

GUIDELINES
FOR
ISHAN UDAY
SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR NORTH EASTERN REGION
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1. INTRODUCTION

Ten thousand (10000) Scholarships, at the rate of Rs.8,000/- per month for 10 months in a year, are available for students belonging to economical weaker section of North Eastern Region.

50% of slots under each category are earmarked for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Law, Management and other 50% are earmarked for Science, Engineering & Technology, medical, technical, agriculture, forestry programmes.

The selection under the schemes is done purely on the basis of State-wise merit from among the candidates who have applied for the scholarship under the scheme, through online mode only, on the designated portal, i.e., National Scholarship Portal of Government of India.

In case of tie/more than one candidate having similar marks in their XII class examination, at the lowest level of merit list, the list shall be further short listed/segregated on the basis of marks obtained by them in X class. In case, there are still more candidates in the merit list as compared to the desired/declared slots, further short listing shall be done on the basis of age of candidates. Older candidates shall be given preference over younger candidates.

The result shall be declared normally in the month of November/December of the same year by NSP. The candidates shall be able to check their result on the National Scholarship Portal by using their User ID and Password generated at the time of filing online application. The results shall also be uploaded on UGC website at www.ugc.ac.in/notices.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- (I) The scholarship is open to those students who have passed Class XII or equivalent examination from a school situated within NER through a recognized Board of Education including Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE), National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).
- (II) The scholarship is available for those students only, who are pursuing a recognized UG degree programmes as specified and notified by UGC from time to time.
- (III) Only the students, who are already admitted in the first year of UG degree programme in an eligible university/college/institution within India, are eligible to apply. In other words, a student who has secured admission in UG programme in the academic year 2020-21 will be eligible for selection in the year 2020-21 only.
- (IV) The scholarship is available to the students for first UG Degree only. Students, who have already acquired any degree, are not eligible to apply.
- (V) The scholarship will be given for the duration of study of UG programme as specified by UGC for each programme, from the start of class in the first year/semester.
- (VI) In case of 'integrated' and 'dual degree' programmes, the scholarship will be payable for the UG component only.

- (VII) The scholarship is available for students who are admitted in UG degree programme through 'Regular/Full Time' mode only. The students, who are pursuing any UG programme through open/ distance/ correspondence/ private/ part-time mode, are not eligible to apply.
- (VIII) Students gaining admission through 'Management Quota' are not eligible to apply.
- (IX) The income of the parents of the student should be below Rs. 04.50 lakh per annum. Students, whose parents' annual income is Rs.04.50 or more, are not eligible to apply.
- (X) Student should have a valid Domicile Certificate of any State of NER.

3. TYPE OF INSTITUTION: The scholarship will be available for pursuing UG degree programme in the following types of institutions only:

1. Universities/Colleges/Institutes included under section 2(f) of UGC Act, 1956 and having valid accreditation from NAAC*.
2. Deemed to be Universities under section 3 of the UGC Act 1956 and having valid accreditation from NAAC.
3. Institutions fully funded by Central or State Governments and empowered to award Degrees.
4. Institutions of National Importance.

Note: *It is mandatory for the University/College/Institute to have a valid AISHE code for accessing the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). The institution with AISHE code can get themselves registered/re-registered on NSP portal through District/State nodal officers for NSP.*

4. ONLY ONE BENEFIT: A student is eligible to receive only one scholarship at a time. The student is required to declare that he/she is not in receipt of any other scholarship/monetary benefit from any other source and that he/she will not accept/receive any other monetary benefit/scholarship from any other source.

In case, a candidate is already in receipt of any scholarship/fellowship, he/she is still eligible to apply under these schemes subject to the condition that it is declared in his/her application. If the candidate is selected under this scheme, he/she will have to relinquish either the previous scholarship/any other monetary benefit or to forgo the selection under this scheme.

5. AADHAAR SEEDING: The scholarship is directly paid to the students in their bank accounts. As per the instructions of Government of India, the Aadhaar has been made mandatory for disbursement of all Government subsidies/Scholarships/ Fellowships which are disbursed directly into the beneficiary's account. Accordingly, Aadhaar will be used as an Identifier for release of grant under the scheme and also the bank account of the candidate is required to be Aadhaar linked/verified.

**Note: the eligibility condition of having valid accreditation from NAAC will be Implemented with effect from AY2025-26.*

6. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING UNDER THE SCHEME

- (I) Applications will be invited once in a year on the National e-Scholarship Portal of the Government of India. Short notification will also be uploaded on the UGC website.
- (II) Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. Only verified online applications will be considered for award of scholarship.
- (III) Students are not required to upload any certificate/affidavit on NSP while submitting their online applications. However, as per requirement of scheme they have to submit necessary documents to their institutions to enable them to verify their online applications.
- (IV) In case, a student does not have a separate KYC compliant bank account in their name, he/she should open a KYC compliant bank account in his/her name and give its correct information in the online application. Even if a student is selected for scholarship, the payment of scholarship may not be generated due to mismatch of name of student, bank account number, IFSC code etc.
- (V) Students are advised to fill the online application on NSP very carefully. The application may be rejected or payment may be stopped due to the wrong information in the online application. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard after the application is verified by their institution.
- (VI) The institutions are also advised to check whether the student has given correct information in their online application.
- (VII) The Institution shall verify the eligibility of its students on the basis of documents submitted by students. The Institution may ask for Certificates, Affidavits from students to ensure the eligibility and verify the information given by the students in their online application. These include Domicile Certificate/Permanent Resident Certificate and Income Certificate issued by the competent authorities and Affidavits etc.
- (VIII) The institution shall retain all documents of its students for record purpose during the period of scholarship plus two years after the end of scholarship. UGC reserves the right to call for the documents of any student, any time.
- (IX) After verifying the eligibility of its students for scholarship under the scheme, the institution shall verify the online application on NSP within the stipulated time. While verifying the online application, the institutions shall upload a scanned copy of certificate on the Portal. A format of the Certificate for verifying 'Fresh' applications is attached below. Original copy of Certificate shall be retained by institution with other record of student.

7. RENEWALS

- (I) Scholarship granted under the scheme will be kept renewed during the period of first degree course, subject to good conduct and maintenance of prescribed attendance.

- (II) The scholarship will be renewed for the next year of study on successful completion of first year of study. The scholarship will be renewed each year for subsequent years of study.
- (III) During the next year of study, students are required to apply for 'Renewal' of their scholarship on the National e-Scholarship Portal of the Government of India. Short notification will also be uploaded on the UGC website.
- (IV) Students failing to get promoted to the next class/ level would forfeit the scholarship.
- (V) Change in 'course of study' and 'institution' is not permitted. If the student changes the course of study or change the institution, the scholarship will stand forfeited from the date of such a change.
- (VI) Normally the NSP is opened for 'Fresh' and 'Renewal' applications, at the same time. Only those applications are accepted, which are verified by the Institutions within the given time frame. Therefore, institutions are advised to verify the 'Renewal' applications of its students on NSP along with fresh applications. For verifying 'Renewal' applications, the institutions are required to upload a scanned copy of Certificate on NSP. A format of Certificate for 'Renewal' applications is attached below.

8. PROCEDURE FOR DISBURSEMENT

Scholarship to the identified students (as certified, verified by the institutions under this scheme) will be disbursed by UGC through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) Mode and will be transferred to the Bank account of student. This procedure will be completed through PFMS.

9. FORMATS:

- (I) Format of Certificate for Institutions, to be uploaded at the time of verification of '**Fresh**' applications (attached below).
- (II) Format of Certificate for Institutions to be uploaded at the time of verification of '**Renewal**' applications (attached below).

10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTITUTIONS:

The institutions are also required to strictly follow the following procedure:

- (I) Read the guidelines of scheme before going for verification of online applications. Only those Applications shall be verified by Institution which conform to the guidelines of the scheme. Only the applications of its bonafide students, who are admitted for regular/full time courses, need to be verified.
- (II) Ensure that their institution is also eligible under the scheme. Only the institutions mentioned in these guidelines are eligible to verify applications of its students.

- (III) Ensure that the 'nomenclature' and 'duration of course' of its students are strictly as per the UGC Notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014 (as amended from time to time).
- (IV) Verify and ensure the eligibility of candidate for the scholarship under the scheme.
- (V) Verify and ensure the authenticity and correctness of documents regarding Domicile, Category/Caste, Income ceiling of parents of student, are as per the requirement of scheme.
- (VI) Verify/authenticate the educational qualifications and marks obtained by student.
- (VII) Keep all the hard copies of documents related to students in its safe custody during the tenure of scholarship and at least two years after declaration of result of degree examination of student concerned.
- (VIII) Encourage and guide its eligible students to apply well in time on NSP when portal is open for online applications. Verify applications of its eligible students on NSP within stipulated time frame.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

1. *Strict action shall be taken against the student for furnishing any type of wrong/misleading information in respect of his/her eligibility and other details for getting the scholarship and for furnishing wrong/misleading information during the period of scholarship. UGC reserves the right to take action/initiate proceedings against such students and for recovery of full amount of paid scholarship along with interest.*
2. *The institution concerned and its officials shall be held responsible if any payment is made to an ineligible student on the basis of verification done by it or uploading of wrong/misleading information on the portal by the student or by the institution. Action shall be taken against the institution/officials including blacklisting of institution and recovery of paid amount of scholarship with interest from the institution/officials concerned.*
3. *Un-authorized access of portal or Filing of bogus or multiple on-line applications or putting junk data on the portal shall invite action under the relevant provisions of the Information Technology (IT) Act.*
