

National Merit Assistance Scholarship 2026

Scheme Overview:

The National Merit Assistance Scholarship is a government-funded program designed to support economically weaker students pursuing higher education.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant must be an Indian citizen.
- Annual household income must be less than or equal to ₹8,00,000.
- Applicant must belong to one of the following categories: General, OBC, SC, ST.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a recognized undergraduate or postgraduate program.
- Minimum academic score of 60% in the previous examination.
- Applicant must not be receiving any other central government scholarship.

Required Documents:

- Aadhaar Card
- Income Certificate issued by competent authority
- Caste Certificate (if applicable)
- Previous year Marksheets
- Admission Proof from Institution
- Bank Account Details (Aadhaar linked)

Application Process:

- Visit the official scholarship portal at <https://scholarships.gov.in>
- Register using Aadhaar-linked mobile number.
- Fill in personal and academic details.
- Upload required documents.
- Submit the application before the deadline.

Application Deadline:

31 March 2026