

# Pre-Matric Scholarship

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Department: ST&SC and MBC Welfare Department

Scheme: **Pre-Matric Scholarship**

The **Pre-Matric Scholarship** is a financial assistance program aimed at supporting students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of school education. In India, this scholarship is primarily available for **Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), and Other Backward Classes (OBC)** students, as well as students belonging to **minority communities** such as **Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jains, and Zoroastrians (Parsis)**. The objective of the Pre-Matric Scholarship is to minimize the dropout rate in school education by reducing the financial burden on families.

## Key Features of the Pre-Matric Scholarship:

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### Eligibility Criteria:

- Educational Level:**
    - The scholarship is available for students studying in **Class 1 to Class 10** in government or government-recognized schools.
  - Family Income:**
    - The annual family income must be below a certain threshold, typically:
      - SC/ST students:** The family's income should not exceed **₹2.5 lakh** per annum.
      - OBC students:** The income limit is usually around **₹1.5 lakh** per annum.
      - Minority students:** The income should not exceed **₹1 lakh** per annum.
  - Community-Based Eligibility:**
    - The scholarship is specifically targeted towards students from **Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and minority communities**.
  - Attendance:**
    - Students must have a **minimum attendance** of 75% in the previous academic year.
  - Other Criteria:**
    - The student must be a **regular, full-time** scholar in a recognized school.
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### Scholarship Benefits:

- Scholarship Amount:** The amount provided under the Pre-Matric Scholarship varies based on the class level of the student.
    - For Class 1 to Class 5:**
      - Maintenance Allowance:** Students generally receive a fixed amount as a maintenance allowance to cover daily expenses.
    - For Class 6 to Class 10:**
      - Maintenance Allowance:** The amount increases for students in these classes. The funds help cover school-related expenses such as **uniforms, books, and stationery**.
      - Tuition Fees:** For students in private schools or schools where tuition is charged, the scholarship may cover tuition fees up to a certain limit.
  - Additional Support:**
    - Books, uniforms, and other study materials** are often provided under this scholarship, depending on the state or central government guidelines.
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### Application Process:

- Online Application:**

- The application process is typically conducted online through portals like the **National Scholarship Portal (NSP)** or through the state government's **scholarship portal**.
2. **Required Documents:**
    - **Aadhaar card** or other identity proof.
    - **Caste certificate** (if applicable).
    - **Income certificate** issued by a competent authority.
    - **Bonafide student certificate** or **school admission letter**.
    - **Previous year's mark sheet**.
    - **Bank account details** of the student (in some cases, a joint account with a parent/guardian).
  3. **Verification:**
    - After submission, the application is verified by the school and the **District Welfare Officer (DWO)** or **Block Education Officer (BEO)**.
  4. **Approval and Disbursement:**
    - Once approved, the scholarship amount is transferred directly to the student's or guardian's bank account through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**.

### Renewal Process:

- To continue receiving the Pre-Matric Scholarship, students must maintain a satisfactory academic record and attendance.
- Renewal applications must be submitted each year with the previous year's academic performance report and proof of continuing education.

### Benefits of the Pre-Matric Scholarship:

1. **Reduces Financial Burden:**
  - The scholarship helps reduce the financial strain on families by covering essential educational expenses, ensuring that students can focus on their studies.
2. **Encourages Education Continuation:**
  - By providing financial assistance, the Pre-Matric Scholarship reduces dropout rates, especially among students from marginalized and economically weaker sections of society.
3. **Promotes Equality:**
  - The scheme promotes **inclusive education** by giving students from disadvantaged communities access to education and empowering them for future success.
4. **Support for Minority Communities:**
  - Special provisions for students from minority communities help ensure their equitable access to education.

### Implementation and Monitoring:

- The **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** (for SC and OBC students) and the **Ministry of Minority Affairs** (for minority students) oversee the implementation of the Pre-Matric Scholarship program.
- State governments also play a crucial role in disbursing scholarships and monitoring the academic progress of beneficiaries.

### Eligibility Details

Category	Class/Courses	Family Income	Documents Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ST</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IX</li> <li>• X</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>• Caste Certificate of the Student</li> <li>• Copy of passbook of Bank account with account number and IFSC code of the bank branch</li> <li>• Passport size Photograph of student</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marksheet of last exam passed</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OBC/SE BC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IX</li> <li>• X</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>• Caste Certificate of the Student</li> <li>• Copy of passbook of Bank account with account number and IFSC code of the bank branch</li> <li>• Passport size Photograph of student</li> <li>• Marksheet of last exam passed</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IX</li> <li>• X</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>• Caste Certificate of the Student</li> <li>• Copy of passbook of Bank account with account number and IFSC code of the bank branch</li> <li>• Passport size Photograph of student</li> <li>• Marksheet of last exam passed</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EBC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IX</li> <li>• X</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>• Copy of passbook of Bank account with account number and IFSC code of the bank branch</li> <li>• Passport size Photograph of student</li> <li>• Self Declaration Certificate of the student</li> <li>• Marksheet of last exam passed</li> </ul>

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