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**Call for Applications – Special One-Time Scholarship Scheme for Students Affected by the
 Disaster Incident-(28 November – 03 December 2025)**

The Board of Trustees of the Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund (MTF) has approved the implementation of a Special One-Time Scholarship Scheme to provide financial assistance to eligible students of State Universities, Advanced Technical Institutions and other institutions recognized under the purview of the University Grants Commission (UGC), who have been adversely affected by the disaster incident that occurred from 28 November to 03 December 2025.

Accordingly, applications are hereby called from eligible students through the respective Universities. The enclosed application form shall be completed by the student and forwarded through the University, with mandatory certification by the Grama Niladhari and Divisional Secretary confirming disaster-related death and loss of family financial support. Each application must also be certified by the Registrar of the relevant University, confirming that the student is a bona fide registered student and is actively following the approved course of study.

Three -category special scholarship scheme:

Category I – Existing Mahapola Recipients Who Lost Parent(s)

i. Eligibility:

Students currently receiving Mahapola scholarships whose Lost Parent(s) has a direct result of the incident (certified by relevant authorities) and they are losing financial support from the family.

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ii. Duration:

From an effective date approved by the Board, until completion of the current undergraduate education programme, subject to the existing Mahapola conditions regarding academic progress and duration of study.

Category II – Non- Scholarship Students Who Lost Parent(s)

i. Eligibility:

Students currently registered at a state university or Advance technical Institutions and other institute recognized under the purview of the University Grants Commission (UGC) who are not presently in receipt of Mahapola scholarship or Bursary and whose father / mother or both have died as a direct result of the incident (certified by relevant authorities) and they are losing financial support from the family.

ii. Duration:

Until completion of their current undergraduate or technical education programme, subject to standard Mahapola scholarship conditions and any specific conditions to be approved by the MTF Board.

Category III – Non-Mahapola Students but those who are receiving other Scholarships Who Lost Parent(s).

i. Eligibility:

Students currently registered at a State university or Advance technical Institutions and other institute under the purview of the University Grants Commission (UGC) who are not presently in receipt of Mahapola scholarship but who received bursary and whose father / mother or both have died as a direct result of the incident (certified by relevant authorities) and they are losing financial support from the family.

ii. Duration:

Until completion of their current undergraduate or technical education programme, subject to standard Mahapola scholarship conditions and any specific conditions to be approved by the MTF Board.

Application, Verification and Selection Process

1. Calling for Applications:

01 The relevant application form can be downloaded from the MTF website: <https://mahapola.lk>.

Or

Alternatively, they can be collected from the Student Welfare Division of the respective university where the student is currently pursuing their studies

02 The closing date for applications is 20th March 2026.

2. Required Documentation:

1. Certified copies of death certificates of parent(s) indicating cause and date of death related to the incident.
2. Certification from the Grama Niladhari and Divisional Secretary (or equivalent) confirming that the deaths were due to the incident and they are losing financial support from the family.
3. Confirmation of student registration and current course details from the respective university or technical/higher education institute.

3. Screening and Short-Listing:

A dedicated unit of the Fund will conduct preliminary screening of applications and prepare a short-list based on the approved eligibility criteria.

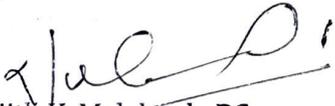
4. Selection Committee:

A Selection Committee will be constituted 05 members appointed by the MTF Board. The Committee will review the short-listed applications, may call for further clarification where necessary, and recommend the list of students and number of scholarships to be awarded under each category.

All Universities are kindly requested to bring this circular to the notice of eligible students immediately and to ensure that completed applications, together with all required certified documents, are forwarded to the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund on or before the 20th March 2026.

The final decision regarding the award of scholarships under this Special Scheme shall rest solely with the Board of Trustees of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund.

Order of the Board of Trustees,


Justice Vijith K. Malalgoda PC
Retired Judge of the Supreme Court
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