

**DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Central Government has decided to open the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) with fact from 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 for applying online for the Scholarship of 2018-19 under the Pre-Matric Post Matric and Merit-Com-Means based scholarship schemes. A link to the site is [www.scholarship.gov.in](http://www.scholarship.gov.in) and also made available in the website [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in). The three Scholarship Scheme Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-Com-Means are available on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP.)

The tentative timeline activities for the year 2018-19 for fresh and renewal of scholarship in respect of Pre-Matric, Post matric and Merit-cum-Means to the given to States/UTs at present are the under:-

(a) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme:-Timeline (for Fresh & Renewal Scholarship):

Sr.No	Activities	Date
1	Submission of Online application for Fresh scholarship by students	23 <sup>rd</sup> July to 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018
2	Submission of Online application for Renewal scholarship by students	23 <sup>rd</sup> July to 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018

(b) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme:-Timeline (for Fresh & Renewal Scholarship):


Sr.No	Activities	Date
1	Submission of Online application for Fresh scholarship by students	23 <sup>rd</sup> July to 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018
2	Submission of Online application for Renewal scholarship by students	23 <sup>rd</sup> July to 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018

(c) Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme:-Timeline (for Fresh & Renewal Scholarship):

Sr.No	Activities	Date
1	Submission of Online application for Fresh scholarship by students	23 <sup>rd</sup> July to 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018
2	Submission of Online application for Renewal scholarship by students	23 <sup>rd</sup> July to 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018

All Universities /Institutions /Colleges /Schools are directed to register themselves and their course details on the NSP Portal during this period so that they can verify the applications of their students on the Portal without any delay. Also invite attention of the students to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available on the NSP Portal homepage of the website for filling up of online Application. The linkage of beneficiary's identification with UID/Aadhaar number is presently non-mandatory. However, as the Gazette Notification under Section-7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016(18 of 2016) (with respect to scheme) has been notified and it will be necessary for the eligible applicants to provide Aadhaar number while applying for the scholarship and in case, an individual does not possess Aadhaar one can provide the details of alternative identification documents,

The advertisement will enable the Minority students to avail maximum benefits of scholarship scheme.

  
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