



## Sikyong Professional Scholarship Program (SPSP)



### Guidelines

## SPSP will award 10 scholarships up to INR 300,000/year

#### Introduction:

The Department of Education (DoE), Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), is pleased to announce a new scholarship program entitled the Sikyong Professional Scholarship Program (SPSP) in partnership with The Tibet Fund (TTF), New York.

The SPSP aims to support high achieving Tibetan students from India, Nepal, and Bhutan who wish to pursue professional degrees at the most selective colleges, institutes, and universities in India. Scholarships will be provided by The Tibet Fund, New York, through the Department of Education, CTA.

**Award Amounts:** Successful applicants will receive awards of up to INR 300,000 a year depending upon need.

Award amounts will be flexible based on individual financial need, however award amount for non-tuition fee is upto Rs.50,000. Awards will be calculated based on the successful applicant's statement of expected financial need and disclosure of other financial resources, if any, including family contributions, other scholarship awards, private sponsor support, and tuition discounts based on entrance test results, if applicable.

After an applicant is selected for an award, the SPSP will commit to enabling the successful applicant complete his/her full course of study. Award amounts will be reviewed by the SPSP committee and adjusted annually as needed, based on assessments of satisfactory performance and any changes in financial need status.

**Courses:** Applicants may apply for the following types of professional degree courses:

- **Master's degree, Post Graduate Diploma, M.Phil, or Ph.D. in any subject or field.**
- **Bachelor's degree in Engineering (B.E.), Medicine (M.B.B.S.), Dental Surgery (B.D.S.), Law (B.A LL.B.), or Architecture (B.Arch).**

The applicants are recommended to apply in one of top universities/colleges/institutions mentioned in the attached list. However, those applicants who wish to apply in universities/colleges/institutions that are not in the list can apply with a condition that such universities/colleges/institutions that applicant propose should be listed among top 20 by renowned magazines: *India Today*, *The week*, *Outlook*, and *Career 360* in their most recent publication or rated among top 20 by National Institutional Ranking Framework, Department of Higher Education, MoHRD, GoI, in their most recent assessment.

## **Pre-Scholarship Gap Year Study Award**

- Pre-scholarship study awards will be granted to Class XII students who wish to pursue an **M.B.B.S. at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) or a B.E. at the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT)**. Pre-scholarship study awards will be granted for up to one gap year in the first year after completing Class XII, to study full-time at one of six coaching centers listed by the Department of Education (please see attached list). Upon successful admission to AIIMS or IIT, the applicant will receive a SPSP scholarship to attend AIIMS or IIT.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- (i) Applicant must apply to pursue one of the courses listed above or the pre-scholarship study award.
- (ii) Applicant must take the entrance test for the professional degree course, if the respective college/institute/university offers tuition discounts based on entrance test rankings.
- (iii) Applicant must be a Tibetan refugee student from India, Nepal, or Bhutan who has paid his or her Green Book (GB) contribution to date.
- (iv) Applicants for Pre-scholarship study and Bachelor's degree courses must have scored 75% in the Senior Secondary Board Examination or equivalent.
- (v) Applicants for Master's degree, Post Graduate Diploma, M.Phil, or Ph.D. must be a fresher and must have scored 60% in the Bachelor's Final Examination.
- (vi) Undergrade and Pre scholarship applicants must have graduated from Secondary School under DoE, CTA or must have scored minimum 33 % on the Tibetan Language Proficiency Test (TLPT) administered by the DoE.

### **Documents to be submitted:**

- Copy of Class X and XII Marks Card
- Copy of Marks Cards and Degree Certificates if applicant holds a Bachelor's, Master's, Post Graduate or M.Phil.
- Two passport size photos
- Personal statement no longer than 2 pages in length
- Two reference letters from a former teacher, professor, employer, professional colleague, or mentor
- Curriculum vitae no longer than 2 pages in length
- Photocopy of the first and last page of valid Registration Certificate (RC). If the RC book has been sent for renewal/extension, a letter to this effect should be obtained from the concerned Regional Foreign Registration Office (FRRO), or in cases where FRROs do not issue such letters, from the Tibetan Settlement Officer (TSO)
- Photocopy of first and last page of applicant's valid Green Book (GB)

- For applicants from Nepal and Bhutan: letter from the respective Tibetan Settlement Office certifying that the applicant is a bonafide Tibetan refugee

**General Instructions:**

- (i) Download the Application Form from DoE or Tibet Fund websites: [www.sherig.org](http://www.sherig.org), [www.lamton.org](http://www.lamton.org), [www.tibetfund.org](http://www.tibetfund.org).
- (ii) All photocopies of documents must be attested, signed, and stamped by a TSO/Secondary School Principal/CTA Officer with rank of Joint Secretary and above.
- (iii) All information in the Application Form must be completed.

**Mode of Selection:**

- (i) DoE will review the applications, conduct initial sorting and screening, and identify final round applicants.
- (ii) The Tibet Fund will make final scholarship award decisions.

**Mode of Execution:**

- (i) DoE will be responsible for executing the program.
- (ii) Scholarship awards will be released in two installments each year through the concerned Settlement Office.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> installment will be released upon producing the acceptance letter from the respective college/university/institute
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> installment will be released upon producing the first installment's receipt by the settlement office.
- (iii) The performance of scholarship recipients will be closely monitored. Continuation will be contingent on satisfactory academic performance. Recipients must secure at least 65% in the annual exam. Attested copies of annual exam results must be submitted to the DoE.
- (iv) If any of the applicant's given information is found untrue at any time, the scholarship will be withdrawn.