

Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for College and University Students

The Central Scholarships are awarded by Ministry of Education, Government of India on the basis of results of Higher Secondary / Class 12th Board Examination. A maximum of 82,000 fresh scholarships per year are provided for pursuing Undergraduate (UG) / Postgraduate (PG) degree in colleges and universities and for professional courses, such as Medical, Engineering etc. The Scheme is in operational since 2008.

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the meritorious students having family income of less than Rs.4.5 lakh per annum, to meet a part of their day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies. Annual target is 82000 scholarships per year (41000 for boys and 41000 for girls) which has been divided amongst the State Education Boards based on the State's population in the age group of 18-25 years.

The Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students is covered under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) w.e.f. 1.1.2013. The scholarship is disbursed directly into the savings bank account of the scholarship recipients by DBT mode using PFMS gateway.

'Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students' has on boarded the National Scholarship portal <http://www.scholarships.gov.in> with effect from 1.8.2015. The students can see the scheme guidelines as well as can apply online through this portal only.

Eligibility Criteria for Central Sector Scholarship Scheme

- The applicant must have above the 80th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream from the respective Board of Examination in Class 12th of 10+2 pattern or equivalent.
- The applicant must be enrolled in regular degree courses and not correspondence or distance mode or pursuing Diploma courses.
- The applicant must be pursuing courses at colleges/institutions recognized by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and respective Regulatory Bodies concerned.
- The applicant must not be availing benefit of any other scholarship schemes including State-run scholarship schemes/ fee waivers & reimbursement schemes.
- The total parental/family income of the applicant should not exceed Rs.4,50,000 per annum.
- For renewal of scholarship in each year of study, besides getting at least 50% marks in the Annual Examination, maintenance of adequate attendance of at least 75%, will also be the criteria.

Scholarship Amount

- Rs. 12,000/-per annum at the Graduation level for the first three years of College and University courses
- Rs. 20,000 per annum at the Post-Graduation level
- Students pursuing professional courses, in case, where the duration of the course is five (5) years/Integrated course will get ₹20,000/-per annum in the 4th and 5th year.

Documents Required

- Bank Passbook
- Educational documents
- Aadhaar number
- Domicile Certificate (as specified in the respective scholarship guidelines)
- Income Certificate (as specified in the respective scholarship guidelines)
- Caste Certificate (if applicable)

- Bonafide student certificate from school/institute (if the institute/school is different from the domicile state of the applicant)

Procedure for Application

- The applications are received online through National Scholarships Portal (NSP) – www.scholarships.gov.in
- Verification of credentials of the students like caste, educational qualifications, etc. is done through the DIGILOCKER facility of the MeitY, Govt. of India.
- The Guidelines for Central Sector Scholarship Scheme application, verification, selection, and disbursement of the scholarship will be as per the NSP.
- A selection list would be generated/displayed on NSP Portal.
- 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).
- The latest guideline on Timelines will be made available on NSP.
- Students will not be permanently debarred for scholarships due to delays 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.

How to apply online application for Central Sector Scholarship Scheme at NSP Portal- scholarships.gov.in?

The process for applying for the **Central Sector Scholarship** involves several steps through National Scholarship Portal (NSP). NSP is a digital scholarship platform that offers various scholarships to students. Here are given registration steps how to apply for the Scholarships:

Step 1: Registration

Step 2: Login

Step 3: Select Scholarship

Step 4: Fill Application

Step 5: Upload Documents

Step 5: Review and Submit

Step 6: Print Application

Aadhaar based Authentication

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.

Portal: <http://www.scholarships.gov.in>
