

# Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana

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Department: : **Higher Education Department**  
Scheme: **Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana**

The **Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana (GSSY)** is a flagship scheme of the Government of Odisha aimed at providing financial assistance to students from economically weaker sections to ensure they can complete their higher education. Below are the full details of the scheme:

## Scheme Overview:

The Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana was introduced to offer financial aid to underprivileged students, primarily those from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families or those facing significant financial hardship. It is part of Odisha's wider initiatives to enhance education accessibility and ensure that economic limitations do not hinder deserving students from pursuing their academic goals.

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## Key Features:

- Financial Assistance:**
    - The scheme provides monetary assistance to students to cover educational costs such as:
      - Tuition fees
      - Books and study materials
      - Uniforms (if applicable)
      - Examination fees and other academic expenses
    - The assistance is given directly to the eligible students to help them continue their studies without financial constraints.
  - Target Beneficiaries:**
    - The primary beneficiaries of this scheme are students from **Below Poverty Line (BPL)** families.
    - Students from **economically weaker sections (EWS)** and **socially disadvantaged groups (SC/ST, OBC, and minority communities)** are also considered for the scheme.
    - The scheme is targeted at students in **higher education** (undergraduate and postgraduate levels).
  - Educational Coverage:**
    - The scheme is available for students enrolled in both **government** and **private educational institutions**.
    - It covers a wide range of higher education courses, including technical, vocational, and general academic programs in universities, colleges, and polytechnics.
  - Objectives:**
    - To **reduce dropout rates** due to financial hardships.
    - To **promote higher education** among economically weaker sections of society.
    - To ensure **inclusive education** for students from rural areas and backward communities.
    - To **bridge the education gap** by providing necessary financial support for academic expenses.
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## Eligibility Criteria:

- Resident of Odisha:**
  - The student must be a permanent resident of Odisha to apply for the GSSY.
- Economic Status:**
  - The student must belong to a **BPL (Below Poverty Line)** family or meet the criteria for **economically weaker section (EWS)**.
  - Family income should not exceed the threshold as set by the Odisha government, typically less than ₹1-2 lakh annually (subject to updates).
- Academic Requirement:**
  - Students must have cleared the previous year's examination to be eligible for financial assistance under this scheme.
  - Students applying for the scheme must be enrolled in **recognized higher education institutions** in Odisha.
- Other Criteria:**
  - Special preference is given to students from rural and tribal areas or those who have experienced hardships due to family situations (such as the loss of a parent).
  - The scheme is open to students pursuing **regular, full-time** courses, including technical, vocational, and professional programs.

### Amount of Assistance:

- The exact amount of financial assistance provided under the Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana varies depending on the course, institution, and financial needs of the student.
- The aid is generally sufficient to cover tuition fees, study materials, and other related expenses for the academic year.
- Assistance may range from a few thousand rupees to significantly higher amounts, depending on the student's educational costs.

### Application Process:

1. **Offline Process:**
  - Eligible students can apply through the **head of their institution** or the **district education office**.
  - The application forms are generally distributed through educational institutions.
2. **Online Application:**
  - Students may also apply online through the official **Odisha government portal** dedicated to scholarships and educational aid.
  - Applicants must upload necessary documents such as:
    - **Income certificate** issued by a competent authority (Tahasildar or Revenue Officer).
    - **BPL certificate** (if applicable).
    - **Aadhar card** or other proof of identity.
    - **Caste certificate** (for SC/ST/OBC applicants).
    - **Academic certificates and mark sheets**.
3. **Verification:**
  - Once the application is submitted, it goes through a verification process conducted by the district-level authorities or the respective educational institution.
  - The applicant's family income, academic records, and other submitted documents are verified.
4. **Selection:**
  - After verification, selected students are informed, and the financial aid is directly credited to the student's account or paid via the educational institution.

### Monitoring and Renewal:

- The financial assistance provided under this scheme is typically valid for **one academic year**.
- Students must re-apply and undergo verification for each subsequent year of study.
- The **continuation of aid** depends on the student's academic performance and financial situation.

### Objectives and Benefits:

1. **Promotes Higher Education:** The scheme encourages students from underprivileged backgrounds to pursue higher education without worrying about financial barriers.
2. **Empowers Marginalized Communities:** The focus on students from BPL families, SC/ST, and rural areas ensures that socially and economically disadvantaged sections have equal access to education.
3. **Reduces Dropout Rates:** By covering essential academic expenses, the scheme helps prevent students from dropping out due to financial challenges.
4. **Inclusive Development:** The scheme promotes inclusive education and contributes to the overall development of society by investing in the education of the weaker sections.

### Eligibility Details

Category	Class/Courses	Family Income	Documents Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General</li> <li>• SC</li> <li>• ST</li> <li>• OBC/SEBC</li> <li>• EBC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduation &amp; Post-Graduation</li> </ul>	Parents/ guardian's from all sources shall not exceed Rs. 250000.00 ( Two Lakh Fifty Thousand ) per annum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aadhaar Card of student</li> <li>• Income Certificate of the Parent/ guardian</li> <li>• Residence Certificate of the Student</li> <li>• Copy of passbook of Bank account with account number and IFSC</li> </ul>

			code of the bank branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport size Photograph of student</li> <li>• College Id Card of the Student</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS Affected Parents Certificate</li> <li>• Household Without Shelter Certificate of the Student</li> <li>• Destitute / Living on Alms Certificate</li> <li>• Manual Scavengers Certificate</li> <li>• Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups Certificate</li> <li>• Legally Released Bonded Labourers Certificate</li> <li>• Single Mother Family Certificate</li> </ul>
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### Scholarship Amount

Courses	Payment Type	Boys Amt (Rs.)	Girls Amt (Rs.)	Transgender Amt (Rs.)
All Eligible Courses	Yearly	20000.00	20000.00	20000.00

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