

## **Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University students**

### **Details**

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### **Benefits**

#### **Rate of Scholarship**

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

#### **Mode of Disbursal**

The scholarship will be disbursed directly into the Aadhar seeded bank accounts of the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

### **Eligibility**

The applicant must be 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 pursuing regular degree courses.

The applicant must be pursuing courses at colleges/ institutions recognized by the All India Council for Technical Education and the respective Regulatory Bodies concerned.

The gross parental/ family income of the applicant should not exceed ₹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 should be at least 75%.

The students are required to have Aadhaar seeded bank accounts opened in their name.

### **Exclusions**

Students who are pursuing correspondence or distance mode or pursuing Diploma courses are not eligible.

Students who are already availing the benefit from any other scholarship schemes including State-run scholarship schemes/ fee waiver & reimbursement schemes are not eligible.

### **Application Process**

#### **One Time Registration (OTR)**

**Step 1:** Visit the National Scholarships Portal (NSP) One Time Registration page and Click on “Apply for OTR”

**Step 2:** Guidelines for OTR will appear. Scroll to the bottom. Read carefully the undertaking. Accept the Terms. Click “Next”.

**Step 3:** Register your active mobile number in the OTR registration form. All correspondence/communication will be done on the submitted mobile/e-mail only.

**Step 4:** Complete Aadhaar e-KYC by entering Parent/Legal Guardian/Student Aadhaar number. Submit the OTP received and Click “verify”

**Step 5:** Enter details on the next page and click “Finish”. You will receive a Reference Number. Download the NSP OTR App and the Aadhaar FaceRD App from Google Play Store and complete face authentication for generating OTR.

**Step 6:** On successful face authentication, your 14-digit OTR number will be generated and sent via SMS.

### **Fresh Application**

**Step 1:** Visit the Applicant Login page of the National Scholarships Portal. Select “OTR Login” and enter your OTR number and password.

**Step 2:** Type the Captcha and click “Login”.

**Step 3:** On the next screen, provide the OTP received on your registered mobile number. You will be directed to the Password Reset screen. Create a new password and confirm.

**Step 4:** Click “Submit”. You will be directed to the “Applicant’s Dashboard”.

**Step 5:** On the left pane, click “Application Form”. The fields marked as \* are compulsory. Fill in the details and upload the documents. The verification of credentials of the students (caste, educational qualifications etc.) will be done through the DIGILOCKER facility of the MeitY, Govt. of India.

**Step 6:** You can either click on “Save as Draft” to complete the application later. Else, click “Final Submit” to apply.

### **Track Payment Status**

The student can track their payment status from the template “Know Your Payment” in the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) Portal either by indicating their Aadhaar Number, Bank Account number or NSP Application ID.

**NOTE 1:** The National Scholarships Portal will provide the timelines for opening & closing of the portal.

**NOTE 2:** 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).

**NOTE 3:** Students will not be permanently debarred for scholarships due to delay in renewal 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. However, students can apply for renewal in the following year if they meet the eligibility conditions.

### **Grievance Redressal**

In case of any grievances/complaints 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 the NSP portal (Services Tab).

### **Documents Required**

The following documents need to be uploaded on the Portal at the time of application:

**a. FRESH:** 12th Mark Sheet, Family Income Certificate, Category/ caste Certification for reserved category students, Disability Certificate (if applicable)

**b. RENEWAL:** Previous Year Mark Sheet

*The copy of above-mentioned documents must be provided to the institutes at the time of verification, if sought for by the Institute Nodal Officer (INO).*