

Category A: Government of India (NSP Schemes)

1. Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Minorities

CATEGORY: Government of India: National Scholarship Portal (NSP) Schemes

FUNDING BODY: Ministry of Minority Affairs

ACADEMIC LEVEL: Post-Matriculation (Class 11 to PhD)

BACKGROUND FOCUS: Students belonging to Minority Communities (Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi, Jain)

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- **Academic:** Minimum 50% marks in previous final examination.
- **Income:** Annual family income < ₹2.0 Lakh.
- **Course:** Class 11–12, UG, PG, ITI, Polytechnic, M.Phil, PhD.
- **Other:** Max 2 students per family eligible.

2. BENEFITS/GRANTS:

- **Maintenance Allowance:**
 - Hosteller – ₹750/month
 - Day Scholar – ₹330/month
- **Admission & Tuition Fee:** Up to ₹3,000 per annum
- **Coverage:** 10 months per academic year.

3. APPLICATION & DEADLINES:

- **Portal:** National Scholarship Portal
- **Status:** OPEN (Fresh & Renewal)
- **Tentative Deadline:** December 15, 2025

- **Required Documents:** Marksheets, Income Certificate, Minority Certificate, Aadhaar.
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2. AICTE Pragati Scholarship for Girl Students

CATEGORY: Government of India: NSP Schemes

FUNDING BODY: AICTE, Ministry of Education

ACADEMIC LEVEL: Technical Degree/Diploma

BACKGROUND FOCUS: Girl students in technical education

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Must be admitted to 1st year or 2nd year via lateral entry.
- Studying in **AICTE-approved institution**.
- Annual Family Income < ₹8.0 Lakh.
- Max 2 girl children per family.

2. BENEFITS/GRANTS:

- ₹50,000 per annum (lump sum)
- Covers: fees, books, software, laptops, equipment.

3. APPLICATION & DEADLINES:

- **Portal:** NSP
 - **Status:** OPEN
 - **Tentative Deadline:** December 15, 2025
 - **Required Documents:** Marksheets, Admission Proof, Income Certificate, Bank Passbook.
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3. AICTE Saksham Scholarship for Specially-Abled Students

CATEGORY: Government of India: NSP Schemes

FUNDING BODY: AICTE

ACADEMIC LEVEL: Technical Degree/Diploma

BACKGROUND FOCUS: Students with $\geq 40\%$ disability

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Admitted to 1st year or 2nd year via lateral entry.
- Disability $\geq 40\%$.
- Annual Income $\leq ₹8.0$ Lakh.
- Studying in an AICTE-approved full-time course.

2. BENEFITS/GRANTS:

- ₹50,000 per annum (lump sum)
- Covers academic expenses, laptop, equipment, books.

3. APPLICATION & DEADLINES:

- **Portal:** NSP
 - **Status:** OPEN
 - **Deadline:** December 15, 2025
 - **Required Documents:** Disability Certificate, Marksheets, Income Certificate, Bank Passbook.
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Category B: Private Sector & CSR Scholarships

4. HDFC Bank Parivartan ECSS Programme

CATEGORY: Private Sector & CSR

FUNDING BODY: HDFC Bank Parivartan

ACADEMIC LEVEL: Class 1–PG

BACKGROUND FOCUS: Students facing financial hardship or crisis

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Minimum **55% marks** (50% for Class 1–6).
- Family income \leq **₹2.5 Lakh**.
- Preference: crisis cases (death, illness, job loss).

2. BENEFITS/GRANTS:

- Class 1–6 \rightarrow ₹15,000
- Class 7–12 / ITI / Diploma \rightarrow ₹18,000
- UG (General) \rightarrow ₹30,000
- UG (Professional) \rightarrow ₹50,000
- PG (Professional) \rightarrow Up to ₹75,000

3. APPLICATION & DEADLINES:

- **Portal:** Buddy4Study
 - **Status:** OPEN (Cycle 3)
 - **Deadline:** December 31, 2025
 - **Required Documents:** Marksheets, Income Proof, Crisis Proof, Admission Proof.
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5. Reliance Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships

CATEGORY: Private Sector & CSR

FUNDING BODY: Reliance Foundation

ACADEMIC LEVEL: First-Year Undergraduate

BACKGROUND FOCUS: Merit-cum-means

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Min **60%** in Class 12.

- Family income \leq ₹15 Lakh (Priority for <2.5 Lakh).
- Must attempt **Aptitude Test**.
- Enrolled in regular full-time UG course (\geq 3 years).

2. BENEFITS/GRANTS:

- Up to ₹2 Lakh for full duration of degree
- Includes leadership programs & alumni access.

3. APPLICATION & DEADLINES:

- **Portal:** Reliance Foundation
 - **Status:** CLOSED
 - **Deadline:** October 7, 2025
 - **Required Documents:** Marksheets, Income Proof, SOP, ID Proof.
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6. L'Oréal India For Young Women in Science Scholarship

CATEGORY: Private Sector & CSR

FUNDING BODY: L'Oréal India

ACADEMIC LEVEL: Female students joining UG science programs

BACKGROUND FOCUS: Women in STEM (Science)

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Only for **girls**.
- Minimum **85%** in Class 12 (Science stream).
- Family income $<$ ₹6 Lakh.
- Must pursue B.Sc., B.Tech, MBBS, or science-related degree.

2. BENEFITS/GRANTS:

- ₹2.50 Lakh over the duration of the UG program.

- Covers tuition + academic expenses.

3. APPLICATION & DEADLINES:

- **Portal:** L'Oréal India / Buddy4Study
 - **Status:** OPEN
 - **Deadline:** January 2026 (Tentative)
 - **Documents:** Marksheets, Income Certificate, Admission Proof, ID Proof.
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Category C: Study Abroad Opportunities

7. Chevening Scholarship (UK)

CATEGORY: International – Study Abroad

FUNDING BODY: Government of the UK

ACADEMIC LEVEL: One-year Master's

BACKGROUND FOCUS: Leadership & Networking

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Must hold UG degree equivalent to UK 2:1.
- At least **2,800 hours** of work experience.
- Apply to **3 UK Master's programs**.
- Must return to home country for 2 years post-scholarship.

2. BENEFITS/GRANTS:

- Fully funded:
 - Full tuition
 - Monthly stipend
 - Travel costs
 - Visa fees

- Networking events

3. APPLICATION & DEADLINES:

- **Portal:** Chevening Official Website
 - **Status:** CLOSED (Reopens Aug 2026)
 - **Deadline:** October 7, 2025
 - **Required Documents:** UG Degree, Work Proof, References, Essays.
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8. Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowship (USA)

CATEGORY: Study Abroad Opportunities

FUNDING BODY: United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF)

ACADEMIC LEVEL: Master's in U.S. Universities

BACKGROUND FOCUS: Academic excellence & leadership

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Must have completed a **4-year Bachelor's degree** or equivalent.
- Minimum **3 years of work experience**.
- Strong leadership and community service profile.
- Good academic track record.

2. BENEFITS/GRANTS:

- Tuition fees
- Living expenses
- Health insurance
- J-1 visa support
- Round-trip airfare

3. APPLICATION & DEADLINES:

- **Portal:** USIEF

- **Status:** OPEN for 2026–27
 - **Deadline:** May 2026
 - **Documents:** Academic Records, Essays, References, Resume.
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9. DAAD EPOS Scholarship (Germany)

CATEGORY: International – Germany

FUNDING BODY: German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

ACADEMIC LEVEL: Master's (selected programs)

BACKGROUND FOCUS: Development-focused fields

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Bachelor's degree in relevant field.
- **2 years** of professional experience.
- Currently working in public/NGO/development sector.
- Strong motivation letter required.

2. BENEFITS/GRANTS:

- Monthly stipend (~€934 per month)
- Travel allowance
- Tuition waivers (if applicable)
- Health insurance
- Preparatory German course

3. APPLICATION & DEADLINES:

- **Portal:** DAAD Official
 - **Status:** OPEN (varies by university)
 - **Deadline:** August–October 2025
 - **Documents:** CV (EU format), Motivation Letter, Degree Certificate, Work Proof.
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