

FAQ's for ST Students for National Overseas Scholarship Scheme 2023-24

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 10 QS World Ranking Universities/Institutions. The guidelines 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 available for National Overseas Scholarship for each year as follows:

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

1. Six slots are earmarked for female beneficiaries. In case earmarked slots remain un-filled, these slots may be transferred to male beneficiaries.
2. The Scheme doesn't provide any guarantee of employment to the awardee after his/her completion of the course.

Q.No. 3 : What are the criteria for availing scholarship?

Answer : Eligibility conditions to apply for "National Overseas Scholarship for ST Students" are given below:

Criteria	Master Degree	Ph.D	Post-doctoral
Age as on 1 st July of selection year	32	35	38
Marks *	55% in Bachelor's Degree	55% in Master Degree level	55% in Master Degree level with Ph..D completion certificate)
Income criteria	Family income from not exceeding Rs.6,00,000/- (six lakh)		

	from all sources per annum
One child in a family and one time assistance	Not more than one child of the same parents will be eligible
*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 per QS world ranking of the latest available report.	

Q.No. 4 : Is age criteria is applicable for those candidates who have already taken admission in Institutes abroad?

Answer : Yes, It is required. as mentioned in the table of Q.No.3

Q.No. 5 : 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. 6. Who can issue the income certificate?

Answer: The Income certificate should be issued by competent authority/designated officer of StateGovernment.

Q. No. 7. Who are the family members included for income criteria?

Answer: The combined income of father and mother 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. 8. Is income for guardian is included in the family income in case of orphan?

Answer: Income criteria shall not be applicable in case of orphan.

Q. No. 9. What are the fields of studies under this scheme?

Answer:Thefollowing fieldofstudyarecovered underthisscheme:-

S.No.	Field of Study	Number of slots
1	Pure/AppliedScience Engineering/Technology/ Mathematics [STEM]	10

2	Management,Economic, Finance, Law	04
3	Agriculture& Medicine	04
4	HumanitiesandSocialScience	02
	Total	20

Q.No. 10: 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 upload 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. If necessary, keep a printout of the application also.
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. 11. 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. 12. 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. 13. 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. 14. 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. 15. 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.16. What documents are needed to be uploaded on Portal while applying for Scholarship?

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

- a) DOB Certificate (10th/matriculation certificate. No other certificate is admissible)
- b) ST Certificate
- c) PVTG Certificate
- d) Profile Photo (Size: -50KB-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.**
- f) Master Degree (Marksheet) and Conversion factor formulae from CGPA to equivalent percentage mark (if CGPA)
- g) Ph.D (Marksheet) and Conversion factor formulae from CGPA to equivalent percentage of mark (if CGPA)
- h) Copy of Tax Assessment (ITR/Form 16), if applicable

Q.No.17. What should be the Type 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. 18. Can I edit the information already saved and upto what time?

Answer: You can edit information till you 'Submit' the application finally.

Q. No. 19. Which fields I can edit before final submission of application?

Answer: -You can edit all details except “**Registration Details**”. It may be noted that once you ‘finally submit’ your application, it will be forwarded to the next level and after that **you cannot edit the application further**.

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 mobile number and click on the submit button.
- Enter OTP received on mobile number and enter new password,
- Click the submit button.

Q. No. 23. How can I check my result?

Answer: After login, enter valid *Award no* and *Password* to check the status. Your application status shows as “Pending” or “submitted” under the option ‘*Check Your Status*’.

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

Answer: Provisional award letter is issued after selection of the candidates. The confirmation letter is issued after receiving required documents from selected candidates and their verification by the concerned authorities.

Q. No. 25. What to do after getting admission and obtaining Visa?

Answer: After obtaining admission in the foreign educational Institution and appropriate visa, the candidate is required to intimate the same to this Ministry. After verification of admission letter and visa and other requisited documents, this Ministry will issue the ‘confirmed award letter’ to the candidate.

Q. No. 26. What are the documents required to be submitted to Ministry to get confirmation award letter?

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

Sl. No.	Details	For candidates already taken admission	For students with Offer of admission letter	For students who have selected through personal Interview
i	Antecedent form	Applicable	Applicable, verification is required from State Govt/UT Administration	Applicable, verification is required from State Govt/UT Administration
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	Joining report	Applicable	Submit after joining	Submit after joining

Q. No. 27. 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 within 6 months which may be extended up to 2 years from the date of 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 got admission.

Q. No. 28. Can I change the course after receiving provisional award letter?

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

Q. No. 29. Who will book the ticket and what are the procedures to reach the university abroad?

Answer: Student has to submit/upload the ticket booking request form at Ministry portal before one month of departure.

Q. No. 34. How much Financial Assistance is available?

Answer:Refer para 3.2 of the guidelines.

Q. No. 35. Can I avail advance amount from Ministry for Visa fee and tuition fee?

Answer:No, Ministry will not release any payment directly to students. 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. 38. If I extend the course beyond course duration, what is the procedure?

Answer:Extension of stay prescribed duration for level of course is allowed, on recommendation of the University, without financial assistance of any kind except the air passage to return to India, if the candidate decides to come back to India on completion of the course.
