

Scholarship for Higher Education for Students with Benchmark Disabilities

Funded by the Central Government

Eligibility Criteria

General Eligibility Criteria:

- ☐ The scholarship is available only to Indian citizens.
- ☐ All components of the scholarship will be available to students who meet the scheme's primary criteria, such as having a benchmark disability of 40% or more (as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016) and possessing a valid disability certificate issued by a competent authority.
- ☐ Only two children from the same parents can avail of this scheme. However, if the second child is a twin, they will also be eligible for the scholarship.
- ☐ The scholarship will be awarded for only one academic year for a particular class. If a student repeats the same class, they will not be eligible for the scholarship in the following year.
- ☐ Beneficiaries of this scheme cannot avail of any other scholarship or educational grant. If a student opts for another scholarship, they will no longer receive benefits under this scheme.
- ☐ (For the applicant) It is mandatory to have a Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) for availing of the scholarship benefits.

Specific Eligibility Criteria:

The scholarship is applicable for undergraduate and postgraduate degree/diploma courses from reputed institutions notified by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Distance education, part-time courses, or weekend education programs will not be eligible under this scheme. Since this benefit is granted only once, it will not be considered again for further studies. The annual income of the parents should not exceed ₹ 8,00,000.

Benefits Provided

The scholarship for higher education for students with benchmark disabilities includes the following components:

Sr. No.	Scholarship Component	Details
1	Tuition and Non-refundable Fees Reimbursement	Up to ₹ 2,00,000 per year, depending on actual costs
2	Maintenance Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/> 3,000 per month for hostellers, <input type="checkbox"/> 1,500 per month for day scholars
3	Special Allowance (for disability-related expenses such as reading assistance, escort assistance, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2,000 per month
4	Books and Study Material	<input type="checkbox"/> 5,000 per year
5	One-time Grant for Computer/Laptop and Assistive Devices	<input type="checkbox"/> 45,000 (applicable only in the first year, subject to submission of purchase proof)
6	One-time Grant for Assistive Aids and Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> 30,000 (applicable only in the first year, subject to submission of purchase proof)

Scholarship Type:

This is a **merit-based scholarship** under the **Central Government's initiative** for students with benchmark disabilities.

How to Apply

For more information, visit the official website. Click here to register and apply for the scholarship

<https://divyangkalyan.maharashtra.gov.in/mr/>

Guidelines for the Scheme

For detailed guidelines, click here

<https://divyangkalyan.maharashtra.gov.in/mr/>

Beneficiaries

The scholarship is available to students with benchmark disabilities who have been admitted to undergraduate and postgraduate courses in reputed institutions recognized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Benefits

As mentioned above.

Application Process

Follow the instructions mentioned in the official guidelines to complete the application process.

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