

1. The Saksham Ecosystem: UP Scholarship and Fee Reimbursement

The Saksham portal (scholarship.up.gov.in), managed by the Social Welfare Department, is the primary gateway for financial aid from Class 9 to Ph.D. level.

A. Core Categories and Income Ceilings (2025-26 Session)

The scholarship is divided into three functional tiers based on the level of study:

Category	Eligibility	Annual Family Income Limit	Typical Maintenance Benefit
Pre-Matric	Classes 9–10	₹2.5 Lakh (SC/ST/Gen); ₹2 Lakh (OBC)	₹2,500 – ₹3,500 (Day Scholar)
Post-Matric Inter	Classes 11–12	₹2 Lakh (Gen/OBC/Minority); ₹2.5 Lakh (SC/ST)	₹3,000 – ₹8,000/year
Dashmottar	UG, PG, Diploma, ITI, Ph.D.	₹2 Lakh (Gen/OBC); ₹2.5 Lakh (SC/ST/Minority)	₹6,000 – ₹13,500/year

Note: For Safai Karamchari (Sanitation Worker) families, there is no income limit for the Pre-Matric category.

B. Benefit Structure: Maintenance vs. Fee Reimbursement

The total benefit received by a student consists of two distinct components:

- Maintenance Allowance:** Fixed monthly/yearly amounts for daily expenses, ranging from ₹230 to ₹1,200 per month depending on the "Group" of the course (Group I being professional courses like MBBS/B.Tech).
- Fee Reimbursement:** Full or partial reimbursement of non-refundable tuition and examination fees. For private professional colleges, this can range from ₹20,000 to over ₹1 Lakh per year.

C. Technical Application Workflow (2025-26 Mandates)

- NSP OTR Generation:** Students must first register on the National Scholarship Portal to obtain a 14-digit **One-Time Registration (OTR)** number.
 - Saksham Registration:** Use the OTR to log in to scholarship.up.gov.in.
 - Aadhaar Seeding:** The student's bank account must be "Seeded" (not just linked) with Aadhaar and mapped via the **NPCI mapper** for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
 - Biometric Authentication:** Final submission often requires biometric authentication at the educational institution.
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2. Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana (MKSJ)

Managed by the Department of Women and Child Development (mksy.up.gov.in), this is a conditional cash transfer scheme for the empowerment of girl children.

A. Revised Financial Benefits (Total: ₹25,000)

Effective from the 2024-25 financial year, the total benefit was increased from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000, disbursed in six stages:

Stage	Milestone	Revised Amount (One-time)
Stage 1	Birth of Girl Child (born on/after 01-04-2019)	₹5,000
Stage 2	Full Immunization (within 1 year)	₹2,000
Stage 3	Admission to Class 1	₹3,000
Stage 4	Admission to Class 6	₹3,000
Stage 5	Admission to Class 9	₹5,000
Stage 6	Passed 10/12 and Enrolled in Graduation/Diploma	₹7,000

B. Eligibility Criteria

- Residency:** Must be a permanent resident of Uttar Pradesh with valid proof (Ration card/Aadhaar/Voter ID).
- Income:** Total annual family income must not exceed ₹3 Lakh.
- Family Size:** Maximum two girl children per family (exceptions for twins/triplets in subsequent deliveries).

3. Swami Vivekanand Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana (DigiShakti)

This program focuses on digital inclusion by providing technological assets to students (digishakti.up.gov.in).

- Eligibility:** Students enrolled in the **final year** of Undergraduate (UG), Postgraduate (PG), Diploma, ITI, or Medical courses in UP-based institutions.
- Benefit:** Free **Smartphone or Tablet**. Typical specifications include 3GB RAM and 32GB ROM.
- Process:** No individual application is required. Data is uploaded by the educational institutions directly to the DigiShakti portal. Selected students are notified via SMS.

4. Mukhyamantri Abhyuday Yojana: Free Coaching

A flagship scheme to provide high-quality competitive exam preparation to meritorious students from economically weaker sections (abhyuday.up.gov.in).

- **Coaching Categories:** UPSC (IAS/IPS), UPPSC, NEET, JEE, NDA, CDS, and SSC.
 - **Methodology:** Hybrid learning involving offline classes at 156 district centers and online lectures via YouTube/Portal.
 - **Selection:** Based on an aptitude-based entrance test conducted by the state.
 - **Priority:** Given to rural and economically disadvantaged students.
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5. Sant Ravidas Shiksha Protsahan Yojana

A specialized scheme for the children of registered construction workers, managed by the UP Building & Other Construction Workers (BOCW) Board (uplmis.in).

- **Eligibility:** One parent must be a registered construction worker with an active membership of at least 365 days.
 - **Award Scale:**
 - Classes 1–5: ₹2,000.
 - Classes 6–10: ₹2,500.
 - Classes 11–12: ₹3,000.
 - UG/ITI/Polytechnic: ₹12,000.
 - Professional Degrees (Medical/Engg): Fees or up to ₹60,000; MBBS specifically up to ₹1,00,000/year.
 - **Additional Incentive:** One-time **bicycle subsidy** (approx. ₹3,000) for students entering the next class after passing Class 9, 10, 11, or 12.
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6. Project PRAVEEN: Skill-Based Education

A collaborative effort between the Secondary Education Department and the UP Skill Development Mission (UPSDM).

- **Target Group:** Students of Classes 9 to 12 in **government secondary schools**.
- **Benefit:** Free skill training in industry-relevant trades (IT, Healthcare, Electronics, etc.) provided within the school premises.
- **Certification:** National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) approved certificates, valid nationwide.