# National Overseas Scholarship For Scheduled Tribes (ST) Students

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## Benefits (National Overseas Scholarship For Scheduled Tribes (ST) Students)

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- two only) for the candidates in US and for candidates in United Kingdom, it will be £ 1116 (Pounds sterling One thousand one hundred sixteen only). For other countries, US Dollar or equivalent rates would be applicable. 3. Poll Tax Actuals shall be paid, wherever applicable. 4. Visa Fees Actual visa fees in Indian Rupees will be paid. 5. Incidental Journey Expenses Incidental journey expenses up to US Dollars 20 or its equivalent in Indian Rupees are permissible. 6. Fees Tuition fees and other non
- refundable fees which is required to be compulsorily paid by the student for completion of the course, as per actuals. 7. Medical Insurance Premium Actuals as charged will be admissible. The Indian Embassy/Mission in the respective country will however examine the reasonableness of medical premium opted/claimed by the student. 8. Cost of Air Passage Air passage grant on actual basis from India to the nearest place to the educational institution and back to India, by economy class and

shortest route at best available price shall be provided. 9. Local Travel Second class railway fare from the port of disembarkation to the place of study and back

• in case of far flung places not connected by rail, bus fare from the place of residence to the nearest railway station, actual charge of crossing by ferry, air fare to the nearest rail

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• air Station will be permissible. Note: Extension of stay beyond prescribed duration for levels of courses as mentioned above, will be without financial assistance of any kind except the air passage to return to India, if the candidate decides to come back to India on completion of the course.


## Eligibility (National Overseas Scholarship For Scheduled Tribes (ST) Students)

• The applicant must be from a Scheduled Tribe (ST). The applicant must be pursuing a post

• graduate course (Master, Ph.D., or Post

• Doctoral Research) from a foreign institute/university. The annual income of the family of the applicant (from all sources) should not be greater than ■ 6,00,000/

• . The applicant must have secured at least 55% marks or equivalent grade in the qualifying examination (In the case of Post

• Doctoral Research, the qualifying exam is Ph.D.

• In the case of Ph.D., the qualifying exam is a Master's Degree

• In the case of a Master's Degree, the qualifying exam is a Bachelor's Degree) The applicant must be the only child in the family who is availing/has availed of this scholarship. Age Criteria:

• If pursuing Post

• Doctoral Research, the age of the applicant as on 1st July of the selection year, should not be greater than 38 years. If pursuing Ph.D., the age of the applicant as on 1st July of the selection year, should not be greater than 35 years. If pursuing Masters, the age of the applicant as on 1st July of the selection year, should not be greater than 32 years. Income Criteria:

• Scholarships will be paid to the students whose family income from all sources does not exceed ■ 6,00,000/

• (Rupees Six lakhs only) per annum. The family income shall be computed in the following manner:

• In case where both father and mother are working, the combined income of both of them from all sources shall be taken into account in computing total family income. In case any other member of the family, other than father and mother, is an earning member, his or her income shall not be included in computing total family income. In case only one parent is alive, the income of that parent shall be taken into account for considering total family income. If other sibling or family member is an earning member, their income shall not be included in computing total family income. In case of an orphan, supported by a guardian, income criteria shall not apply. Note:

• 30% of the awards for each year shall be earmarked for women candidates. However, in case, adequate women candidates are not available as per the stipulations of the scheme, then the unutilized slots will be utilized by selecting suitable male candidates. There are 17 slots for ST candidates and 3 slots for PVTG candidates. An individual is eligible for only one award and cannot be considered for any other award or same/higher level of award for the second time under the Scheme. Other Conditions:

• Selected candidates shall furnish all such documents and enter into such agreements before their departure as shall be decided by the Government of India from time to time. In case the candidate is already residing abroad, he/she shall furnish all relevant documents and enter into such agreements prior to the release of the scholarship by the Indian Mission. The candidate shall not change the course of study or research and the Institute for which scholarship has been sanctioned. It will be the responsibility of candidate to obtain the appropriate visa for a country wherein he/she intends to study. In case the awardee has received overpayment through Indian Mission abroad or any other Government agency, he/she shall refund the same to Indian Mission abroad. After completion of the course, the awardee shall upload the course completion details along with brief of study in the Alumni Module of National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) portal of the Ministry before his return tickets are booked. Criteria for preparation of Merit List:

• All applications received within the stipulated period, will be scrutinized for the eligibility criteria. Separate merit list will be drawn for each field of study. The eligible applications will be considered for award of scholarship as per the procedure given below: First priority will be given to the candidates who have already got admission and are pursuing their studies in the top 1,000 ranked foreign Institutes/Universities (as per the latest QS world ranking). The merit list will be drawn based on the ranking of the Institute. In case of a tie between the QS rankings of two or more candidates, merit will be decided on the basis of marks/grades secured by the candidate in the qualifying examination for higher

studies for which the scholarship has been applied for. In case sufficient number of students are not selected as mentioned in para (a) above, merit list will be drawn from the candidates who have already secured preliminary letter/offer of admission from top 1,000 ranked foreign Institutes/Universities (as per the QS world ranking) and are yet to join. Merit list will be drawn in similar manner as mentioned in para 'a' above

• i.e. based on the ranking of the Institute and in case of tie in ranking of university/institution, the marks/grades secured by the candidate in the qualifying examination. In case sufficient students are not selected as per para "1" and "2" above, the vacant slots will be filled from among the remaining eligible candidates through personal interview by a committee of experts constituted by the Ministry. The candidates who have cleared GRE/GMAT/TOFEL etc. will be given preference.

## Application Process (National Overseas Scholarship For Scheduled Tribes (ST) Students)

• A.
• Registration Process on Digilocker portal (Only for those candidates who doesn't have their Digilocker Account):- The applicant need to visit: https://www.digilocker.gov.in/signup ■ ■ ■ Enter your Full Name, Date of Birth, Date ■ ■ , Mobile Number, Email ID and Set 6 digit security PIN.
• Submit the OTP and enter your Aadhaar Number.
• Now log in to your account.
• If any related document is not under Issued documents, upload all the required document at " Uploaded documents " section.
• B.
• Registration Process on National Overseas Portal:- The applicant need to visit: https://overseas.tribal.gov.in/StudentsRegistrationForm.aspx ■ Enter Full Name, Mobile Number, Date of Birth, E-mail Id, State , District and set a Password.
• After verifying the captcha, click on " Register " button.
• On the next screen enter the received OTP.
• Then the confirmation message as "Your registration completed successfully" will be shown.
• C.
• Filling up of Application Form process:- The applicant needs to visit: https://overseas.tribal.gov.in/Login.aspx ■ Applicant needs to enter email ID, password and validate the captcha code.
• After successful login, application form will be displayed to fill remaining information.
• Applicant needs to fill complete personal information, education qualification and other details as required in the application form.
• For Documents upload, applicant will be redirected to the Digilocker window, then applicant have to sign in and click on "allow" button to get the documents from the Digi-locker.
• Then applicant will get the access for the section of "Issued Documents" and "Uploaded documents" on the application form.
• To "Retrieve issued document" applicant needs to click on " Retrieve" button.
• Read declaration part carefully Click on "Submit" button for final submission of the Application.
• (Any information cannot be updated/edited, if application submitted successfully.) Note: Documents should be in the applicant's Digilocker ID ( https://www.digilocker.gov.in/ ) either in issued documents section or in Digilocker Drive.
• To know more details, please read the Instruction Manual for Application Process as per:- ■ https://tribal.nic.in/downloads/faqs/Instruction-manual-NOS-2022-23.pdf ■

## Documents Required (National Overseas Scholarship For Scheduled Tribes (ST) Students)

• Required Documents:- Profile/Personal Photo (Image file only). Date of Birth (D.O.B) Certificate (10th Marksheet/ Certificate in PDF only). Family Income Certificate (PDF only). Master Degree (Marksheet) and Conversion factor formulae from CGPA to equivalent percent of mark (if applied in Ph.D or Post Doctoral Research) (PDF only). Ph.D (Marksheet) and Conversion factor formulae from CGPA to equivalent percent of mark (if applied in Post Doctoral Research) (PDF only). Graduation(Marksheet) and Conversion factor formulae from CGPA to equivalent percent of mark (if applied in Master Degree) (PDF only). ST Certificate (PDF only). PVTG Certificate (If belongs to PVTG) (PDF only). Copy of latest

Tax-Assesment (ITR/ Form-16) (PDF only). Admission or Offer Letter (PDF only) Note:- The above documents should be in the applicant's Digi locker ID ( https://www.digilocker.gov.in/ ) either in issued documents section or in Digi locker Drive. Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e.
• at the time of admission to course which will be valid for the entire duration of the course. The income certificate given at the time of admission should be taken in the same year for which the admission is taken. In case of salaried employee
• the income of previous financial year will be considered for the purpose of eligibility. For example
• if a candidate applies afresh for academic year 2021-22
• the family income for financial year 2020-21 would be required.