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Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children [SPDC] for higher and technical education in India

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India offers scholarship under the scheme "Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children" (SPDC) to the wards of Persons of Indian origin (PIOs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in 68 countries including Nigeria to assist them in pursuing undergraduate courses in several disciplines at specified institutions in India. The details of the courses and institutions may be seen on SPDC portal (www.spdcindia.gov.in).

Following points may be noted while applying for the scholarship:

1. The candidates must be children of either PIOs or NRIs.
2. The candidate must have passed the Senior Secondary (10+2) or an equivalent Grade from a system of education recognized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) with requisite subjects.
3. The candidate must have secured a minimum of 60% of aggregate marks (equivalent CGPA 6.4) marks in the qualifying examination i.e. Grade 12 or equivalent. The candidate must have studied the prescribed essential subjects at the qualifying examination level to pursue a particular course of study.
4. Candidates should have secured admission in an undergraduate course in the designated Institution in India. Candidates securing admission in undergraduate courses of any of the following are eligible to apply for SPDC:

- Central Universities of India offering Under Graduate Courses;
- 'A' Grade Institutions accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and recognized by UGC.
- National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Schools of Planning and Architecture and Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) through DASA Scheme

5. The total monthly income of the parent(s) of the candidate should not exceed an amount equivalent to US Dollars Four Thousand (US$ 4000)
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.

Kindly also note the following **key points**:

1. Candidates should complete and submit the online application form on the SPDC Portal (http://spdcindia.gov.in)
2. Selection Process will be based exclusively on MERIT.

3. Partial Financial Assistance to the extent of 75% of the total Institutional Economic Cost (IEC) subject to a maximum of US $ 4000 per annum is provided to the selected candidates.
4. The total expenditure likely to be incurred in pursuing various courses of study will be higher than the scholarship amount provided. The expenses in excess, of the scholarship assistance being provided by MEA, shall have to be borne by the Candidate or by his/her parents/ guardians.
5. SPDC Scholarships are provided only for undergraduate courses in the following subjects:

S.No.	**Existing Course name**	**Description**
1.	Engineering/Architecture/Technology	B.E./B.Arch./B.Tech
2.	Humanities/ Liberal Arts	B.A. in Humanities/Liberal Arts
3.	Commerce	B.Com.
4.	Management	BBA/BBM
5.	Computers	BCA/I.T.
6.	Journalism	Degree in Journalism
7.	Hotel Management	Bachelor in Hotel Management (BHM)
8.	Agriculture/Animal Husbandry	B.E./B.Sc.
9.	Sciences	B.Sc
10.	Law	LLB
11.	Ayurveda	Graduation in Ayurveda
12.	B.Sc. Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing
13.	B.PT	Bachelors in Physiotherapy
14.	B.Pharmacy	B.Pharma

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