



EMBASSY OF INDIA

Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi invites applications from the children of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) / Children of Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to assist them in pursuing Under Graduate courses in Indian Universities / Institutions under Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) for the academic year 2021-22 :

Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) **for the Academic Year 2021-22**

Under Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC), financial assistance for pursuing Under Graduate courses in Indian Universities/Institutions for specific Professional and Non-Professional Courses (except Medical and related courses), is provided towards tuition fee, admission fee, hostel fee & other Institutional charges to children of NRIs, PIOs/OCIs.

Eligibility Criteria :

- (1) Children of Indians residing in Nepal shall be eligible for SPDC on fulfillment of following two criteria :
 - (a) Both the parents should be registered in the Indian Mission/Post in Nepal for a minimum period of four years;
 - (b) The applicant has done at least four years of schooling including two years of classes XI & XII in Nepal just prior to apply.
- (2) The SPDC is open to the applicants in the age group of **17 to 21 years as on 31st July 2021**.
- (3) The candidates must have secured a minimum of 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grades in aggregate of all the subjects in the qualifying examination.
- (4) The candidates must have secured admission in an designated undergraduate course in one of the designated Institutions in India.
- (5) Only fresh year (First year) students will be eligible to get the scholarship.
- (5) The total monthly income of the parent(s) of the candidate / applicant should not exceed an amount equivalent to US Dollars Five Thousand (US \$ 5000).
- (6) Candidates availing scholarship / financial assistance/ any other assistance under any other Scheme sponsored and / or funded by State Government / Central Government of India shall not be eligible for assistance under SPDC.

The Last Date for submission of Completed Application Form online on SPDC portal (<http://spdcindia.gov.in>) is November 30, 2021.

How to Apply :

After obtaining admission in selected course in any of the designated institutes, students who fulfill all other eligibility conditions may submit the online application from on the SPDC portal (<http://spdcindia.gov.in>) and upload the required documents on the portal itself. **Only online application forms will be accepted.**

Please Note :

1. The applicants are advised that merely forwarding their application should not be treated as assurance of their selection. The Ministry will scrutinize all the applications and only after these are found complete in all respects, will be processed further for consideration.
2. Applicants are advised to familiarize themselves with the other important details such as eligibility criteria, procedures, terms and conditions, application form, designated institutions & courses, scholarship amount etc. on SPDC Portal (<http://spdcindia.gov.in>)

Important Information

The Embassy of India only entertains applications directly from the applicant himself/herself. The Embassy does not recognize or receive applications through any so called Education Consultants/Middle-men/Agencies. Students are advised to beware of such unscrupulous persons/agencies. Applications found to have been received through such agencies/persons are liable to be rejected.