

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India has introduced a new scholarship scheme titled "Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students".

OBJECTIVE: To provide financial assistance to meritorious students from low-income families to meet day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies.

SCOPE: The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the results of Senior Secondary Examination (class XII) of 10+2 pattern or equivalent. 82000 fresh scholarships per annum (41000 for boys and 41000 for girls) will be awarded for graduate / postgraduate studies in colleges and universities and for professional courses such as Medical, Engineering etc.

ALLOCATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS: The total number of scholarships will be divided amongst the State Boards based on the State's population in the age group of 18-25 years, after segregating share of CBSE and ICSE on the basis of number of students passing out from various Boards in the country. The number of scholarships allotted to a Board would be distributed amongst pass outs of the Science, Commerce and Humanities streams of the Board in the ratio of 3:2:1. Within the specified quota, the selection shall be made on merit.

ELIGIBILITY:

- The student should have scored a minimum 80% of marks in Class XII of 10+2 pattern or equivalent.
- The student should belong to non-creamy layer as defined by the Department of Personnel and Training in their Notification No 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT), dated 08.11.1993 and as modified vide their OM No. 36033/3/2004-Estt. (Res) dated 09.03.2004 and as may be further modified from time to time and **not availing of any other scholarship scheme.** The scholarship once awarded will continue and it will be renewed from year to year till the completion of the course for which the award has been made. A fresh income certificate each year will not be called for provided the scholar fulfils all other terms and conditions stipulated for the renewal.
- The reservation would be applicable in terms of Central Reservation Policy and internal earmarking.
- The Undergraduate/Postgraduate/Professional courses are pursued in a recognized college/ institution in India.

TENABILITY: A scholarship under the scheme has to be availed of in the year it is made in the Scheme for the duration of the course subject to fulfilling eligibility criteria.

RATE OF SCHOLARSHIPS: The scholarship will be given @ Rs.1000/- per month at Graduation level for first three years of College and University courses and Rs.2000/- per month at Post graduation level. Students pursuing professional courses would get Rs.2000/- per month in the 4th & 5th year. The scholarship would be paid for 10 months in an academic year.

RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS: A scholarship under the scheme is renewable from year to year within the same stage of education. The renewal will depend on promotion

to the next class provided the scholar secures 60% or more marks in aggregate in the semester/annual examination which determines his promotion to the next class. It will also be subject to discipline and maintenance of attendance by the scholar. Complaints against these scholars regarding indiscipline including any complaints of having indulged in ragging would lead to forfeiture of scholarship.

If a scholar is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and or on account of any unforeseen event, the award may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical certificate and other proof to satisfy the Head of the Institution who will certify that the student would have passed with 60% had he appeared in the examination.

If a scholar gives up the chosen course of study before its completion or if he changes the course of study without the approval of the MHRD the scholarship will be cancelled. Good conduct and regularity in attendance are also required for continuance of the scholarship. The decision of the MHRD will be final and binding in all such matters. Scholarship once cancelled will not be revived in any circumstance.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship will be paid to the selected students directly by the Central Government through a Bank Account opened by them for the purpose in a designated Bank. Based on the eligibility certificate presented by the awardees, the designate bank(s) shall open account for all such merit scholars and ensure timely credit and maintain a proper database of the account numbers of the students receiving the scholarship. Where the branch of the bank is not available, the bank will issue co-branded ATM cards to the awardees, so that they can draw scholarship from any ATM without any charges. This will include flexibility of withdrawal of scholarship by the awardees through ATM of all nationalized banks, and its subsidiaries. The payment of scholarship will start from the month the admission is obtained.