



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
FOR ST STUDENTS (FORMERLY TOP CLASS EDUCATION FOR ST STUDENTS) FOR
THE YEAR 2015-16

Applications are invited from ST students who have gained admission in the institutes identified by Ministry of Tribal Affairs under the scheme of **Central Sector Scheme of National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students** formerly known as **Central Sector Scheme of Top Class Education for ST students** for the year 2015-16 through **National e-Scholarship Portal**.

The scholarship is awarded to students selected for pursuing courses at Graduate/Post Graduate level in identified Institutions of excellence, Government and Private, in professional fields such as Management, Medicine, Engineering, Information Technology, Law, and Training etc. The list of identified institutions has been revised from 2015-16 and now total number of **158 Top Class institutions** has been listed for National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students (The list of identified institutions from the year 2015-16 is at Annexure)

Eligibility:

(i) ST students who have secured admission in any of the notified 158 Institutions according to the norms prescribed by the respective Institutions will be eligible for the scholarship under the scheme. The total family income of the candidate to be eligible for this scholarship from all sources should not exceed Rs.4.50 lakh per annum.

General Conditions for Scholarships:

1. The scholarship will become payable immediately after a student has secured admission and has started attending the classes
2. ST students who secure admission in these Institutes are awarded scholarships. The scholarship, once awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance.

3. The students already in these schemes will continue to be in the existing scheme till they complete their studies.
4. The total number of fresh Scholarship each year will be 1000 from financial year 2015-16. There is no ceiling in Institution wise and stream wise number of slots for the Top Class Institution.
5. In case the number of candidates exceeds the number of available awards, then the scholarship will be awarded on "first come first served" basis.
6. It is a Central Sector Scheme and Ministry of Tribal Affairs will provide 100% funding for the scheme. The funds will be released by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in a single installment for Scholarship immediately after the registration/admission.
7. The Applications should be complete in all respects and should be accompanied by all relevant documents. Applications, incomplete in any respect, are liable to be rejected. The applications received after the last date will not be considered.

Procedure for Applying:

- (i) The scheme is implemented through **National e-Scholarship Portal (NeSP)**. It is mandatory for all students to apply online. The students shall apply on the scholarship website i.e. **www.scholarships.gov.in**.
- (ii) While applying On-line, candidate should keep the following for uploading
 - Scanned copy of their passport size color photograph and their signature in digital format (.jpg or jpeg file only, each less than 100 KB size) for uploading with application.
 - Scanned copy of Income Certificate issued by Revenue Officer/Tehsildar in the State / UT be submitted (.jpg or jpeg file only, each less than 100 KB size)
 - Scanned copy of ST certificate issued by Competent Authority. (.jpg or jpeg file only, each less than 100 KB size)
 - Scanned copy of bank account details of student.
- (iii) After applying online, students are required to note Permanent/Temporary ID for future references.
- (iv) The online application registration will be opened from **01.07.2015 to 31.08.2015**.

For details please refer to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs's website www.tribal.nic.in