

FAQ's for ST Students for National Overseas Scholarship Scheme 2025-26

Q.No. 1. Who can apply for National Overseas Scholarship Scheme?

Answer: ST students fulfilling eligibility criteria of the scheme and currently pursuing or wish to pursue higher studies abroad for Masters, PhD & Post-Doctoral research programmes in top 1000 QS World Ranking Universities/Institutions. The guidelines for eligibility criteria and other details may be seen at <https://overseas.tribal.gov.in/>.

Q. No. 2. How many slots/awards available for National Overseas Scholarship?

Answer: There are 20 slots/awards per year (Selection year) are available for National Overseas Scholarship.

Q.No. 3: What is category-wise allotment of 20 slots?

S.No.	Category	No. of Award
1	Scheduled Tribes	17
2	Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)	03
	Total	20

Note: Six slots are earmarked for female beneficiaries. In case earmarked slots remain un-filled, these slots may be transferred to male beneficiaries.

Q.No. 4: What are the Age, Marks, income and other criteria for availing scholarship?

Criteria	Master Degree	Ph.D.	Post-doctoral
Maximum Age (as on 1 st July of selection year)	32	35	38
Minimum Marks	55% in Bachelor's Degree	55% in Master Degree level	55% in Master Degree level

			with Ph.D. completion certificate)
Income criteria	Family or Parents income from all sources not exceeding Rs.6,00,000/- (six lakh) per annum.		
One child in a family and one time assistance	Only one child of the same parents will be eligible for availing scholarship once.		

Note: The criteria of minimum marks (55%) obtained in Bachelor's/Master's Degree will not apply to those candidates who have already obtained admission (joined) in top 1,000 Institutes as per QS world ranking of the latest available report.

Q. No. 5: Is age criteria is applicable for those candidates who joined the Institution abroad?

Answer: Yes, it is equally applicable for joined candidate as mentioned in the table.

Q.No. 6: Is 55 % marks compulsory for those candidates who have already taken admission in Institutes abroad?

Answer: The criteria of marks obtained in Bachelor's/Master's Degree will not apply to those candidates who have already obtained admission in top 1,000 Institutes as QS world ranking of the latest available report.

Q. No. 7. Who can issue the income certificate?

Answer: The Income certificate should be issued by competent authority/designated officer (i.e. Tehsildar/Deputy Commissioner/ Executive Magistrate/etc.) of State Government.

Q. No. 8. Who are the family members included for income criteria?

Answer: The combined income of **father and mother** is considered as family income if both are working. In case of only one parent is alive, the income of that parent shall be taken into account for considering total family income. In case father is alive but father's income is not reported, the reason for not reporting income of the father is to be **submitted in the declaration**.

Q. No. 9. Is income for guardian is included in the family income in case of orphan?

Answer: No, Income criteria shall not be applicable in case of orphan.

Q. No. 10. What are the fields of studies (Streams) and distribution of slots stream-wise under this scheme?

Answer: The following field of study are covered under this scheme: -

S.No.	Field of Study	Number of slots
1	Pure/Applied Science Engineering/Technology/ Mathematics [STEM]	10
2	Management, Economics, Finance, Law	04
3	Agriculture & Medicine	04
4	Humanities and Social Science	02
	Total	20

Q.No. 11: What are the precautions that I as an applicant need to take while filling in the application:

Answer 1:

1. Care must be taken to ensure that only correct information is given
2. Spelling and numerical mistakes need to be avoided at all cost
3. Keep all documents with you before filling the application
4. Ensure that the certificates to be uploaded are up to date
5. Fill in the applications well before the last date of submission.
6. Cross-verify all the information provided by you with the relevant documents before final submission of the application.
7. Download and save a digital copy of the application for easy retrieval and future reference. It is advisable to keep a printout of the application with You.
8. Do note your application ID and password to gain access to the Portal in future.

9. Obtain your Aadhaar Number and create a Aadhaar based digi-locker, to enable you to store all your documents in one digital space.

Q.No. 12. How can I apply online for scholarship?

Answer: A student applying for fellowship for the first time need to "**Register**" on the National Overseas Portal at <https://overseas.tribal.gov.in> as a fresh applicant by providing accurate and authenticated information in the "**Student Registration Form**". After successful login, a text message will be sent to the registered e-mail confirming registration.

Q. No. 13. What should student do, in case of any problem while filling the application form in Google Chrome?

Answer: If students face any problem while filling the application form in Google Chrome, it is advised to use internet explorer. In case of any issue/error in internet explorer as well, it is advised to clear browser history /cache and try again.

Q. No. 14. What should I do if I face some technical issue while applying for scholarship on overseas portal?

Answer: You may register online query at <https://tribal.nic.in/Grievance/>

Q. No. 15. Can I change my mobile number and email id after submission of application form?

Answer: No, you cannot change your mobile number and email id after submitting the application form. You need to maintain the same mobile number and email-id throughout the selection process. However, in case your contact details change due to unavoidable reasons, the same may be communicated through online query at <https://tribal.nic.in/Grievance/> with the Ministry at the earliest.

Q. No. 16. Can I change my domicile state/district name after submission of application form?

Answer: No, you cannot change your domicile state/district name after submission of application form.

Q.No.17. What documents are needed to be uploaded on Portal while applying for Scholarship?

Answer: The following documents are required to be uploaded for a **Fresh Application** under the National Overseas Scholarship:

- a) DOB Certificate (10th/matriculation certificate/ Birth Certificate, no other certificate is admissible)
- b) ST Certificate (Spelling of community Name (Hindi/English) in ST Certificate must be as per latest Gazette notification of Govt. of India)
- c) PVTG Certificate
- d) Profile Photo (Size: - 50 KB-100KB)
- e) Annual Family Income Certificate. In case father is alive but father's income is not reported, the reason for not reporting income of the father is to be **submitted in the declaration** in the prescribed format. Monthly Income certificate will not be considered.
- f) Marksheet required for respective courses-

Course	Required marksheet
Post-Doctoral Research	Post Graduation Marksheet along with Ph.D. Degree/award
Ph. D	Post Graduation Marksheet
Master's Degree	Graduation Marksheet

Note: It is essential to provide Conversion factor formulae along with marksheet to convert CGPA grade in to percentage.

- g) Student ID & Visa Copy in single pdf file (for Joined candidate)
- h) Joining letter from university (for Joined candidate)

Q.No.18. What should be the format and size of the documents and profile photo to be uploaded?

Answer: All documents should be uploaded in pdf file and the Profile Photo should be in .jpg/.jpeg format (Size: - 50 KB-100KB).

Q. No. 19. Can I edit the information after final submission?

Answer: No, application cannot be edited after final submission. Applicant can edit information before final submission. However before submission all saved information can be edited except "**Registration Details**".

Q. No. 20. Which fields in the application form are mandatory?

Answer: - Fields provided with black asterisk (*) mark are mandatory.

Q. No. 21. Do I have to fill up the online application in one sitting?

Answer: No, you can fill up the online application in as many sittings by clicking '**Save Draft**' button, until you are satisfied that you have entered all desirable fields correctly. The software provides **auto save** facility to save your application at every stage until you click on '**Submit**' button finally.

Q. No. 22. What should I do if I forget my password?

Answer: The process of re-set of the password is given as below:

- Student login->Forgot Password
- Enter the registered mobile number and click on the submit button.
- Enter OTP received on registered mobile Number and enter new password,
- Click the submit button.

Q. No. 23. How can I check my application status?

Answer: Applicant can login in the portal by using user credentials to check application status under the heading '*Application Status*'.

Q. No. 24. What is difference between provisionally award letter and confirmation award letter

Answer: A provisional award letter is issued immediately after the declaration of results, whereas the confirmation letter is provided only after the verification of specific documents by the concerned authorities and the submission of all required documents necessary for joining the institution abroad.

Q. No. 25. What are the documents required by Ministry to issue confirmation award letter?

Answer: The following documents are required to be submitted on issue of provisional award letter to the student

Sl. No.	Details	Already Joined Candidate	Candidate with Offer of admission letter	Candidate selected through Interview	personal

i	Antecedent form	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
ii	Health certificate	Not applicable	Applicable	Applicable
iii	Copy of Passport	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
iv	Copy of Visa	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
v	Verification report for caste, income certificate, from State Govt./UT Administration	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
vi	Confirmation of joining (i.e. Details of joining on University's letter head, Student I.D Card issued by University)	Applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
vii	Joining report	Applicable	Submit after joining	Submit after joining

Q. No. 26. What is the time period within which candidate need to join the course after obtaining provisional award letter?

Answer: A selected candidate is required to join 2 years from the date of issuing provisional award letter. On expiry of this specified period, the award automatically gets cancelled. This clause is not applicable to those applicants who have already joined.

Q. No. 27. Can I change the course after receiving provisional award letter?

Answer: No, change of course is not allowed after issue of provisional award letter.

Q. No. 28. Who will arrange the Air ticket to proceed abroad for joining the university or institute?

Answer: Student has to submit/upload the ticket booking request in prescribed format at Ministry portal & send email before one month of departure. Accordingly, Ministry will arrange the Air ticket.

Q. No. 29. Can I get tuition fee and Visa fee in advance from Ministry?

Answer: No, Ministry will not provide any payment in advance. After joining the course in the university, the University will send bills/vouchers to the respective Indian Mission. Indian Mission will release the payment and claim from the Ministry on reimbursement basis.

Q. No. 30. If I extend the course beyond course duration, what is the procedure?

Answer: Course Extension beyond the prescribed duration is allowed only on the recommendation of the University, but without any kind of financial assistance except return air ticket to India.

Q. No. 31. If applicant have multiple offer letter, how can upload it?

Answer: Merge all offer letter in single pdf (University rank wise in descending order) and upload it.

Q. No. 32. If applicant has already joined university and selected for NOS, from which date applicant will receive scholarship.

Answer: Applicant will receive proportionate scholarship from date of issuing provisional award letter.

Q. No. 33: If I am selected for a State Government scholarship and also selected under the NOS (Central Government) scheme, can I avail both scholarships?

Answer: No, you can avail only one scholarship—either from the State Government or the Central Government.

Q. No. 34. If there is a spelling mistake in the community's name of the uploaded ST certificate, will it be accepted?

Answer: No. The community's name must exactly match with the latest Gazette notification.
