

BACKGROUND

The Indus Towers Scholarship Program empowers young students with disabilities to pursue their career aspirations by providing scholarships for higher education. Operating through its flagship initiative, the Integrated Program for Inclusion and Empowerment—a SAKSHAM initiative is implemented by Shishu Sarothi Centre for Rehabilitation and Training for Multiple Disabilities—this CSR initiative of Indus Towers Ltd. offers essential financial support for students with disabilities from low-income families who are pursuing/wish to pursue higher education across levels from Higher Secondary, Graduation, Post-Graduation, Professional Courses and beyond

OBJECTIVE

To provide financial assistance towards fee payments to students with disabilities from low-income families in pursuing higher studies.

SCOPE

The scholarships will be awarded based on eligibility criteria, supporting documents that prove eligibility and will be awarded for Higher Secondary/ Graduate / Postgraduate studies in colleges and universities and for professional courses and shall cover Admission, Monthly Tuition and Examination Fees.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The total number of scholarships to be awarded in 2025-26 is 100.

The number of scholarships awarded will be distributed amongst the students across India

SUPPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship provides financial support for course Fees

Coverage:

- Admission Fees
- Tuition Fees
- Examination Fees

Note: Financial support is provided within the specified scholarship amount limits for each course duration category.

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ELIGIBILITY

(<https://ssscholarship.org/eligibility>)

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The examining bodies will draw up a provisional merit list of scholars selected as per eligibility for scholarship. The family income of the applicants will be considered before preparing the list among other eligibility criteria.

The Selection list (Provisional) will be announced on the official website of the Indus Towers Scholarship Program, www.ssscholarship.org and an "Information Release Form" will be required to be submitted within a time-limit.

The scholars from whom replies "Information Release Forms" are not received within the time allowed seeking their willingness/acknowledgement, will not be considered for scholarship and the award will be given to the next eligible candidates in the merit list.

Information Release Forms

The selected (provisional) scholars shall submit the statement of information, i.e., "Information Release Form" with required details and declaration, duly filled-in declaration of enrollment of student scholar in the specific course and Fee details filled certified by the Head of the Institution joined by him/her.

If the student is yet to apply/waiting for admission, and does not submit the IRF, within 30 days from the expiry of the session/year in which he/she was selected for and for the specific course, the award of scholarship to him/her will not be considered. The scholarship will then stand withdrawn/cancelled/revoked.

Course Duration and Financial Support

Tailored to different educational pathways and course durations across

- **Academic & Professional Courses**
- **Vocational & Skill Building Courses**
- ***Preparatory coaching for employment-oriented competitive examinations***

Applicable for 2025-26 session admissions (Course start date: April 2025 - August 31, 2025)

<p><u>6 Months- 1Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational & Skills • Certificate Programs • Coaching for Employment oriented Competitive Exams 	<p><u>Up to 2 Years</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Secondary • Masters • Diploma 	<p><u>2 Years and Beyond</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation • Post-Graduation
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Scholarship support will cover Admission fees, Monthly Tuition & Exam fees and subject to a maximum of Rs 25000 per annum and shall be allocated as per fee declaration by the educational institution in the "Information Release Form".

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The student will be required to regularly update the scholar's portal with academic progress and upload results and marksheets. It will also be subject to discipline and maintenance of regular attendance by the scholar. Complaints against the scholars regarding indiscipline including any complaints of indulgent in crime would lead to forfeiture of scholarship.

Good conduct and regularity in attendance as mentioned above are also required for continuance of the scholarship. The decision of Shishu Sarothi will be final and binding in all such matters. Scholarship once cancelled will not be revived under any circumstances.

Mode of Scholarship Disbursement

Reimbursed as per actuals, subject to allocation and verification

The payment of scholarship will start within a month from the date of induction till completion of course, until exhaustion of the upper limit of financial support.

CANCELLATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship can be cancelled at any point of time if the student scholar becomes ineligible, commits fraud, engages in misleading and misconduct, or quits education or drops out of the course or any act that gives rise to suspicion on the genuineness of the student scholar.

Scholarship once cancelled/revoked cannot be revived in any circumstances

