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6. Procedure for Application

- i. The applications are received online only. Verification of credentials of the students like caste, educational qualifications etc. are done through DIGILOCKER facility of the MeITY, Govt. of India.
- ii. National Scholarships Portal (NSP) (www.scholarships.gov.in) will provide the timelines for opening & closing of the portal.
- iii. The Guidelines for application, verification, selection and disbursement of scholarship will be as per the NSP.
- iv. Selection list would be generated/displayed on NSP.
- v. Online applications will be verified at two levels i.e by the Institute, where the student is studying and thereafter by the concerned State Higher Education Department or any other Agency/ Official nominated by the State as State Nodal Agency (both for fresh and renewal applicants).
- vi. Latest guideline on Timelines will be made available on NSP.
- vii. Students will not be permanently debarred for scholarships due to delay to renew or verification. However, students will have to submit renewal applications within a cut-off date. Renewal for that year will not be allowed if an applicant misses this deadline.

7. Rate and Duration of Scholarship (from financial year 2022-23)

The rate of scholarship is Rs.12,000/-per annum at Graduation level for first three years of College and University courses and Rs.20,000/-per annum at Post-Graduation level. Students pursuing professional courses, in case, where the duration of course is five (5) years/Integrated course will get Rs. 20,000/-per annum in the 4th and 5th year. However, students pursuing technical courses such as B.Tech, B.Engg. will get scholarship up to graduation level only i.e. Rs. 12,000 p.a. for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year and Rs. 20,000 in the 4th year.

Note: The rate of scholarship is Rs.10,000/-per annum for first three years of fresh/renewal scholarships with respect to academic year 2021-22, even if the actual release happens in FY 2022-23.

8. Payment of Scholarship

Students are required to have the bank accounts opened, especially, in their name for availing the benefits under the scheme. The scholarship will be disbursed directly into the savings bank accounts of the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

mode. The student can track their payment status from the template "Know Your Payment" in the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) portal [https://pfms.nic.in/Users/LoginDetails/Login.aspx] either by indicating Aadhaar number or bank account number or NSP Application ID.

9. For Colleges/Universities

College and Universities will apprise the students about the "PM-USP CSSS" during admission. Aadhaar based authentication of Institute Nodal Officer (INO)/ State Nodal Officer (SNO) is mandatory for every Institution/State before verification of the applications. INO/SNO should be a regular employee.

10. For State Government/State Boards

Adequate publicity of the scheme may be initiated through the Schools/ Colleges/ Institutions to create awareness and to facilitate/ assist the applicants in rural area to apply for scholarship online on NSP.

11. Grievance Redressal

In case of any grievances/complaint regarding the above scheme, the same may be registered to the following link:

http://pgportal.gov.in/grievancenew.aspx
other than to the Nodal Officer whose email is available on NSP portal
(Services Tab).

Contact us:

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West Block 1, 2nd Floor, Wing 6, Room No. 6,
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GUIDELINES

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

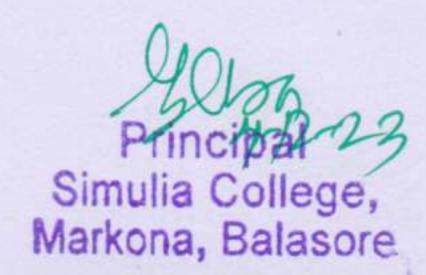
OF

SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS

[CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME]

2021-22 to 2025-26





2.1 Eligibility and Course Duration

Course	Duration	Eligibility		
M. Phil	dissertation, whichever is earlier	Post-Graduation and should have taken admission in the universities		
M. Phil + Ph D	of dissertation, willers to le carrier	mentioned at 2.4 below.		
Ph. D	5 years or date of submission of dissertation, whichever is earlier	(ii). The candidates should have minimum 55% marks at the final examination/grading at PG level.		

2.2 Income Criteria:

There is no income criteria for eligibility in respect of this scholarship.

2.3 Age limit:

Maximum 36 years, as on first day of July of the relevant year of the award of scholarship.

2.4 Universities/Institutions covered under the scheme

Eligible students can take admission for regular and full time M. Phil/Ph.D courses in the following categories of University / Academic Institutes: -

- Universities/Institutes/Colleges included under section 2(f)/12(B) or 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act.
- ii. Deemed to be Universities included under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and eligible to receive grant-in-aid from UGC.
- iii. Universities/ Institutes/ Colleges receiving grants by Central/ State Government
- iv. Institutes of National Importance, as notified by Ministry of Higher Education, Government of India.

2.5 Number of Fellowship

The total number of fresh fellowships for M.Phil/M.Phil +PhD/Ph.D every year will be 750. In case of non-availability of adequate number of Scheduled Tribe applicants,

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Scheme Guidelines of Scheme of Top Class Scholarship for SC Students Applicable from 2023-24

1 Objectives and Coverages

- a. The Scheme aims at recognizing and promoting quality education amongst students belonging to SCs, by providing financial support. The Scheme will cover SC students for pursuing studies beyond 12th class.
- b. The Scheme will operate in all the institutions notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for FY 2023-24 to 2025-26.
- c. The scholarship, once awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance of the student.

2 Eligibility

- a. Those SC students having total annual family income from all sources up to Rs. 8.00 lakh and having secured admission in a full-time prescribed course in any of the notified institutions according to the general selection criteria prescribed by the concerned institution, will be eligible for scholarship under the Scheme to the extent of the number of scholarships (slots) allocated to the institution for the course. Income declaration of self-employed parents/guardian should be in the form of a certificate issued by revenue officer not below the rank of Tehsildar. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain income certificate from their employer. Employed parents/guardians should obtain consolidated certificate from revenue officer for any other additional source of income.
- b. In case the number of eligible students admitted exceeds the number of slots allotted to the institution, the scholarship will be restricted to the top students in the inter-se merit list based on the admission criteria for the course as mentioned in Annexure-II. However, if there is more than one student with equal marks for the last available slot in an institution, preference should be given to the student with the lower family income. The remaining students from SC category admitted in the institution shall be eligible for the Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) administered by this Ministry through State Governments/UT Administrations, provided such students are otherwise eligible under the said scheme.
- c. Fresh scholarship will be awarded only to 1st year students. Students of 2nd/3rd/4th year will not be eligible for selection for fresh scholarship.
- d. Thirty percent (30%) of slots allotted to the Institution shall be reserved for eligible SC girl students as per their inter-se merit. In the absence of sufficient number of girl students, the slots may be transferred to eligible boy students as per their inter-se merit.
- e. However, the 30% slots as mentioned above will not include those girl students who are selected on the basis of their performance in the overall merit list of SC students of the Institution.

- f. The benefit of the Scheme will not be provided to more than 2 siblings in a family. The students will submit an affidavit in the Institution to certify that he/she is not the third sibling of the family who is availing benefit under the Scheme.
- g. The scholarship will be terminated if the student fails to get promoted to the next semester/class. However, once such student gets promoted to the next class, the scholarship shall be released suo moto.
- h. In case a student changes his/her institute/college after getting selected under the scheme, his/her scholarship will be discontinued and he/she will not be eligible for further scholarship under this scheme.

3 'Top Class' Institutions and Number of Scholarship Slots

- a. All the IIMs / IITs/ IIITs / AIIMSs/ NITs/NIFTs/ NIDs/ IHMs/NLUs and other Central Government Institutions will be eligible to be included in the Scheme, subject to their applying for being included in the Scheme and recommendation by the Selection Committee under the scheme, or if the Selection Committee itself recommends the name of the institute for inclusion in the list of empanelled institutes of the scheme. If an institution is not in any of the above categories, it has to be included in the current list of i). National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) A++ and A+ Accredited Institutions or ii) Top 100 National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Institutions or iii) Institutions of National Importance as per lists issued by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) from time to time.
- b. Commercial Pilot Training Courses and Type Rating Courses will not be part of the scheme from the year 2023-24. However any SC student willing to take CPL/Type Rating courses may apply for Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) administered by this ministry, provided such student are otherwise eligible under the said scheme.
- c. The overall number of scholarships would be capped at 21,500 for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 (4100 for 2021-22, 4200 for 2022-23, 4300 for 2023-24, 4400 for 2024-25 and 4500 for 2025-26). These available slots shall be distributed among types of institutions as per **Annexure-1** of the Scheme based on decision of selection committee for fresh and renewal candidates. The tentative number of fresh slots are indicated in the following table which can be increased with the approval of the selection committee in the event of increasing demands for fresh slots by the existing or prospective empanelled institutes and availability of funds:

SI.No.	Financial Year	No. of Scholarships for Fresh			
E AT LET		Candidates			
1.	2021-22	1500			
2.	2022-23	1600			
3.	2023-24	1700			
4.	2024-25	1800			
5.	2025-26	1900			

d. The list of the 'Top Class' Institutions to be covered under the Scheme along with number of scholarship slots will be notified by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment as per **Annexure-2**. Any addition or deletion to the list shall be notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, as and when required, based on the recommendations of the Steering Committee set up under the Scheme.

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SCHEME OF 'POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP' FOR STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES

1. BACKGROUND

The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was announced in June, 2006. It provides that a post-matric scholarship scheme for meritorious students from minority communities would be implemented.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the scheme is to award scholarships to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections of minority community so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education, increase their rate of attainment in higher education and enhance their employability.

3. SCOPE

The scholarship is to be awarded for studies in India in a government or private higher secondary school/college/university, including such residential institutes of the Government and eligible private institutes selected and notified in a transparent manner by the State Government/Union Territory Administration concerned. It will also cover technical and vocational courses in Industrial Training Institutes/ Industrial Training Centres affiliated with the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) of classes XI and XII level including Polytechnics and other courses (any course of less than one year duration is not covered under this scheme; Certificate courses are also not covered).

4. ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship will be awarded to the students who have secured not less than 50% marks or equivalent grade in the previous final examination and the annual income of whose parents/guardians from all sources does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakh.

11. DISTRIBUTION

Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jain and Zoroastrians (Parsis) have been notified as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. A total of five (05) lakh scholarships are targeted to be distributed as 'Fresh' Scholarships, besides, Renewal scholarships. The distribution of scholarship among the States/Union Territories will be made on the basis of population of minorities in the States/Union Territories as per Census 2001 for 2017-18 and as per the population of minorities in the States/Union Territories of Census 2011 for 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as per Appendices- A & B).

6. EARMARKING

- 30% scholarship is earmarked for girls students of each minority community in a State/UT which is transferable to male students of that community in case of non-availability of female students in that community in the concerned State/UT. 30% is the floor and not the ceiling for eligible girl students.
- ii) If the physical target of scholarship for a particular minority community in a state/UT is not utilized, it will be distributed among the same minority



community in other States/UTs strictly in accordance with merit and without disturbing the national ratio. Any unutilized community quota shall be distributed amongst other communities again in accordance with merit and without affecting the overall national quota.

A student residing in a particular State/UT will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of that State/UT only irrespective of his/her place of study.

7. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Fresh - As the number of scholarships for minorities available in a year is fixed and limited, it is necessary to lay down preference for selection. Inter-se selection weightage is to be given to poverty rather than marks (the applicant is required to submit an income certificate as per para-11(ii)). In case of same income, merit shall be generated from 'Date of Birth' criteria of applicant (senior is preferred).

Renewal – There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (at the same institute and in same course) and his/her application is verified by all authorities (as designated by Ministry of Minority Affairs) and approved by State Governments/UTs.

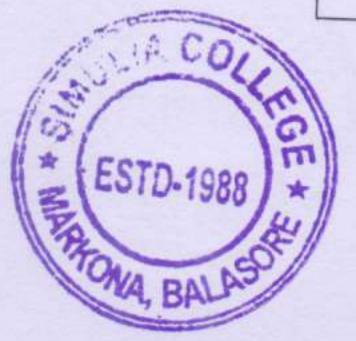
8. DURATION

The scholarships shall be provided for the entire course of the academic year. Maintenance allowance will be given as fixed lump sum amount in an academic year (as per para-9 below) for 2017-18 to 2019-20.

9. RATES OF SCHOLARSHIP

Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission & course /tuition fee and maintenance allowance as given below subject to a maximum ceiling indicated against item concerned for 2017-20. The details of the scheme interventions for 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as under:

Item	(Amount in Rs		
	Rate of Scholarship		
Rate of Scholarship Admission + Tuition Fee	Admission and tuition fee Class XI & XII: Rs. 7,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)		
	Admission and course/tuition fee for technical and vocational courses of XI and XII level (Courses of one or more year of duration): Rs. 10,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)		
	Admission and tuition fee for UG & PG level: Rs. 3,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)		
Maintenance	For Class XI & XII including Tech. & Voc. Course*: Rs. 380/- per month for Hosteller & Rs. 230/- per month for Day Scholar		



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SCHEME OF

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

(Effective from 1st April 2023)



DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH
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- 1.5. To fulfill these mandates, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India is implementing "Scheme of Scholarships for Students with Disabilities" with following six components:
 - i. Pre-matric Scholarship (For Classes IX and X)
 - ii. Post-matric Scholarship (For Class XI to Post-Graduate Degree/Diploma)
- iii. Top Class Education (For Graduate and Post-Graduate Degree/Diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education)
- iv. National Overseas Scholarship (For Master's Degree/Ph.D. in Institutions/Colleges/Universities abroad)
- v. National Fellowship (For M. Phil and Ph.D. in Indian Universities)
- vi. Free Coaching (For recruitment examinations for Group A, B and C posts and entrance examinations for admission to various technical and professional courses).

The guidelines in respect of first five components of the Umbrella Scheme as mentioned above are delineated as under and the guidelines in respect of Free Coaching component will be brought out separately.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- i. The scholarships are open only to Indian nationals.
- ii. All the components of scholarships are open to students with benchmark disability i.e. 40% or more disability as defined in 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and having a valid certificate of disability issued by the competent authority as prescribed under Rules.
- iii. Not more than two children with disabilities of the same parents will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme. In case the second child is a twin, the scholarship under the schemes will be admissible to the twin.
- iv. Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one year. If a student has to repeat a class, she/he would not get scholarship for that class for a second (or a subsequent) year.



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v. A scholarship holder under this scheme will not avail any other scholarship/stipend. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts any other scholarship/stipend.

3. BROAD FEATURES OF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Sr. No.	Scheme	Admissible for Classes/Courses	Slots *	Parental Income (per annum) Ceiling	Reservation of slots for female candidates
1	Pre-Matric	IX and X	25,000 (including renewal cases)	Rs. 2.5	50%
2		XI, XII, Post-matriculation Diploma/Certificates, Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in India, Master's Degree/Diploma from any University recognized by UGC/AICTE.	(including renewal cases)	Rs. 2.5 lakh	50%
	Education	Diploma in institutes notified by DEPwD	(including renewal cases)	Rs. 8 lakh	50%
	Overseas	Master Degree and PhD in foreign universities/ institutes		Rs. 8 lakh	30%
	National Fellowship			No income ceiling	-

^{*} Slots for Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Top Class schemes include fresh as well as renewal cases. Fresh cases will be considered only against the left over slots after processing all the renewal cases. Thus, mere fulfilling the



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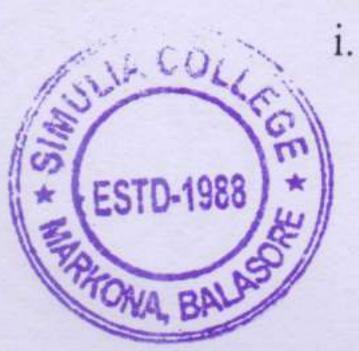
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