

1. **Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students**
Eligibility Criteria: Indian citizen; passed Class 12th Board Exam in the 80th percentile of their state/UT board; family annual income \leq ₹4.5 lakh; enrolled in regular UG/PG courses (not correspondence/distance); not availing other scholarships; age \leq 25 years (relaxations for certain categories). **Benefits:** ₹12,000 per annum for the first three years of UG; ₹20,000 per annum for PG (if continuing); total 82,000 fresh scholarships annually (50% for girls); disbursed via DBT.
Application Process: Online through NSP; register with OTR, fill form, upload documents, institute verifies, submit before deadline (typically October-November 2025 for 2025-26); track status on portal.
Links: Scheme page - <https://www.myscheme.gov.in/schemes/csss-cus>; Guidelines PDF - https://scholarships.gov.in/public/schemeGuidelines/CSSS_GUIDLINES_07022024_updated.pdf.
2. **CBSE Merit Scholarship Scheme for Single Girl Child (Class X)**
Eligibility Criteria: Single girl child (only child of parents, no siblings); passed CBSE Class 10 with \geq 60% marks; continuing studies in Class 11/12 in CBSE-affiliated school; Indian citizen. **Benefits:** ₹500 per month (₹6,000 per annum) for two years (Class 11-12); disbursed via DBT. **Application Process:** Online fresh/renewal application at <https://cbseit.in/cbse/2025/sqcx/default.aspx>; schools verify via portal; submit complete form before extended deadline (e.g., 27/11/2025 for 2025); email queries to scholarship.cbse@nic.in. **Links:** Scheme page - <https://www.cbse.gov.in/cbsenew/scholar.html>; Application portal - <https://cbseit.in/cbse/2025/sqcx/default.aspx>.

SC/ST/OBC/Minority/DNT Schemes

3. **Central Sector Scholarship of Top Class Education for SC Students**
Eligibility Criteria: Belong to SC category; pursuing studies beyond Class 12 in empanelled institutions (notified by Ministry); family income \leq ₹8 lakh; Indian citizen; not receiving other central scholarships. **Benefits:** Full tuition fees, non-refundable charges, academic allowance (₹2,220-₹3,000 per annum), books/stationery (₹3,000-₹5,000), computer/laptop (one-time ₹45,000), living expenses (₹2,220 per month for 10 months). **Application Process:** Apply online via NSP; select scheme, fill details, upload docs; institution forwards to ministry for approval; deadlines as per NSP notifications. **Links:** Scheme page - <https://socialjustice.gov.in/schemes/27>; Guidelines PDF (2025-26) - <https://socialjustice.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/95131767944207.pdf>.
4. **Post-Matric Scholarship for SC Students**
Eligibility Criteria: SC category; pursuing post-matric/post-secondary courses in recognized institutions; family annual income \leq ₹2.5 lakh; Indian citizen; not availing other scholarships. **Benefits:** Full tuition/exam fees reimbursement; maintenance allowance (₹380-₹1,200 per month based on course group and hosteller/day scholar); additional allowances for disabilities; DBT disbursement. **Application Process:** Online on NSP; register, apply fresh/renewal, upload documents (caste/income certificates); institute/district verification; deadlines typically October-December 2025. **Links:** Scheme page - <https://socialjustice.gov.in/schemes/25>; Apply on NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/>.
5. **PM-YASASVI: Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC, and DNT Students**
Eligibility Criteria: Belong to OBC/EBC/DNT categories; studying post-matric/post-secondary in recognized institutions; family income \leq ₹2.5 lakh; Indian citizen. **Benefits:** Tuition/exam fees reimbursement; maintenance allowance (group-wise, up to ₹10,000-₹20,000 per annum); DBT. **Application Process:** Online via NSP; fill form, upload caste/income proofs; verification by institute/state; apply during open window (2025-26 ongoing). **Links:** Scheme page - <https://www.myscheme.gov.in/schemes/pm-yasasvipmsobcebcdnts>; Apply on NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/>.
6. **Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC Students (Class 9 & 10)**
Eligibility Criteria: SC category; studying in Class 9/10 in government/recognized schools; family income \leq ₹2.5 lakh; Indian citizen. **Benefits:** Scholarship ₹3,500-₹4,000 per annum (day scholars/hostellers); additional ad-hoc grant ₹1,000; DBT.

Application Process: Online on NSP; parent/guardian applies, upload docs; school verification; deadlines as per NSP (closed for some in 2025, check for extensions). **Links:** Apply on NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/>; Scheme listed under NSP schemes.

Other Category Schemes (Disabilities, Overseas, etc.)

7. **Pre-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities****Eligibility Criteria:** Disability $\geq 40\%$ (certified); studying Class 9/10; family income $\leq ₹2.5$ lakh; Indian citizen. **Benefits:** Maintenance allowance ₹600-₹800 per month; book grant ₹200-₹400; disability-specific allowances (e.g., escort ₹160/month); DBT. **Application Process:** Online via NSP; apply fresh, upload disability certificate; deadlines closed 31-10-2025 for 2025-26 (check updates). **Links:** Scheme on NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/>; Listed under active schemes.
8. **Post-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities****Eligibility Criteria:** Disability $\geq 40\%$; pursuing post-matric courses; family income $\leq ₹2.5$ lakh. **Benefits:** Maintenance ₹1,600-₹1,900 per month (hostellers); fees reimbursement; book allowance ₹1,500; DBT. **Application Process:** Similar to above, online on NSP. **Links:** Scheme on NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/>.
9. **Scholarship for Top Class Education for Students with Disabilities****Eligibility Criteria:** Disability $\geq 40\%$; pursuing graduate/PG in top institutions; income $\leq ₹6$ lakh. **Benefits:** Full fees, maintenance ₹3,000/month, books ₹5,000, computer ₹30,000 (one-time). **Application Process:** Online on NSP. **Links:** Scheme on NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/>.
10. **National Overseas Scholarship****Eligibility Criteria:** Belong to SC/Denotified Nomadic/Semi-Nomadic Tribes/Landless Agricultural Labourers/Traditional Artisans; family income $\leq ₹8$ lakh; age ≤ 35 ; $\geq 60\%$ marks in qualifying exam; unconditional offer from top 500 QS-ranked university abroad; no other funding. **Benefits:** Tuition/visas; maintenance allowance (US\$15,400/£9,900 annually); contingency ₹1,500; insurance; airfare; equipment allowance. **Application Process:** Online on <https://nosmsje.gov.in/>; register, upload docs (academic certificates, caste card, offer letter, income proof, Aadhaar, photo/signature); selection by committee; tentative deadline April 2026. **Links:** Official portal - <https://nosmsje.gov.in/>; Contact: so-nos-msje@gov.in.

