

# EquiLearn Scholarships for NIOS Students: A Step-by-Step Guide

## What is NIOS:

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is a government-run board in India that offers flexible education options for students who cannot attend regular school, such as private candidates, students with disabilities, and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. NIOS provides Secondary (Class 10) and Senior Secondary (Class 12) courses with flexible exam schedules and a choice of subjects.

The fee structure varies:

- **Female Candidates:** ₹1890
- **Male Candidates:** ₹2340
- **SC/ST/Students with Disabilities:** ₹1560

## Who is Eligible for the EquiLearn Scholarship?

1. **Underprivileged Students:** This includes students from low-income families who face financial challenges and are registered as private candidates for NIOS exams.
2. **Students with Disabilities:** This includes students with physical or learning disabilities who are taking NIOS as private candidates.

## Steps to Apply for the EquiLearn Scholarship

1. **Register Your Profile:** Sign up by filling out the required details, such as your name, contact information, educational background, and family income details.
2. **Upload Required Documents:**
  - Proof of financial status (e.g., income certificate, BPL card, etc.).
  - Proof of disability (e.g., disability certificate).
  - Previous educational records (e.g., last marksheets)
3. **Complete the Scholarship Application Form:**
  - Explain why you need the scholarship and how it will help you achieve your educational goals.
    - To answer this question, start by briefly explaining any financial challenges your family faces, like limited income or other responsibilities, which make exam fees hard to manage. Next, share your educational goals and how passing the NIOS or CBSE exam as a private candidate will help you achieve them, such as getting into college or pursuing a career. Describe how the scholarship would reduce financial stress, allowing you to focus on studying. Finally, express gratitude for the opportunity, and show your commitment to using this support to reach your goals.

4. **Submit and Wait for Approval:** Once your application is submitted, our team will review it. You'll receive a confirmation email, and we might contact you for additional information.
5. **Scholarship Results:** Once approved, you will be notified via email or phone, and further instructions will be provided about how to receive your scholarship.