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**"SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR DIASPORA CHILDREN" (SPDC) FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22**

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Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, launched a scheme for the Children of NRI's/PIO's to pursue Under Graduate courses in several disciplines in India. The scheme is called "Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children" (SPDC) and the highlights of the scholarship for the Academic Year 2021-22 are as follows:

(i) Only fresh year students (1<sup>st</sup> year) shall be eligible to get the scholarship. The scheme is open to four categories of applicants in the age group of 17 to 21 years as on July 31, 2021.

- (a) Children of Persons of Indian Origin
- (b) Children of Non-Resident Indians
- (c) Children of Indian workers in ECR countries -studying outside India.
- (d) Children of Indian workers in ECR countries - studying in India.

(ii) Children of NRI's should have pursued at least three years of education, inclusive of 11th & 12th or equivalent (not beyond), in a foreign country during the last six years, and should have passed the qualifying examination abroad. Certificates for these exams must be uploaded.

(iii) Candidates would be selected on the basis of their performance in the qualifying examination (equivalent to plus 2 stage in India) which decides the eligibility to apply for the scholarship scheme. The candidates would also have to fulfill all the criteria prescribed for the purpose.

(iv) The institutions that are covered under this scheme are:

- (a) NITs, IIT's, Schools of Planning and Architecture
- (b) 'A' Grade institution accredited by NAAC and recognized by UGC.
- (c) Other institutions covered under DASA scheme.

(v) The amount of scholarship admissible would be 75% of the total Institutional Economic Cost (IEC) subject to a maximum of US\$ 4000/- per annum in respect of NITs and other Institutions covered under DASA Scheme. JEC includes Tuition fee, Hostel fee & other institutional charges (Food charges are excluded).

(vi) The total monthly income of the parent(s) of the applicant should not exceed an amount of equivalent of US\$ 5000/-. The parents of the applicants will provide a self-attested salary certificate from the employer based in a foreign country.

(vii) After obtaining admission in selected courses in any of the specified Institutes as mentioned in Appendix "C", students who fulfill all other eligibility conditions can complete and submit the on-line application form on the SPDC portal ([www.spdc.india.gov.in](http://www.spdc.india.gov.in)). For more details and on-line application candidates may like to Visit SPDC portal ([www.spdcindia.gov.in](http://www.spdcindia.gov.in))

(viii) Last Date for submission of Completed Application Form online on SPDC portal (<http://spdcindia.gov.in>) is 30 November, 2021.

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