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### PRESS RELEASE

It is to bring to your kind notice of all concerned that Department of Social Justice & Empowerment Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment Government of India has opened the National Scholarship Portal, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Govt of India, i.e. <https://scholarships.gov.in/fresh/schemeSelRegfrmInstruction> for Registration of application for the Annual Year 2022-23 from 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 onwards for **Pre Matric Scholarships Scheme for Scheduled Castes & Others and Post Matric Scholarship Scheme to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes for studies in India.**

Government of India has revised *Pre- Matric Scholarships Scheme for Scheduled Castes students for Classes IX and X w.e.f. 2021-2022 to 2025-26* and renamed as “**Pre- Matric Scholarships Scheme for Scheduled Castes & Others**”.

The objective of promoting literacy and uninterrupted education at the pre-matric level for children belonging to Scheduled Castes and children of parents/guardian who are engaged in unclean and hazardous occupations, the Government of India is implementing Pre- Matric Scholarships Schemes under two Components as follows:-

#### **Component 1: Pre Matric Scholarship for SC students:-**

- i. The students should be studying in **class IX and X** on a full time basis.
- ii. They should belong to a **Scheduled Caste**.
- iii. Their Parent/Guardian's income should not exceed **Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum**.

#### **Component 2: Pre-Matric scholarship for children of parents/guardians engaged in Unclean and hazardous Occupation:-**

- i. The students should be studying in **classes I to X** on a full time basis
- ii. Scholarship will be admissible to the children/wards of parents/guardians who, irrespective of their caste/religion belong to one of the following categories;
  - a. **Persons who are Manual Scavengers as defined under section 2(I) (g) of Manual Scavengers Act 2013**
  - b. **Tanners & Flayers;**
  - c. **Waste pickers and**
  - d **Persons engaged in hazardous cleaning as defined in Section 2(I) (d) of Manual Scavengers Act 2013. For the purpose of classification in this category, the eligible candidates will be required to submit a certificate from District Social Welfare officer/ identified officer of Local body/ Civic Agency/any such authority as designated by State Government.**
- iii. **There is no family income ceiling** under this component of the Scheme.

A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other educational scholarship for the purpose of studying in **class I to X**. If awarded any other educational scholarship for studying in classes I to X, the students can avail of either of the two scholarships as per his/her choice and should inform the awarding authority to the Head of the Institution about the option made.

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The Guidelines for **Registration** of Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students on **National Scholarship Portal (NSP)** is as under:-

- Students applying for scholarship for the first time (**Fresh Students**) need to "**Register**" on the portal as fresh applicant by providing accurate and authenticated information as printed on their documents in the "**Student Registration Form**".
- The registration form is required to be filled by parents / guardian of students who are below the age of 18 years on the date of registration.
- Before initiating registration process, students / Parents / guardian are advised to keep the following documents handy:

1. Original copies of Educational documents of student.
2. Latest Aadhaar linked Student's Bank account number and IFSC code of the bank branch

**Note:** For pre matric scholarship scheme, where students do not have their own bank account, parents can provide their own account details. However, parents account number can only be used against scholarship applications for maximum two children.

3. Aadhaar number of the Student.
4. If Aadhaar is not available, then Bonafide student certificate from Institute / School and
5. Aadhaar Enrolment ID and Scanned copy of Bank passbook.

- Brief Instructions for filling up the online Application Form are given below (Fields marked with \* are Mandatory fields):

1. Date of Birth (DOB): Provide DOB as printed in educational certificates.
2. State of Domicile: Domicile state means the state in which students have their permanent address. Students are required to provide their domicile state correctly as the "**Application Id**" allotted to them will be based on domicile state. This application Id will also be used as "Login Id" on the portal and for future references. **Once allotted the student will not be allowed to change the domicile State under any circumstances.**
3. Scholarship Category: Scholarship schemes are divided in following major categories described below (Students are required to select the relevant category based on their class/course in which they are studying):
  - 3.1 Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students and others:** For students studying from Class IXth and Xth. [(Component-1 and class 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Component 2)]
  - 3.2 Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme:** For students studying from Class 11th, 12th and above including Courses like ITI, B.SC, B. Com., B. Tech, Medical /students studying top level colleges such as IITs and IIMs/ students doing Technical and Professional courses etc. (<https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat>)
4. Name of Student: Provide name as printed in educational certificates. For students applying for Post Matric scholarship scheme preferably provide name as printed in class 10th certificate. For students providing Aadhaar number to ensure that your name and other particulars are correct in your Aadhaar card.

5. Mobile Number: Provide correct and authenticated mobile number, as all the communications and One-time passwords related to portal activities will be sent as SMS on this mobile number.
  - (i) In case of Post Matric scholarship scheme only one registration is allowed with one mobile number.
  - (ii) For Pre-matric scholarship scheme, where students do not have mobile number, parents' mobile number can be provided. The parents' mobile number can only be used for filling scholarship applications for maximum of their two children only.
6. Email Id: Provide correct and authenticated email id, as all the communications and One-time passwords related to portal activities will be sent on this email Id.
7. Bank account details: Provide active Aadhaar Links bank account number and IFSC code of the bank branch. The name of bank will be automatically mentioned based on your IFSC code. If not, then write it as printed on the bank passbook.

In case of Post Matric scholarship scheme one registration must be done with one bank account number. Whereas, for pre matric scholarship scheme, where students do not have their own bank account number parent's account number can be used. However, parent's account number can only be provided for maximum of their two children.

8. Identification Details: Select and provide the information in this field very carefully. You are required to select one of the following methods for identification details:

**8.1 Aadhaar Number:** Students who have Aadhaar number are required to provide 12-digit Aadhaar number as printed on Aadhaar card.

Upon submitting the registration form, the system will match the personal identification details of the applicant with the Aadhaar records.

Only one registration is allowed with one Aadhaar number. However, if multiple applications of a student are found in the system at a later stage, all his/her applications are liable to be rejected.

It may be noted that your Aadhaar Number could also be used for crediting scholarship amount in the bank account linked\* to your Aadhaar number in fast track mode.


For all such cases, where student does not possess Aadhaar, he is required to provide a scanned copy of first page of his Bank passbook (containing the photograph of the applicant)

\*To link your bank account with Aadhaar number for receiving scholarship in the same, please visit you bank branch and submit a "bank consent form for receiving DBT". You can check which bank is linked to your Aadhaar number on NPCI mapper here <https://resident.uidai.gov.in/bank-mapper> or through Aadhaar-enabled micro-ATM machine of any of these banks.

9. The institutes, not having login credentials are advised to fill the KYC Registration Form and get it approved by District Nodal Officer (DNO) or State Nodal Officer (SNO). Option to apply for Institute KYC Registration is available under SERVICES section on the portal. The detailed operational steps involved in filling the Institute KYC Registration Form is available under "Important Documents" section on the portal.

**Important Note:**

1. Only **Original scanned Certificate** to be uploaded on NSP.
2. Particulars in **Aadhaar linked** i.e. Name, Father Name, date of birth etc. should be as per matriculation Certificate as per applicability.
3. Amount will be disbursed in **Aadhaar linked bank account** number.
4. After submitting the application, a default "login id" and "password" to log into NSP portal will be send on the provided mobile number via SMS. In case the password is not received, the option for forgot password at login page shall be used. 2. Only Institution Name and Course Details are allowed to be changed/modified after successful registration on the NSP PMS SC Portal. After submitting the Registration Form, no other changes will be allowed. 3. On successful registration on the National Scholarship Portal for Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students, Applicants are requested to fill their application forms on the State Portals. Click Here for details of State Portals and Scheme Guidelines.

  
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