

**CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIP
FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (CSSS)**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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ABOUT THE SCHEME

The "Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students" is implemented by the Department of Higher Education since 2008. The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the meritorious students, to meet a part of their day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies.

1. What is the eligibility criteria for applying the "Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students"?

Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students is a merit-cum-means scholarship scheme.

Eligibility conditions:

- Students who are above 80th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream from a particular Board of Examination in Class XII
- Pursuing regular course (not correspondence or distance mode)
- Having family income of less than Rs.8 lakh per annum
- Not receiving any other scholarship and fee reimbursement of any kind
- Diploma students not eligible under the scheme.

2. Methodology adopted for generating Merit List for selecting the beneficiaries under the Scheme?

From the eligible applicants, merit list is drawn based on gender (50 boys : 50 girls), stream (3-Science : 2-Commerce : 1-Humanities), Category (SC-15 % / ST-7.5 % and OBC-27 %), and 5 % horizontal reservation is provided for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) from the allocated quota of individual State Education Boards. In case of shortfall in the number of applications, the scholarship slots could be inter-changed.

3. What is the rate of scholarship under the Scheme?

The rate of scholarship is Rs. 10000/- per annum at Graduation level for first three years of College and University courses and Rs. 20000/- per annum at Post-Graduation level. Students pursuing technical courses are paid Rs. 20,000/- per annum in the 4th and 5th year. Applicant has to apply for renewal scholarship on NSP every subsequent year. Students pursuing B.Tech/BE would get 4 installment of scholarship only i.e Rs. 10000/- per annum for first three years and Rs. 20,000/- per annum in the 4th year.

4. What is the duration of scholarships and criteria for renewal under the scheme?

A student will be eligible for the scholarship for a total duration not exceeding 5 years. A scholarship under the scheme is renewable on year to year basis up to Post Graduate level in the same stream (except for the students pursuing technical courses leading to degree at graduation level).