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Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has launched a Scheme titled, "Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children" [SPDC] for pursuing undergraduate courses where 150 scholarship would be given to the children of PIO/ NRIs and children of Indian workers working in ECR countries studying in India and outside India.

2. The main objective of this scheme is to reach out to the candidates who are in need of financial assistance. Only a fresh year students [1st year] shall be eligible to get the scholarship.

3. Guidelines for Academic Session 2019-2020 are as under:

(i) The scheme is open to four categories of applicants in the age group of 17 to 21 years as on October 31, 2019.

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

(ii) The total seats of scholarships is 150, out of which 50 seats are reserved for the category (c) and (d). Of these 50 scholarships, 1/3rd shall be reserved for children who are pursuing studies in India, subject to the fulfilling eligibility conditions. If any of these seats are not filled up, they will be made available to applicants from other categories under SPDC and vice-versa.

(iii) Children of NRIs 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.

(iv) 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.

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

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

(vi) 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 with effect from the academic year 2011-12, the existing limit of 75% of IEC or US\$ 3600/- whichever is less would continue and could be made by the Ministry to the applicants selected for the SPDC. IEC includes Tuition fee, Hostel fee & other institutional charges (Food charges are excluded).

(vii) The total monthly income of the parent(s) of the applicant should not exceed an amount of equivalent of US\$ 4000/- . The parents of the applicants will provide a self attested salary certificate from the employer based in a foreign country.

(viii) 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).

(ix) The last date for submission of the duly filled in application forms in the prescribed format is **November 30, 2019.**

4 It is requested that the information of this Scheme may kindly be disseminated, as much as possible, amongst the Indian Community so that the benefit of this scholarship be availed by the desirable candidates.



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