Name with initials :- .....
4. Address :- .....
5. Telephone No :- Mobile : ..... Residence : .....
6. Date of Birth :- .....
7. Age at the closing date of applications :- Years : ..... Months : ..... Days : .....
8. National Identity Card No :- .....
9. Highest Educational Qualification :- .....
10. Details of the Training Course Applied
  - I. Course Title :- .....
  - II. Training Institute :- .....
  - III. Duration :- .....
  - IV. Course Fee :- .....
11. Can you submit to the Interview Board, a letter on your selection for the course at the relevant institute?  
 Can  Can not

12. Have you received financial grants from the Government under any other training programme?

Name of the Course	Institute	Duration
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13. Service Particulars

- Employment status :- Permanent  Temporary  Provincial  Freelance  Web
- Designation :- .....
- Name of the Institution :- .....
- Newspaper / Channel :- .....
- Address :- .....
- Telephone No :- Office : ..... Fax : .....
- E-mail Address :- .....
- ID No issued by the Department of Government Information :- ..... Year :- .....
- Professional Experience (Years):- .....
- District covered :- .....

14. Have you obtained financial grants earlier from this scholarship scheme? yes  No

If yes, the Course and the year :- .....

I hereby certify that the above particulars are true and correct.

Date :- .....

Signature of the Applicant :- .....

**Recommendation of the Head of the Institution**

Mr./Mrs./Miss..... is serving in this institution as a permanent/part-time/provincial/freelance/Web journalist from ..... to ..... and I recommend him/ her to be eligible for the above scholarship programme. I hereby certify that the above particulars are true and correct.

1. Name :- .....
2. Designation :- .....
3. Address :- .....
4. Telephone No:- .....

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Date

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Signature and official stamp