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DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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(Directorate of Training & Technical Department (TTE) Compound)

F.No. DHE/30(4)/2024-25/e-dist./Sch./2795 **Dated: 03/07/2025**

To,

The Registrar/Principal,
(list enclosed)

Sub:- Regarding awareness of PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship (CSSS) for College and University Student.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith a letter No.F.1-39/2018 NS-1 dated 19.06.2025 received from Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education Govt. of India regarding awareness of Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship (CSSS) namely "Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan Yojana (PM-USP)" for College and University Students, which is self explanatory. (Copy attached)

It is therefore, requested to kindly expedite the awareness of PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship (CSSS) for College and University Student so that maximum number of students could avail the benefits of the Scheme.

Yours faithfully,

01.7.25

Encl:- As above.

Sr. Account Officer
Directorate of Higher Education

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Government of NCT of Delhi
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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
Scholarship Division

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West Block -1, Wing 6, R.K. Puram, Sector -1
New Delhi-110066
Dated: 10th June, 2025

To

1. The Secretary (Higher & Technical Education), Education Department, Room no. - 6 Old Secretariat, New Vidhan Sabha, Civil Line New Delhi-110054 (Email: secyedu@nic.in)

2. The Secretary, CBSE, 2 Community Centre, Shiksha Kendra, Preet Vihar, Delhi – 110092 (Email: secy-cbse@nic.in, scholarship.cbse@nic.in)

Subject: Bringing awareness for PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students – regarding.

Sir,

As you may be aware, this Department implements the **PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University** Students across the nation.

2. The National Scholarships Portal (https://scholarships.gov.in) is now live for inviting applications from the students pursuing higher education. **The allocated quota for your state is 6853 and in the last Academic Year i.e. 2024-25, only 4292 Fresh applications were received.** Students who are in top 20th percentile in higher secondary from your state board and have annual income up to Rs. 4.5 lakhs are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Fewer applications will deprive the deserving students of your state from benefits of this Scheme.

3. In view of above, you are requested to spread awareness about the scheme by preparing information bulletin/pamphlets and share the same with the Principals of the schools/Institutions, Registrars of the Universities, publishing advertisement in the local newspapers, radio channels and uploading public notice regarding the scheme (copy enclosed) and User manual for the OTR and Scholarship Application Process (available on https://scholarships.gov.in/studentFAQs) on the official website of the respective Board/ Higher Education Department/Educational Institutions so that maximum number of students could avail the benefit of the scheme.

Enc: a/a

Yours faithfully,

(Sangeet Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

PRADHAN MANTRI UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA PROTSAHAN (PM-USP) YOJANA

GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPONENT SCHEME – CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (PM-USP CSSS)

(Applicable for academic year 2022-23 onwards)

No. 1055
Dated 20/06/25
Directorate of Higher Education
Govt. of NCT of Delhi

1. **Objective**

To provide financial assistance to meritorious students from poor families to meet a part of their day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies.

2. **Scope**

The scholarships are awarded by Ministry of Education, Government of India on the basis of results of Higher Secondary / Class XII Board Examination. A maximum of 82,000 fresh scholarships per annum are provided for pursuing graduate / postgraduate degree in colleges and universities and for professional courses, such as Medical, Engineering etc.

3. **Allocation of Scholarship**

The total number of scholarships are divided amongst the State Education Boards based on the State's population in the age group of 18-25 years, after segregating share of CBSE and ICSE on the basis of number of students passing out from various Boards in the country. 50% of the scholarships are earmarked for girls. Out of the total scholarship slots earmarked for UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, 3% slots shall be earmarked for the students from the UT of Ladakh. The number of scholarships allotted to a State Education Board is distributed amongst pass outs of the Humanities, Science and Commerce streams in the ratio of 3:3:1. In case of shortfall in the number of applications, the scholarship slots shall be interoperable among categories (Gen, OBC, SC & ST), gender (Female, Male) and State Quota to maximize use of slots for fresh scholarships with effect from academic year 2022-23, subject to the condition that guidelines of Ministry of Finance and NITI Aayog regarding SC/ST fund allocation of the schemes are adhered to.

4. **Eligibility for Scholarship**

i. Students who are above 80th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream from the respective Board of Examination in Class XII of 10+2 pattern or equivalent;

ii. Pursuing regular degree courses and **not** correspondence or distance mode or pursuing Diploma courses;

iii. Pursuing courses at colleges/institutions recognized by All India Council for Technical Education and respective Regulatory Bodies concerned;

iv. Not availing benefit of any other scholarship schemes including State run scholarship schemes/ fee waiver & reimbursement scheme;

v. Students with gross parental/family income upto **Rs. 4.5 lakh per annum** are eligible for scholarship under the scheme. Income certificate will be required only for the fresh applicants;

vi. Student changing his/ her college/institute of study will be allowed to continue/renew the scholarship provided the course of study and the institution is having valid AISHE Code; The AISHE code can be checked in the portal https://aishe.gov.in/aishe/aisheCode

vii. Students who missed to apply for renewal of application online on NSP will be allowed to apply for renewal of scholarship for subsequent year on NSP, if he/she fulfils eligibility condition for renewal;

viii. For renewal of scholarship in each year of study, besides getting at least 50% marks in the Annual Examination, maintenance of adequate attendance of at least 75%, will also be the criteria. Complaints against the student regarding any in disciplined or criminal behaviour including any complaints of having indulged in ragging, will lead to forfeiture of scholarship;

ix. Beneficiaries/ Applicants under the scheme must apply online in the National Scholarships Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in) for the fresh/ renewal scholarships. Fresh/Renewal applications sent directly to the Ministry of Education shall not be accepted.

5. **Reservation**

Students belonging to reserved categories/weaker sections /minorities etc. are eligible to get benefit of reservation on the basis of merit, subject to Central Reservation Policy [i.e. 15% seats are earmarked for SCs, 7.5% for STs and 27 % for OBCs and **5% horizontal reservation for students with Benchmark Disabilities (Disability of 40% or more)** in all the categories]. The Central Reservation Policy will be applicable in filling the slots against each year's target. If slots under a specific group is not filled after considering all the States/UTs, the vacant slots will be allocated to other categories so that maximum number of eligible students can get the benefit, subject to overall ceiling of slots.

6. **Procedure for Application**

i. The applications are received online only. Verification of credentials of the students like caste, educational qualifications etc. are done through DIGILOCKER facility of the MeITY, Govt. of India.

ii. National Scholarships Portal (NSP) (www.scholarships.gov.in) will provide the timelines for opening & closing of the portal.

iii. The Guidelines for application, verification, selection and disbursement of scholarship will be as per the NSP.

iv. Selection list would be generated/displayed on NSP.

v. Online applications will be verified at two levels i.e by the Institute, where the student is studying and thereafter by the concerned State Higher Education Department or any other Agency/ Official nominated by the State as State Nodal Agency (both for fresh and renewal applicants).

vi. Latest guideline on Timelines will be made available on NSP.

vii. Students will not be permanently debarred for scholarships due to delay to renew or verification. However, students will have to submit renewal applications within a cut-off date. Renewal for that year will not be allowed if an applicant misses this deadline.

7. **Rate and Duration of Scholarship (from financial year 2022-23)**

The rate of scholarship is Rs.12,000/-per annum at Graduation level for first three years of College and University courses and Rs.20,000/-per annum at Post-Graduation level. Students pursuing professional courses, in case, where the duration of course is five (5) years/Integrated course will get Rs. 20,000/-per annum in the 4th and 5th year. However, students pursuing technical courses such as B.Tech, B.Engg. will get scholarship up to graduation level only i.e. Rs. 12,000 p.a. for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year and Rs. 20,000 in the 4th year.

Note: The rate of scholarship is Rs.10,000/-per annum for first three years of fresh/ renewal scholarships with respect to academic year 2021-22, even if the actual release happens in FY 2022-23.

8. **Payment of Scholarship**

Students are required to have the bank accounts opened, especially, in their name for availing the benefits under the scheme. The scholarship will be disbursed directly into the savings bank accounts of the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

mode. The student can track their payment status from the template "Know Your Payment" in the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) portal [https://pfms.nic.in/Users/LoginDetails/Login.aspx] either by indicating Aadhaar number or bank account number or NSP Application ID.

9. **For Colleges/Universities**

College and Universities will apprise the students about the "PM-USP CSSS" during admission. Aadhaar based authentication of Institute Nodal Officer (INO)/ State Nodal Officer (SNO) is mandatory for every Institution/State before verification of the applications. INO/SNO should be a regular employee.

10. **For State Government/State Boards**

Adequate publicity of the scheme may be initiated through the Schools/ Colleges/ Institutions to create awareness and to facilitate/ assist the applicants in rural area to apply for scholarship online on NSP.

11. **Grievance Redressal**

In case of any grievances/complaint regarding the above scheme, the same may be registered to the following link:

http://pgportal.gov.in/grievancenew.aspx

other than to the Nodal Officer whose email is available on NSP portal (Services Tab).

Contact us:

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