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Benefits Agniveers will be given an attractive customized monthly package along with Risk and Hardship allowances as applicable in the three services. On completion of the engagement period of four years, Agniveers will be paid a one-time Seva Nidhi package which shall comprise their contribution including accrued interest thereon and a matching contribution from the Government equal to the accumulated amount of their contribution including interest as indicated below:

Year	Customized Package (Monthly)	In-Hand (70%)	Contribution to Agniveer Corpus Fund (30%)	Contribution to corpus fund by GoI
1st Year	30000	21000	9000	0
2nd Year	33000	23100	9900	0
3rd Year	36500	25550	10950	0
4th Year	40000	28000	12000	0
Total	140000	97650	42350	0

Total contribution in Agniveer Corpus Fund after four years: 5.02 Lakh. Exit After 4 Years: 11.71 Lakh as Seva Nidhi Package (Including, interest accumulated on the above amount as per the applicable interest rates would also be paid).

Note 01: The Seva Nidhi will be exempt from Income Tax. **Note 02:** There shall be no entitlement to gratuity and pensionary benefits. **Note 03:** Agniveers will be provided non-contributory Life Insurance Cover of 48 lakh for the duration of their engagement period in the Indian Armed Forces.

Eligibility The applicant must be a citizen of India. For the 2022 intake, the age of the applicant should be between 17.5 to 23 years. For the subsequent intakes, the age of the applicant should be between 17.5 to 21 years. The applicant must fulfill the educational qualifications and physical and medical standards set by the Indian Army / Indian Navy / Indian Air Force.

Note 01: The Agniveers will be enrolled in the Forces under respective Service Acts for a period of four years. They would form a distinct rank in the Armed Forces, different from any other existing ranks. **Note 02:** Upon the completion of four years of service, based on organizational requirements and policies promulgated by the Armed Forces from time to time, Agniveers will be offered an opportunity to apply for permanent enrolment in the Armed Forces. **Note 03:** The applications for permanent enrolment will be considered in a centralized manner based on objective criteria including performance during their four-year engagement period and up to 25% of each specific batch of Agniveers will be enrolled in the regular cadre of the Armed Forces. The selection will be the exclusive jurisdiction of the Armed Forces. **Note 04:** Agniveers will meet the medical eligibility conditions laid down for enrolment in the armed forces as applicable to respective categories/trades. **Note 05:** The educational qualification for Agniveers will remain as in vogue for enrollment in various categories.

Exclusions The scheme is applicable at the soldier (jawan) level, and not the officer level.

Application Process Online Enrolment will be undertaken through an online centralized system for all three services with specialized rallies and campus interviews from recognized technical institutes such as Industrial Training Institutes and National Skills Qualifications Framework, among others. Enrolment will be based on an All India All Class basis. The candidates will be recruited as per the existing pattern of selection into the Armed Forces.

Indian Army: [Official Website](#) **Indian Navy:** [Official Website](#) **Indian Air Force:** [Official Website](#)

Documents Required Proof of Identity i.e. Aadhaar Card, Proof of Address, Proof of Highest Educational Qualifications, Proof of Medical Category, Passport-size photograph, Domicile Certificate. The applicants will have to submit a written pledge that they were not involved in the violent protests against the Agnipath scheme.

Note: The list of documents required is tentative, the ministry shall release the complete list of the required documents in the public domain in the future.

Frequently Asked Questions

What Is The Service Tenure Granted Under The Scheme? Under the Agnipath scheme, Agniveers will be employed for four years and rigorous military training will be imparted to them.

How Much Salary Will Agniveers Get? The starting annual package will be Rs 4.76 lakh, which can be increased to 6.92 lakh by the end of service. There will be allowances and non-contributory insurance cover as well.

Can Agniveers Opt For Permanent Service In The Armed Forces? All Agniveers, after four years, will be offered an opportunity to voluntarily apply for enrolment in the permanent cadre. These applications will be considered based on merit and performance during service. As much as 25% of applications will be accepted.

How Can I Apply For Agnipath Scheme Recruitment? The vacancies and joining process will be made available on the armed forces' respective websites: [joinindianarmy.nic.in](#), [joinindiannavy.gov.in](#), [careerindianairforce.cdac.in](#)

What Will The Training Involve? Training for Agniveers would be on a par with that of the regular armed forces cadres and would involve rigorous military exercises. The training standards would be clearly defined and monitored by the highest authorities in the Armed Forces.

Who Will Be Eligible To Apply For Recruitment Under The Agnipath Scheme? For the 2022 intake, The age range to be eligible for the scheme is 17.5-23 years. For the upcoming batches, the eligible age range will be 17.5 years to 21 years.

Can Agniveers opt for role in the permanent cadre? Based on organisational requirement and policies promulgated by the Armed Forces, all Agniveers after completing their engagement period, will be offered an opportunity to apply for enrolment in the permanent cadre. These applications will be considered by a centralised transparent rigorous screening system which would be based on merit and demonstrated performance during service. Upto 25% of the Agniveers would be selected for enrolment in the permanent Cadre as per the existing Terms and Conditions. Selection of Agniveers for further enrolment into the Armed Forces will be the exclusive jurisdiction of the Government through laid down policies.

How will this scheme ensure recruitment from all over the country? Aims to capitalize on the broad based talent pool of the Nation and select the best for a career in the Armed Forces. The present pattern of

selection into the Armed Forces is not being changed with the introduction of the scheme. The only change that is happening is in the Terms and Conditions of the service. As you all are aware, that the three Services are having well established selections centers spread over the country which have enabled them to recruit people from even the remotest part of the Nation. Since these very selection centers would continue to undertake the responsibility of recruiting personnel, we expect that the all India representation would not be affected by the introduction of the Scheme.

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