



EMBASSY OF INDIA KATHMANDU

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 2025-26:

Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) **for the Academic Year 2025-26**

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 (Appendix 'A') is provided towards tuition fee, hostel fee & other Institutional charges to children of NRIs, PIOs/OCIs.

Eligibility Criteria :

- (1) Children of Indian 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 two years;**
 - (b) The applicant must have passed grade 11th and 12th from Nepal.
 - (c) The scheme can only be availed by 1st year undergraduate students (other than medical courses). For diaspora students pursuing UG medical courses in Indian Colleges, the duration of scholarship will be from 2nd year to 5th year.
- (2) This scheme is open to the applicants in the age group of **17 to 21 years** as on **31st July 2025**.
- (3) The applicant must have secured minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grades in aggregate of all the subjects in the Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent examination and must have studied the prescribed essential subjects in the Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent examination to pursue a particular course of study.
- (4) The candidates must have secured admission in a designated undergraduate course in one of the designated Institutions in India.
- (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.
- (7) The ward of any employee of Government of India, Financial Institutions, Banks, PSUs and any other body of the Government of India living /working abroad will not be covered under SPDC.

The Last Date for submission of Completed Application Form to the Embassy is January 30, 2026.

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 application form with the required documents to the Embassy of India, Kathmandu.

Please Note :

1. Merely applying does not guarantee any scholarship/admission in any institution. 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. and the guidelines for the Academic Year 2025-26.

Important Information

The Embassy of India entertains applications directly from the applicant himself/herself only. 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.